



**Frederick County**  
***Voters' Guide***  
**2022 Primary Election**

The *Voters' Guide* is published by the League of Women Voters of Frederick County. The League has a long tradition of publishing the verbatim responses of candidates to questions important to voters. The League offers this *Voters' Guide* to assist citizens as they prepare for the election. The League of Women Voters does not support or oppose any candidate or political party.

All candidates were asked to respond to a nonpartisan questionnaire. Candidates running for a particular office were asked identical questions. Responses from candidates who will appear on the Primary Election ballot are printed exactly as submitted. We did not edit for content, spelling, or grammar. All responses were limited to 400 characters and any additional material was cut off at that point. If a candidate did not respond by the mid-May deadline, "No response received by deadline" is printed.

Only voters registered with the Republican or Democratic parties may vote for candidates for most offices, though all voters may vote for Board of Education and some municipal offices. Unaffiliated candidates and candidates from the Green, Libertarian, and Working Class parties are not included in this *Voters' Guide* as they will not appear on the primary election ballot but will be in the *Guide* published for the general election.

Additional information on the candidates is available at [www.VOTE411.org](http://www.VOTE411.org), which has any updates received after the deadline for the print edition. Candidate websites provide additional biographical and policy information. If the candidate submitted a campaign website, link it is listed under her/his name.

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## Voting Information

### Early Voting

Where:

In Frederick County, we have four Early Voting Centers – you may stop in at **any** of the Early Voting Centers and cast your ballot in person during the early voting period:

**Trinity Recreation Center**

6040 New Design Road, Frederick, MD 21703

**Urbana Regional Library**

9020 Amelung Street, Frederick, MD 21704

**Thurmont Regional Library**

76 East Moser Road, Thurmont, MD 21788

**Middletown Primary School**

403 Franklin Street, Middletown, MD 21769

If you vote during Early Voting, you cannot vote by absentee ballot or on Election Day.

### By Mail (“Mail-In” or “Absentee” Ballot)

You may request that a ballot be mailed to you or sent via an email link. Apply online or by printing out an application from the State Board of Elections website:

<http://www.elections.state.md.us/voting/absentee.html>

An application for a mail-in ballot must be received by your local Board of Elections

- **Tuesday, July 12, 2022** if you want to receive your ballot by mail or fax; or
- **Friday, July 15, 2022**, if you want to download your ballot from the State’s website (you must still print and mail the ballot – you cannot return it by email).

If you hand deliver your ballot, you must deliver it to your local board of elections or place it in a ballot drop box by **8 pm** on **election day**. The locations of ballot drop boxes are published on your local Board of Elections website (see below).

If you mail your ballot, the envelope must be postmarked on or before primary election day (**July 19, 2022**) and received by your local board of elections no later than **10 am on July 29, 2022**. NOTE: If you request a mail-in ballot, you will not be permitted to cast an ordinary ballot during Early Voting or on Election Day – you will be provided a provisional ballot that will be counted only if your mail-in ballot is not received.

## ELECTION DAY VOTING

7:00 am to 8:00 pm on **Tuesday, July 19, 2022**

## ELECTION INFORMATION

***Don’t know your polling place? Not sure if you are registered?***

Visit – <https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/votersearch>

Frederick County Board of Elections  
340A Montevue Lane  
Frederick, MD 21702  
Ph: 301-600-VOTE (8683)

Maryland State Board of Elections  
P.O. Box 6486, Annapolis, MD 21401-0486  
Phone: 410-269-284 Toll Free: 800-222- (VOTE) 8683  
Maryland Relay Service: 800-735-2258  
Hours: 8 – 5 Monday – Friday.

***Rumors about the election?***

Visit – [http://www.elections.maryland.gov/press\\_room/rumor\\_control.html](http://www.elections.maryland.gov/press_room/rumor_control.html)

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# **Governor/Lt. Governor**

**DUTIES:** The Governor is the head of the executive branch and appoints the heads of statewide departments and judges in the state courts. The Governor proposes the annual operating and capital budgets to the legislature and may veto legislation passed by the legislature. The Lieutenant Governor assists the Governor and carries out specific duties assigned by the Governor. The Lieutenant Governor fills the office of Governor in case of death, resignation, or disability.

**TERM:** Four years. Limit of two consecutive terms.

**SALARIES:** Governor \$184,000, Lieutenant Governor \$165,000 as of January 23, 2023.

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected statewide as a team.

**WEBSITE:** [www.msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmanual/08conoff/html/01govf.html](http://www.msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmanual/08conoff/html/01govf.html)

## **Questions**

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

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** What role should the state play in addressing the needs of economically disadvantaged people in Maryland?

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** What policies do you favor to reduce crime in Maryland while improving police accountability in communities?

**EDUCATION:** What actions will you take to improve education in Maryland, especially given the impact of the COVID pandemic?

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

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** What is your greatest concern regarding Maryland's natural resources/environment and how will you address it?

**INFRASTRUCTURE:** How will you balance infrastructure needs with their environmental impact?

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** What other issues are priorities for you?

## **Republicans**

Republicans may vote for 1 pair

### **Dan Cox / Gordana Schifanelli**

**Campaign Twitter Handle:** @dancoxesq

**Campaign Instagram:** @dancoxforgovernor

**Campaign Twitter:** @dancoxesq

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

**Other: Truth Social:** @realdancox

**QUALIFICATIONS:** State Delegate Dan Cox is a husband, father, Republican conservative candidate for Governor of Maryland and believer in the goodness of God for the people of our great State. He has been a leading force fighting for the lives and livelihoods of all Marylanders. A lifelong Marylander, Dan has served the People of Maryland as a small businessman, 15+ year Constitutional attorney, and Delegate.

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** Boost the BOOST education programs for all and allow the money to follow the child under parental direction. Increase opportunity zone loans and grants, with follow-up grants and loans to small business start-ups to ensure stability and strength. Ensure equality for all and access to the market with lower taxes.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Ensure immediate ending of the catch and release of illegal foreign nationals into our streets, and double the pay of police officers while providing state of the art world-class training with protection from frivolous lawsuits and public information act requests of private and family information.

**EDUCATION:** Provide tax credits for those forced out of the public classrooms, while providing school choice and additional charter schools. Ensure audits of the spending and reduce administrative waste while increasing pay and training of teachers. End the ghost students and ensure every student has access to tutors as needed to ensure they understand and pass the material in each class.

**HEALTH CARE:** Ensuring our seniors have access to care without discrimination and restoring our health privacy freedoms. Additionally, expanding affordable health care coverage by opening up competition across state lines is necessary to lower premiums.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** Ensuring the effluent into the Bay and estuaries from the various city and town sewers, including Baltimore City, are discovered and stopped. Additionally, preserving our farmland and right to farm, while also ensuring our timber forests are healthy, harvesting with conservation, and protecting our state forests and old standing timber.

**INFRASTRUCTURE:** By preserving farmland and state forests, we can ensure land and growth areas are open for building to attract business and residents. Maryland has a net-loss of over 250,000 people since 2011. By granting access to our natural resources responsibly, and expanding energy production, we increase opportunity for all while ensuring the conservation and protection of our state lands and waterways.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** I will Restore Freedom to the Free State by ending all mandates on Day One of my administration. Furthermore, ensuring our Seniors have property tax assessment relief and retirement income relief will ensure we keep them here in Maryland.

### **Robin Ficker / LeRoy F. Yegge, Jr.**

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**Campaign Instagram:** robin.com

**Campaign Twitter:** @robin\_ficker

**Campaign Website:** [www.cutmdsalestax2cents.com](http://www.cutmdsalestax2cents.com)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** As Maryland's top civic activist, I have placed 25 questions on the ballot of Maryland's largest county by collecting 18,000 for each. These questions have received 2,537,403 votes. They imposed term limits, limits on property revenue increases, and kept sewage sludge trenching and garbage dumps out of residential zones.

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** I am the only gubernatorial candidate in either party to cut taxes. Our 2 cent cut in the state's 6 cent sales tax amounts to a \$780/year/household fiscal stimulus. Every Marylander will get a tax cut every day. And it will give us a national business-friendly reputation, bringing in JOBS.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Our team's Jobs Strikeforce will reverse the avoidance of Maryland by all major US employers. A busy citizen is a happy one. Police need officer-friendly training. Rid us of the scourge of fentanyl, the number one cause of death for Marylanders 18-45 years old. Fund police drug labs.

**EDUCATION:** We will create the Governor's Annual Reading Contest whereby every classroom in the state will send a student who has read the most books in a year.

**HEALTH CARE:** I want to make Maryland THE SPORTS STATE. Kids in the school systems and most adults are too sedentary, devoting too much time to screen activity. We need to get them out and about, and involved in wholesome activity and exercise.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** I am most concerned about multiple instances of sewage treatment plant runoff into the bay. Some of these plants have been leaking for 20+ years. We need an environmental hotline to report violations. Fight climate change by doubling the electrical output of Calvert Cliffs to 2 million homes.

**INFRASTRUCTURE:** Inadequate roads and idling cars pollute the air. We need to improve Maryland's highways. Construct additional Bay Bridge.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Forming Maryland's Jobs Strikeforce to visit multi-billion \$ companies like Apple, Amazon, Facebook, Google, Intel, Microsoft, Nucor Steel, Samsung, all of which have shunned Maryland. Bring back well-paying jobs. Maryland's Department of Commerce has been asleep.

### **Kelly Schulz / Jeff Woolford**

**Campaign You Tube:** [www.youtube.com/channel/UCb2cIhHz70HnFvdIJh6JZRA](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCb2cIhHz70HnFvdIJh6JZRA)

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am the only candidate in this race who has a track record of success both in the legislative branch and as a member of Governor Hogan's cabinet. I've led two critical state agencies, the Department of Labor and Department of Commerce which are tasked with growing our economy. Because of our work, Maryland is the most improved state for business in the entire country.

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** We must continue to make Maryland more affordable so that you, your family, and our state can prosper. I will stand up against tax increases and I will use my position to fight for tax cuts every single day that I am in office. We'll fight to repeal the Inflation Tax so that you can receive much needed relief at the gas pump and eliminate state taxes on the retirement income of all Marylanders.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** If you don't feel like your family is safe, nothing else matters. I'll make sure that police receive the funding and training they need, and I'll fight to keep violent offenders behind bars. We'll treat police like heroes and criminals like criminals. We'll work to improve the relationships officers have with the communities they serve; we'll support PAL programs and community mentorship programs.

**EDUCATION:** I have a Parental Bill of Rights which will empower parents and give every child the opportunity to receive a world class education. This means record funding our schools, providing real school choice, investing in innovative solutions like P-TECH schools, and bringing accountability and transparency to the classroom.

**HEALTH CARE:** We are blessed to live in a state that has some of the best hospitals and health care providers not only in the country, but in the world. Innovative approaches have been taken to stabilize health care costs and premiums. We must continue to do this while also allowing for a system in which we can have more competition so that consumers have more choices.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** The Chesapeake Bay is Maryland's greatest natural treasure and we are extremely proud of the impact it has on our livelihoods. Over the last eight years we have made tremendous progress in safeguarding our Bay, investing record funding, and pursuing innovative solutions to clean the Bay. We must continue to make significant progress to preserve and protect the Bay for future generations.

**INFRASTRUCTURE:** Maryland has become a national leader on environmental issues, ranking as the fourth most environmentally friendly state in the country. To ensure our state's future economic success and viability, we must make sure that Marylanders have access to a world-class transportation infrastructure – that includes record investments in both our roads and in transit.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Our campaign is one focused on opportunity and ensuring that every Marylander has the chance to pursue their own dreams and have every shot at success. This is only going to happen if we continue to keep moving our state in the right direction, build upon the success that our state has experienced over the last eight years under Governor Hogan, and make our

## **Joe Werner / Minh Thanh Luong**

No response received by deadline.

## **Democrats**

Democrats may vote for 1 pair

## **Rushern L. Baker, III / Nancy Navarro**

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**Campaign Twitter:** @CountyExecBaker

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** The Baker/Navarro ticket is the most experienced in the race, with unrivaled State and local governing experience. Both candidates understand how to get things done in Maryland like few others, precisely because they have done them. They will use this experience to bring together diverse stakeholders from across the State together to address our greatest challenges.

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** The State is the central player in reducing economic disparities, and lifting up the people who have been historically left behind by the people in power. Our campaign has released the Roadmap for Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity which will tackle this problem and help disadvantaged communities support themselves today, build generational wealth for the future.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** What policies do you favor to reduce crime in Maryland while improving police accountability in communities? Both Rushern and Nancy believe strongly that the status quo in Maryland, and especially in Baltimore is unacceptable. We have a comprehensive plan to not only end the tide of violence that is occurring today using community policing, but also to address the underlying causes of crime, and build up those communities who have been hurt the most by it.

**EDUCATION:** Rushern and Nancy are strong supporters of the Blueprint for Maryland's Future, but they know that it is late coming, and only the first step in improving schools. We need to first make sure that the Blueprint is fully funded, and that will take an executive who knows how to navigate the school system, and is committed to making the hard choices that come with education policy-making.

**HEALTH CARE:** Despite all that has purportedly been done on this issue, the prohibitive cost of healthcare in this country is shameful. That is why it is our goal to implement a single-payer system in the State to ensure all Marylanders are able to access the care they need, when they need it. We know that this will be a monumental task, but it is a necessary one for so many who have suffered without care.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** Every Marylander knows that the heart and soul of the State rests in the Chesapeake Bay. It is our greatest asset, and at the moment we are not treating it with anywhere near the respect it deserves. To tackle this, we will establish a pollution revolving fund, which will incentivize polluters to clean up their own waste, and save taxpayers money in the process.

**INFRASTRUCTURE:** Given the dire situation we are faced with right now, environmental concerns must take precedence over convenience. That said, we believe our infrastructure needs go hand in hand with our environmental ones. My infrastructure priorities are projects like the Baltimore Red Line and starting the Southern Maryland Light Rail. These projects will be done sustainably and take cars off the roads.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** One of the greatest challenges we face today is the corrupting influence of money in our political system. That is why we decided to fund our campaign through public financing, to ensure that voters know that we will not deal with PACs and big money donors. Our administration will expand this program, allowing more candidates the ability to run for office without letting dark money influence them.

## **Jon Baron / Natalie Williams**

**Campaign You Tube:** [www.youtube.com/channel/UCU4\\_x4hI4xUEN97b3\\_fVpaA](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCU4_x4hI4xUEN97b3_fVpaA)

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**Campaign Twitter:** JonBaronforMD

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I'm a former nonprofit executive and Clinton Administration official with a record of driving real change from inside and outside government. After serving in the Clinton Administration, I founded a nonprofit that sparked a movement to advance evidence-based policymaking—working with the Bush & Obama Administrations to enact major reforms that led to significant gains in wages, education, & more.

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** Wages for the bottom 40% in MD have been stagnant since the 1980s, as income inequality has soared. We'll partner with MD businesses to provide proven job training programs to every adult who wants to advance. Done right, job training can increase earnings 20-40%. The key is to focus on fast-growing industries, and work hand-in-hand with employers who provide paid internships to the trainees.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** What policies do you favor to reduce crime in Maryland while improving police accountability in communities? We'll fund crime-fighting strategies shown to produce big reductions in violent crime while building community trust, such as Focused Deterrence—an approach targeted at repeat violent offenders. When implemented in Oakland CA, it helped cut homicides by 50%. We'll also invest in community policing in "hot-spots" where half of all urban crime occurs—an approach found to cut crime as much as 25%.

**EDUCATION:** More than ¼ of MD middle schoolers can't read at a basic level; more than ½ can't do basic math. We'll expand solutions that are tested and proven to deliver results. For example, we'll raise an army of tutors from the community to help every struggling 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grader in MD—moving them up toward grade level early, before their problems become serious, & reversing COVID-related learning loss.

**HEALTH CARE:** Marylanders are paying 50% more in out-of-pocket healthcare costs than they were 10 years ago, after adjusting for inflation. That's unacceptable. Our administration will negotiate significantly lower prescription drug prices – saving Marylanders up to \$100 million each year – and offer a robust public option health insurance plan cheaper than those currently on the market.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** MD must lead the nation in cutting carbon emissions. We'll pursue a regional approach, building on the successful Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative — an 11-state cap-and-trade program that's cut power plant emissions 47%. We'll expand this approach to other sectors by joining the Transportation and Climate Initiative (focused on transportation), as part of our comprehensive climate policy.

**INFRASTRUCTURE:** This is critical—our administration will ensure a thorough environmental review precedes implementation of any infrastructure project, and we will not pursue projects that would cause unnecessary or irreparable harm to the environment. From mass transit to highways and other investments, our administration will strike a balance between needed infrastructure and protection of our natural resources.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Our campaign is not taking a dime from corporations, PACs, or MD lobbyists, because Maryland deserves a governor who answers to the voters – not special interests. Our administration will also require independent assessments of our key policies – the results of which will be reported to the governor, voters and General Assembly at the same time.

## **Peter Franchot / Monique Anderson-Walker**

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**Campaign Instagram:** Peter Franchot

**Campaign Twitter:** @peterfranchot

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have spent the past 16 years serving as the State's Comptroller. My extensive track-record in public service has demonstrated that I know the issues that are unique to Marylanders, and I have successfully implemented solutions to solve their



problems. I am the only candidate that has the statewide experience to hit the ground running on Day 1.

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** The state should help people access job training and placement that lead to stable, lifelong careers. I define the middle class as good wages, healthcare, home ownership, and retirement. I believe the State can help stimulate these opportunities by investing in new infrastructure like world class public transit and renewable energy, and partnering with stakeholders like unions on them.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** I have no tolerance for police misconduct or crime. My policies will approach public safety through a lens that situates it within a broader social context rather than as a stand alone challenge. I support policies such as ending no knock warrants, prioritizing community policing, evaluating police training standards, treating addiction as a health issue, and focusing on violent repeat offenders

**EDUCATION:** I will be an education-oriented governor with a focus on empowering our students and teachers. I will address student/teacher burn-out by reducing standardized testing, and allow collective bargaining on classroom size. I will also pilot an experiential learning model, push for fully elected local school boards, and ensure no school building suffers from a lack of infrastructure.

**HEALTH CARE:** I am committed to lowering health costs and expanding affordable primary and preventative care. I will expand Medicaid coverage, focus on controlling prescription drug prices, and expand Maryland's total cost of care model for the commercial insurance market to control the rising costs. I will also ensure every Marylander is within a 15-minute commute to a Federally Qualified Health Center.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** One of my greatest concerns is that we do not have a justice oriented approach to addressing environmental concerns. Improving the environment is a matter of effectuating justice. I will remove polluters which are disproportionately placed in communities of color, and provide job training/placement for those who work in industries that will become increasingly obsolete in the new economy.

**INFRASTRUCTURE:** I believe we can walk and chew gum at the same time, and I will implement policies that align our infrastructure initiatives with our environmental goals. That means building more public transit for the economy of tomorrow, while alleviating traffic congestion today. I will also require the entire fleet of state vehicles to convert to electric by the end of my first term.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** I am committed to building a world-class transit system by reviving the Red Line project and increasing pedestrian/cycling trails. I will make voting more accessible, and secure access to high-speed broadband and 5G wireless technology for every Marylander. All of my policies are integrative, and with my experience I will improve the quality of life of all Marylanders.

## **Douglas F. Gansler / Candace Hollingsworth**

**Campaign You Tube:** [www.youtube.com/channel/UCEyruO8\\_VrERQqGDRPOWHPA](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEyruO8_VrERQqGDRPOWHPA)

**Campaign Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/douggansler](http://www.facebook.com/douggansler)

**Campaign Twitter Handle:** @dougansler

**Campaign Instagram:** @dougansler

**Campaign Twitter:** @dougansler

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Maryland needs a governor with experience to address crime and rebuild our communities, schools, and businesses post-COVID. As a former federal prosecutor, Montgomery County State's Attorney, and MD Attorney General, I am the only candidate with a background in criminal justice, and along with my running mate, a former Mayor, we are the only team with executive-level experience in government.

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** Safe communities are strong communities. As governor, I will be aggressive about lifting communities out of poverty through education and economic

development. As we create new jobs, we will strengthen schools and workforce training to get Marylanders into these new jobs. By building more housing near transit, we can make living in Maryland more affordable and make access to these new jobs easier.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** We cannot reduce crime without increasing accountability because when people don't trust the police they are less likely to call them when they need them most. My Safe Maryland plan, which will add 1,000 police statewide, recognizes this and weaves the need for better-trained and better-paid police with bold actions that will work to rid agencies of bad practices, bad policies, and bad officers.

**EDUCATION:** Teachers and students were resilient through COVID, but now two years later many have returned to the same unsafe buildings, large classrooms, and demanding tests they left – only this time with additional challenges due to the COVID learning gap. As governor, I will ensure full, timely implementation of the Blueprint, add SRO's, and take actions to increase student achievement and wellness now.

**HEALTH CARE:** We do not have enough nurses, doctors, home health workers, and mental health professionals to meet our state's needs. And now more than ever we must ensure abortion access and support for women. My administration will increase access and affordability by investing in building the pipeline of healthcare professionals, expanding community health centers, and funding reproductive health centers.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** I will protect the Chesapeake Bay both from pollution and the devastating effects of climate change. As AG, I led 22 watershed audits of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries, dramatically improving the water quality. We must impose a five-year, statewide moratorium on new residential, commercial and industrial development that is located within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area.

**INFRASTRUCTURE:** As we grow, maintenance of roads, bridges, and stormwater infrastructure is crucial. We'll rethink how we fund infrastructure to no longer incentivize car use while ensuring that we have enough to fund these projects and work with localities to enact land-use policies and directives that embed climate resiliency targets and reduce the overall environmental impact.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** The number one job of government is to keep people safe, and bringing crime down and justice up is my top priority. I also care deeply about making our state more inclusive of people with disabilities and would encourage voters to read my Accessible Maryland plan on my website [dougansler.com](http://dougansler.com).

## **Ralph W. Jaffe / Mark Greben**

**Campaign You Tube:** The Jaffe Movement

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** As a teacher, I started a movement – cleanse Maryland of sky high moral bankruptcy. Putting the movement into high gear and practicing what I preach, I went on ballot with platform to achieve movement's mission - no campaign contributions, one term only, no salary, tell whole truth, avoid professional lobbyists. 7 campaigns 2010-2018 – results – over 42,000 votes – budget by design \$1700.

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** Put state legislature on 2 ¾ months recess. Let free enterprise system function without morally bankrupt politicians' interference. Free enterprise system will start to flourish. Businesses – small or big – will be able to hire people who have been jobless. Encourage business owners to partnership with employees giving them larger stake in the company as a partial owner of the business

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Twofold solution -

Short term – bring in National Guard for extended period of time. No big tanks, but lots of manpower- Yes -some restrictions on daily lives of people but major drop in surge of violence

Long term – Implementation of the TUTOR MENTOR TEAM PROGRAM –

More details on Facebook – Ralph Jaffe

The 2% or 3% of police officers tainting the rest of police force should be removed.

**EDUCATION:** Implementation of the TUTOR MENTOR TEAM PROGRAM. Long term connection between student and TEAM volunteer mentor results in motivating and challenging lost, troubled students to perform and become productive citizens instead of giving them reason to drop out of school, turning to streets and committing acts of crime. Students will receive care and hope they desperately need.

**HEALTH CARE:** Every citizen deserves good medical coverage. I'll assemble a group of qualified experts (exclude career politicians) to study ways to bring this about and make recommendations. I'll choose best course of action and do everything in my ethical power to implement their top suggestion.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** Creating more healthy environment, dealing with climate change challenges, obtaining cleaner water, fresher air to breathe, protection of animal wildlife calls for group of experts (exclusion of career politicians) to study ways to bring this about making recommendations. I'll choose best course of action, do everything in my ethical power to implement the best of their best suggestions.

**INFRASTRUCTURE:** Establish commission to determine best course of action for building new or repairing existing roads, bridges, and state highways and make people feel safe as they travel on them. Commission's findings would be followed up by figuring out how state and federal funds can be used to finance their proposals. Will use my ethical power to implement their recommendations.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** People serving in government positions should remember they're in that office to serve their constituents, not themselves. Raising exorbitant amounts of money to get elected and re-elected (a better use of all that money – help poor & needy)) isn't proof they have these traits. It's matter of TRUST. Whom do voters trust the most to make Maryland a healthier, safer state.

## **Ashwani Jain / LaTrece Hawkins Lytes**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** While I would be the nation's youngest Governor, I also have the experience and perspective needed to serve you well. I am a 32-year-old cancer survivor, the son of immigrants and small business owners, and a product of Maryland public schools. I have worked in the public, private, and non-profit sectors, and served in the Obama White House and two federal agencies.

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** We must have equality of opportunity. Part of this means being held accountable and giving residents a real seat at the table. And part of this means increasing revenue streams by keeping people in our state and encouraging more to move here. My "Maryland Now Plan" will help with eliminating the state income tax, free public transit, guaranteed jobs and anti-corruption measures.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** The way to increase accountability and safety is to tackle Criminal Justice comprehensively. That's why my plans include treating opioid/drug abuse as a disease not crime; removing SROs from public schools; investing in social workers; ending the money bail system; ending extreme sentences for children; legalizing marijuana and expunging records; access to jobs; and building community trust.

**EDUCATION:** My Education agenda includes fully funding the Blueprint; ensuring parents, students and educators have a real seat at the table; expanding access to broadband; easing student debt; reducing barriers to becoming an educator; protecting collective bargaining rights; making community colleges accessible; universal Pre-K; removing SROs from public schools; and opposing school privatization efforts.

**HEALTH CARE:** As a cancer survivor and someone who has worked in healthcare, I know we must expand Medicaid Eligibility; invest in Community Health Clinics; have full reproductive justice; ease medical debt; invest in mental health; create a statewide Caregivers Program; address food insecurity; and increase access to childcare. Full details at JainForGovernor.com

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** To get to 100% renewables by 2035, I would focus on Climate Justice; stop subsidization of trash incinerators and paper mills; mandate Environmental Impact Studies; increase poultry farm inspections; invest in community solar programs for residents; offshore wind; free public transit; smart growth and mixed-use development; ban single-use plastic bags; and improve composting.

**INFRASTRUCTURE:** We need a comprehensive plan that includes making public transit free; ensuring environmental impact studies for all projects; expanding Metro (Red Line, Purple Line and Southern rail); expanding MARC services; more designated bus lanes; smart growth and mixed-use development; and sustainably expanding the Bay Bridge (using the findings of the environmental impact studies that were conducted).

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** I believe decisions about us should not be made without us. That's why I'm fully accessible (because 100% of our events are free); I'm fully accountable (because 100% of our campaign is run by residents from every county); and I'm fully transparent (because we've shared the most comprehensive policy agenda since last January 2021). More at JainForGovernor.com

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** As Sec. of Ed. Under Pres. Obama, I managed a budget \$15 billion bigger than the budget of the state of MD. I have the executive leadership and public sector management experience to make MD a national leader in every respect. Public schools saved my life after both my parents passed away, so I know that govt. can be a force for good in people's lives. That philosophy is how I will govern.

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** We must ensure every Marylander has the opportunity to thrive by making sure they have the food they need to eat, health care, safe and affordable housing, quality child care, and transportation to jobs. My administration will do everything through the lens of equity, making sure our economy works for everyone in Maryland by directly tackling systemic disparities.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** We need to rethink public safety. We must focus the police on stopping violent crime and the flow of illegal guns – and ensure that officers are well-trained and accountable for protecting people's civil rights. We must also increase investments in violence prevention programs, education and job training for those who are incarcerated, and re-entry supports.

**EDUCATION:** I will ensure we fully fund and implement the Blueprint for Maryland's Future. As well, my recovery plan for our schools includes developing a statewide Student Support Corps to provide intensive tutoring, providing students with additional learning and activities during the school year and summer, and increasing investment in school counselors and mental health services for students and families.

**HEALTH CARE:** Almost 350,000 Marylanders are uninsured and there are serious racial and regional disparities in the quality of care. I believe health care is a human right and will remove barriers to health care for all Marylanders, regardless of immigration status, incentivize primary and specialty providers to locate in underserved communities, and create a permanent task force to address racial disparities.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** We must drastically reduce greenhouse gas emissions. My goal is to reach net-zero emissions in MD by 2035, with a 60% reduction by 2030 and a carbon-free electricity sector in our state by 2030. I will ensure that our Renewable Portfolio Standard only includes true clean energy sources and transition the entire state public vehicle fleet to zero-emission vehicles by 2030.

**INFRASTRUCTURE:** I'm dedicated to ensuring environmental justice and will consider the environmental impact of every infrastructure project. I'll prioritize building clean public transit, improving pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, and oppose projects that encourage more driving, like the I-270 toll lanes. Our infrastructure investments will be designed to cut down on harmful effects like storm runoff.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** My other top priorities are housing justice and building our affordable housing stock, advancing women's economic equity, including protecting abortion rights in Maryland, making record investments in public transit which includes building the Baltimore Red Line, providing student debt relief, making higher education affordable, and supporting our immigrant communities and LGBTQ+ Marylanders.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** State organizations and leaders—including the Maryland State Education Association and more state legislators than any candidate in this race—not only see us best positioned to win but also see my experience leading in every sector of American society as what is needed to build a stronger, more equitable future for our state. It's what I've dedicated my career to and it's what I'll do as governor.

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** I will leverage this once-in-a-generation opportunity to build a stronger, more inclusive economy through work, wages, and wealth for every Maryland family. That means creating new pathways to the workforce, accelerating our path to a \$15/hour minimum wage, and breaking down barriers to homeownership. It's what I've done my entire career, and it's exactly what I'll do as Maryland's next governor.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** I believe in policing with maximum accountability and appropriate intensity, bringing together federal, state, and local resources to prevent crime while building trust between law enforcement and the communities they serve. As governor, I will invest in proven community-based violence intervention programs, fix the Department of Parole and Probation, and invest in local re-entry programs.

**EDUCATION:** From cradle to career, education is one of the key pillars for Marylanders to access jobs, higher wages, and the opportunity to build wealth to pass on to their children. As governor, I will fix our broken childcare system and make pre-K free for every three and four year old in need, support our educators working their hearts out, fully fund the Blueprint, and build strong workforce pipelines.

**HEALTH CARE:** There are still over 257,000 Marylanders who lack health coverage and as governor, I will work to ensure universal access to affordable health coverage. Specifically, we will work to make enrollment and renewal in the Medicaid program easier, provide extra subsidies to make private health care more affordable, and provide affordable coverage options for people not eligible for the exchange.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** Climate change is devastating our communities and inaction has cost us \$10 billion in the past decade and put our communities at risk. As governor, I will set aggressive targets to generate 100% clean energy by 2035, achieve net-zero emissions by 2045 and implement solutions to address sea-level rise and extreme heat, prioritizing environmental justice throughout the process.

**INFRASTRUCTURE:** As governor, I will ensure that we are building 21<sup>st</sup>-century transportation infrastructure that provides equity both in terms of access and its construction, environmental protections, and strong input from the communities. A Moore-Miller administration will ensure every step is taken to fully understand and mitigate the environmental impacts while meeting the transportation needs of Marylanders.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** No matter your start in life, you deserve an equal opportunity to succeed – a job you can raise a family on, a future you can look forward to. My top priority is to create opportunities for people to step into better jobs, earn higher wages, and build wealth they can pass down to their children. In the military we learned a mantra, “leave nobody behind” and that’s exactly what I’ll do as governor.

## **Tom Perez / Shannon Sneed**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have dedicated my life to fighting for jobs, justice, and opportunity. I’ve done it at the local level on the Montgomery County Council, at the state level as Maryland’s Labor Secretary, and at the federal level as head of the Justice Department’s Civil Rights Division and as U.S. Labor Secretary under President Obama. I have a proven track record, and I’ll continue that fight as governor.

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** We are the richest state in the nation, but far too many Marylanders continue to fall behind. We will create stronger pathways to the middle class by focusing on job creation, creating pipelines to emerging fields through apprenticeships, investing in balanced transportation solutions, and fighting for fair wages while protecting the right to collective bargaining and prioritizing racial equity.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** The most important tool officers have is the trust of the community. I’ll work to support efforts to interrupt violence, get illegal guns off our streets, and provide resources so probation officers can address the most serious crimes. I will also bring my experience with reform efforts at the Department of Justice Civil Rights Division to Maryland to ensure effective, accountable policing.

**EDUCATION:** We will fully implement the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future—and go beyond. I will bolster educational resiliency by providing alternative school schedules, integrating extracurriculars into existing educational systems, and offering optional additional grades to address learning loss. We will build a pipeline of diverse educators and increase services to address the growing mental health needs.

**HEALTH CARE:** We need to ensure that every Maryland resident has access to quality, affordable health insurance. We will streamline enrollment into coverage, including for immigrant communities; invest in our healthcare workforce by providing scholarships and free community college to aspiring professionals; and address mental health needs by increasing access to services and substance use treatment.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** Combating climate change requires interagency coordination, which is why I will appoint a Climate and Resiliency Coordinator to lead these efforts. We will create tens of thousands of jobs in offshore wind and solar to make Maryland the national leader on green energy generation. We must prioritize climate equity by improving stormwater management, and cooling infrastructure across our state.

**INFRASTRUCTURE:** We need to prioritize public transit, walking, and biking by creating a balanced transit system that is dependable, accessible, and affordable. I will revive the Red and Purple Lines, build the Southern Maryland Rapid Transit, and enhance MARC capacity. I will also transition state vehicles to electric and help Marylanders do the same through price incentives and increased charging infrastructure.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** If Roe v. Wade is overturned, states may soon be the last bastion for protecting the fundamental right to abortion. I will lead the charge to ratify a state Constitutional amendment to enshrine abortion as an unimpeachable right—while continuing to expand access to reproductive health care for all women. We must also protect voting rights and make Maryland a national model for access to voting.

## **Jerome M. Segal / Justinian M. Dispenza**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I've been active in political struggle since the first Vietnam teach-in in 1965. I've worked for civil rights, for peace, and for social equity. I have a Ph.d in Philosophy, a Masters Degree in Public Policy, worked 4 years on Capitol Hill, including 2 on staff of the House Budget Committee, 10 years in the Executive Branch fighting global poverty, and 20 years at UofMD School of Public Policy.

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** A legal right to a job.

- Zero interest mortgages for low income families to convert to home ownership and be mortgage free in 15 years
- Higher minimum wage
- "Near free EV" after subsidies, less than \$5,000.
- Free 4 year colleges for those with modest means.
- 15% earned income tax credit.
- Progressive property taxes with 0% for modest homes, and high rates for McMansions.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Each neighborhood could veto the assignment to their neighborhood of any particular police officer they do not trust.

Truly humane prisons, so that very dangerous criminals can be removed from communities, yet given a real chance to develop into decent human beings.

- Two months free sleep away camp (Camp David Summer Camp) for children from low income families; counselor jobs for older youth.

**EDUCATION:** The Blueprint for Maryland is a terrific document on social equity issues – must be fully implemented. However, on the mission of public schools it is a dreadful impoverished document, out of touch with the skills young people will need in the future, and out of touch with the complex mission of schools, to teach America's real history, and to prepare youth for a full and culturally rich life.

**HEALTH CARE:** We have yet to secure health care, including mental health, as a human right. Either we go to single payer, or we use the tax system to ensure that no one need spend more than 1/10<sup>th</sup> of income (a half day's pay) to cover all health expenditures including insurance.

We also need a youth service corps to enable older people to age and ultimately pass on while at home and among loved ones.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** We are destroying the planet. The worst culprit is the pollution from automobiles. We need a massive investment in public transit, and a giant conversion to electric vehicles. This will only be possible for low income families, with the "Near Free EV" – GM makes them in China. We will bring them to Md. Even if we have to build them with a state owned auto company.

**INFRASTRUCTURE:** We focus on infrastructure that improves the environment, such as public transport, and clean electricity. We don't encourage more use of the automobile. We limit highway and bridge investment to safety. We deal with congestion by expanding work at home and by moving to the 4 day work week.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Time Liberty: Giving anyone who has had a job for 3 years, the right to go ½ time or to a 4 day week without penalty.

- Giving people of retirement age the right to hold onto their jobs very part time.
- Viewing Beauty and Creativity as basic human needs.

= Making love of books, and the ability to contribute to the beauty of the world central aims of our schools.

# Comptroller

**DUTIES:** The Comptroller is the financial officer of Maryland. He or she is responsible for collecting, managing and planning for revenue to support the state budget. The Comptroller collects and administers Maryland taxes on income (both personal and corporate), retail sales, motor vehicle fuel, tobacco, beer, and wine and liquor, as well as estate taxes. The Comptroller serves on the Board of Public Works along with the Governor and the state Treasurer, who is appointed by the General Assembly. The Board of Public Works must approve major contracts for the purchase of goods or service by any department of state government.

**TERM:** Four years. No term limit.

**SALARY:** \$150,000.

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected statewide.

**WEBSITE:** [msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmanual/08conoff/html/03compf.html](http://msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmanual/08conoff/html/03compf.html)

## Questions

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

**STATE CONTRACTS:** What criteria would you use for evaluating contracts and capital projects that are subject to approval by the Board of Public Works?

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

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** What other issues are priorities for you?

## Republican Candidates

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### **Barry Glassman**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I believe I am uniquely qualified to carry on the tradition of strong independent Maryland Comptrollers. As the leader of one of Maryland's largest counties, my Administration has earned praise for strong fiscal management and innovation with a fully funded pension obligation and 24 AAA bond ratings, a distinction earned by only 2% of counties nationwide. The next comptroller will need to be

**STATE CONTRACTS:** The Comptroller's role on the Board of Public Works is perhaps the most important responsibility of the office. As the taxpayer's representative, the Comptroller should strive to make sure As the only candidate for comptroller who has chaired a similar body, the Harford County Board of Estimates, I worked with my procurement office to save the taxpayers \$26.4 million over the past seven years

**REVENUE SYSTEM:** As Harford County Executive, I have launched over seven digital platforms to improve efficiency, save money and improve customer service. One of my first steps as Comptroller would be a top down evaluation of the Office's digital infrastructure to make sure the State is collecting taxes properly but processing returns and assisting preparers quickly as well.



**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Currently, the most pressing issue facing Maryland's families is the spiking inflationary pressures of food, services and goods. Energy prices continue to strain the budgets of our working families and small businesses. The cost of housing along with this increased cost of living threatens the next generation of Marylanders to live and raise a family here in our State. I have managed a local

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I will bring 30 years of executive management experience to the comptroller's office. As a Mayor who governed during COVID-19 and a CEO running one of America's largest black owned companies, I have rigorously evaluated capital investments, improved equity in services, and prioritized transparency. This is the experience needed to make our taxes efficient and fair and ensure accountability.

**STATE CONTRACTS:** To earn my vote, capital projects must:

Create demonstrable value for Maryland taxpayers

Coincide with a transparent long-term strategy

Taken as a whole, provide equal opportunity for all Marylanders whether they live in Western Maryland, West Baltimore, or the Eastern Shore.

Taken as a whole, demonstrate that the state is on track to finally meet its procurement commitments to Minority Businesses

**REVENUE SYSTEM:** As Comptroller, I'd:

Work with the legislature to implement a return-free filing system for families making less than \$100,000, simplifying taxes for tens of thousands of Marylanders.

Launch an investigation into tax loopholes and publish recommendations for tax reform.

Author a report on adult-use Marijuana legalization that offers a framework for the legislature to raise new education revenues.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:**

Accountability: I will launch an office of investigations and government accountability to fight public corruption and protect taxpayer funds.

Schools: I will implement a school funding audit to provide the public regular updates on the fiscal health of public schools.

Transportation: I will push for investment in transportation infrastructure, including the completion of Baltimore's Red Line.

### **Brooke Elizabeth Lierman**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** As a leader on the state's fiscal committees, including chair of the Pensions Committee, I have a track record of getting big things done. I'll be ready on day one to lead the office, advocate for families and small businesses, and modernize the agency to increase accountability and transparency.

**STATE CONTRACTS:** We must ensure the best value for all taxpayers. That means ensuring state spending grows our economy by keeping dollars local, tackling the wealth divide by investing in minority, women and veteran-owned businesses, and using sustainable practices to prepare for climate change. We must use purchasing power to build generational wealth and build for generations to come.

**REVENUE SYSTEM:** I will introduce new technology to modernize the process of paying taxes and make receiving refunds more efficient. This will ensure that each taxpayer and corporation pays their fair share and also allow every family & small business to know which tax credits they qualify for, such as the Earned Income Tax Credit. I will also create a Taxpayer Advocate Office to assist taxpayers at every step.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Maryland faces many economic challenges but also big opportunities. We must tackle inflation, the racial wealth divide, climate change, and fully fund public education. As Comptroller, I will be a leader who brings people together to find solutions that unlock the potential of our communities and small businesses, increase economic opportunity for all, and build financially-resilient families.

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## Attorney General

**DUTIES:** The Attorney General is the chief legal officer of Maryland, providing legal advice to the Governor, the legislature, all state departments and boards, and most commissions. The Attorney General represents the state in all cases that relate to the Governor, the General Assembly and most state agencies. The office also has responsibilities for consumer protection, civil rights, medical and investment fraud, and the juvenile justice system.

**TERM:** Four years. No term limit.

**SALARY:** \$150,000

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected statewide.

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### Questions

**QUALIFICATIONS:** How does your experience prepare you for the duties of Attorney General?

**ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE:** What steps will you take to improve the efficiency and fairness of legal processes in Maryland?

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** What policies do you favor to reduce crime in Maryland while improving police accountability in communities?

**PUBLIC HEALTH:** What actions will you take to address issues such as domestic violence, human trafficking or substance abuse?

**JUVENILE JUSTICE:** What is your philosophy on the issues involved in juvenile justice?

**CONSUMER PROTECTION:** Describe your approach to consumer protection.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** What other issues are priorities for you?

### Republican Candidates

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I was a prosecutor for 24 years before going into private practice. I was an Assistant District Attorney in the Bronx, NY; Chief of the Bronx DA Homicide Bureau; Prosecuted David Berkowitz, "Son of Sam" killer, for 3 Bronx murders; an Assistant Attorney General of New York State; Attorney for United States Department of Justice, Antitrust Division. Since 1994, private law practice in Maryland

**ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE:** I will establish community offices throughout the State where every month an Assistant Attorney General will meet with residents to hear their concerns, complaints and information that will help our office initiate, investigate and prosecute, if necessary, criminal conduct, discrimination, and other violations of law in areas such as the environment, elections, civil rights, and elder abuse.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Reducing crime will be my top priority. I will create a Major Offense Bureau to assist or replace local prosecutors in the prosecution of violent and repeat offenders. No plea bargaining or deals with these offenders. Police accountability will be reviewed by my staff with my personal involvement. Restoring public trust in policing and the criminal justice system will come from more transparency.

**PUBLIC HEALTH:** The most violent and serious offenders of these crimes must be prosecuted vigorously with no plea bargaining or deals. This includes dealers and distributors of illegal drugs and narcotics. Drug users and addicts should be given drug treatment, therapy and counseling. Addiction is a disease and should be treated so that they can be cured.

**JUVENILE JUSTICE:** The crime committed by a juvenile and their history should determine their punishment and/or treatment. As a prosecutor, some of the most violent and heinous crimes I've seen have been committed by juveniles as young as 14. Juveniles committing non-violent offenses and who are not serious repeat offenders need treatment, counseling, drug or mental health programs. Others may need incarceration.

**CONSUMER PROTECTION:** Consumer fraud is primarily an offense against the elderly, infirm and most vulnerable. To me, these are very serious criminal offenses especially by those who prey on these victims. The most effective way to deter these scammers is to seek meaningful jail sentences against the worst offenders. This will deter others from scamming and defrauding victims not just fines and desist orders.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Reducing crime is my top priority. We must protect our residents and make Maryland a safer place to live and raise a family. Other issues of major concern include environmental crime and pollution, election fraud, elder abuse, and rights of parents. The Attorney General's plate is very full and I pledge to devote all my energies and abilities to proudly serving the public.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** With three decades as a lawyer, in federal and state courts, Army JAG officer, and regulatory attorney, representing clients against big tobacco and pro bono

clients, and with twenty-two years leading in the legislative and executive branches of government, I bring the breadth of experience needed to lead and manage the Attorney General's Office, the largest public interest law firm in Maryland.

**ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE:** As Attorney General, while I represent state government, I work for the people. They deserve efficiency and fairness of legal processes—criminal, civil and administrative. That begins with employing dedicated professionals who reflect Maryland's diversity and who are committed to equity and justice for all. I'll fight for needed reforms before the General Assembly and not accept the status quo.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** I am an original cosponsor of the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act which seeks to improve police accountability, I supported the First Step Act to reduce recidivism, and I advocated in Annapolis for a ban on "ghost guns." I will seek pattern or practice investigation authority over police misconduct, and I will continue to advocate for stricter gun laws such as universal background checks.

**PUBLIC HEALTH:** These issues require greater public awareness and education on the risks and signs associated with them. Regarding domestic violence, I led the 2009 effort to authorize judges to order domestic abusers to surrender their firearms, eight months after my cousin was killed by her estranged boyfriend. I'll work, as I have in the past, with advocates to develop best practices to address these issues.

**JUVENILE JUSTICE:** We need to treat children like children and not treat them in a way that turns them into hardened criminals. Juvenile justice should focus on restorative justice, not retribution and punishment. Absent the involvement of a firearm, most misdemeanor offenses committed by juveniles should be resolved through diversionary programs, not incarceration. Mental health and educational services are a must.

**CONSUMER PROTECTION:** The Consumer Protection Division safeguards Marylanders' health, hard-earned dollars, and identity. I'll combat price-gouging at the pumps and in the grocery stores, take action against predatory lenders, protect seniors and vulnerable individuals from fraudulent scams, prosecute businesses engaging in deceptive and unfair trade practices, and prevent anticompetitive pricing by large corporations.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** The Attorney General is engaged in a wide range of issues across the enterprise of state government. Other top priorities for me will be addressing climate change, enforcing environmental standards and environmental justice; protecting workers' rights and enforcing labor standards; protecting civil and voting rights of all Marylanders; and defending against assaults on women's reproductive rights.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have 30 years of experience working in Maryland's court rooms as an Assistant State's Attorney and as a District Court judge. I know how the criminal justice system works and how it doesn't. I will use that experience to protect Marylanders from rising crime, fight for a woman's right to choose, and defend Marylanders voting rights.

**ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE:** As a prosecutor and judge for 30 years, I understand the flaws of the justice system. I support reforming juvenile justice to prioritize compassionate rehabilitation, establishing a right to counsel in housing and immigration courts, and creating Sentencing and Conviction Review Unit to investigate wrongful convictions.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Since 2015, gun violence in Maryland has risen 36% while we all witnessed countless senseless police-involved killings. We can only achieve safer communities through equitable policing. I will work to reduce gun violence by prioritizing

gun trafficking prosecutions, while simultaneously partnering with local and national advocacy groups to establish community-based law enforcement policies.

**PUBLIC HEALTH:** Defending survivors has been a cornerstone of my career as a prosecutor and judge. As Attorney General, I will work to reduce the rape kit backlog, advocate for strong sexual assault laws, and ensure victims services are easily accessible for survivors of abuse, trafficking, and assault.

**JUVENILE JUSTICE:** We need to prioritize compassion and rehabilitation in juvenile justice, acknowledging that these children need guidance. I supported the General Assembly's recent juvenile justice reform laws. Non-incarceration solutions must be our priority. Moreover, we must expand educational programs that reorient juveniles towards healthy and productive lives.

**CONSUMER PROTECTION:** To protect our state's consumers, I will take on corporations and individuals that threaten Marylanders' economic liberties. As a past white collar crime prosecutor, I will bring cases that challenge predatory actors, corporate monopolies, and lobby for the President to forgive student loan debt. I will especially ensure that our seniors are protected from fraud and scams.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Voting rights and reproductive rights are two of my top priorities. Americans are facing an unprecedented conservative assault on our democratic and reproductive freedoms. When elected Attorney General, I will be a tenacious advocate – in courtrooms and in legislatures – for these basic freedoms.

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## U.S. Senator

**DUTIES:** U.S. Senators make laws along with the members of the U.S. House of Representatives. They also ratify treaties and conduct investigations on issues of national importance. The Senate confirms presidential appointments, including Supreme Court justices. **TERM:** Six years. No term limit.

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

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected statewide. In 2022, Maryland voters will elect one of our two Senators. About one-third of the 100 members of the Senate are elected every two years.

**WEBSITE:** [senate.gov](https://senate.gov)

### Questions

**QUALIFICATIONS:** How does your experience prepare you for the duties of United States Senator?

**ELECTIONS:** What should the federal government's role be in the election process?

**COURT SYSTEM:** What measures, if any, would you support to reform the US federal court system?

**HEALTH CARE:** What changes in federal health care policy do you advocate and why?

**IMMIGRATION:** What changes would you propose in immigration policy?

**ENVIRONMENT:** How do you balance environmental concerns with the goal of strengthening our country's infrastructure and economy?

**GUN SAFETY:** Please provide your position on federal gun safety legislation.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** What other issues are priorities for you?

## Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for 1

### **Lorie R. Friend**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am a woman of middle age, a mother, of three wonderful children, and a seasoned nurse at a hospital for over 25 years. I always rise to the call of duty, make hard call when stakes are high, and I am effective in complex and challenging institutional settings.

**ELECTIONS:** There is a present attempt by the Federal government to usurp our constitutional state based election process. I do not support the Federal Government taking control of our election process by either party.

**COURT SYSTEM:** There is present movement to "pack" the Supreme Court. I am opposed to further politicization of the Supreme Court by either party.

**HEALTH CARE:** I passionately support the freedom of patients to make independent medical decisions with the counsel of their own doctors. I am equally opposed to generalized and politically motivated medical movements.

**IMMIGRATION:** While it is fair to say that brevity is often the heart of wit, to answer these complex questions in 50 words or less is far too limited. That being said, I support secure borders and reasonable immigration policy.

**ENVIRONMENT:** As a conservationist, I support policies for clean water and safe air for the health of our families, I support renewable energy that is affordable and efficient. At the same time, I recognize that we need to be energy efficient.

**GUN SAFETY:** This seems as though it is a loaded question. Pun intended. Firearms are inherently dangerous; accordingly, I favor gun safety training. I support our natural right to defend ourselves and our families.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** INFLATION, INFLATION, INFLATION!!! This is in effect a stealth tax caused by our irresponsible monetary policy and the deficit spending by the federal government. I strongly oppose these policies.

### **Reba A. Hawkins**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have spent time organizing on the ground in Baltimore helping the disadvantage fight against payday loans and predatory lending and for better education opportunities. I have also been a small business owner for over 20 years.

**ELECTIONS:** The federal government should take an active role in safeguarding the right to vote for everyone. The John Lewis Act should be passed.

**COURT SYSTEM:** The most important is protecting the right to counsel by extending the time to acquire counsel for defendants from 21 days to 31 days

**HEALTH CARE:** Our healthcare system needs an overhaul. We have a staff shortage. I would support programs to help cover the cost of education for those in the healthcare field.

**IMMIGRATION:** We need to fix our broken immigration system. Anyone that wants to come and take part in the American Dream should be able to. I would support a pathway to citizenship for those already here and active in our society.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Our environment is important. Our infrastructure is import. We can strike a balance between the two. We never have to sacrifice one for the other.

**GUN SAFETY:** I am a supporter of the second amendment, and I believe in constitutional gun safety. The right to protect oneself and family is paramount, but we absolutely must address gun violence and mass shootings.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** We must do everything we can to support Black Women business owners who have been the drivers of our economy. I will work every day of my term to help remove red tape and access to capital. I will fight everyday to bring manufacturing to the USA and bring back apprenticeship for trades we need.

No response received by deadline from the following candidates:

**Chris Chaffee**

**George Davis**

**Nnabu Eze**

**Jon McGreevey**

**Joseph Perez**

**Todd A. Puglisi**

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**John Thormann**

### **Democrats**

Democrats may vote for 1

**Michelle L. Smith**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I'm running for the U.S. Senate to uphold our values of justice, equality, and freedom; to protect our democracy; and to continue to deliver real results for Maryland. I've fought successfully to bring key investments to support our schools and students, modernize our infrastructure, protect the Chesapeake Bay, provide more affordable health care and housing, and help our seniors and veterans.

**ELECTIONS:** Every voice must be heard to achieve the goals of our democracy. I'm an original sponsor of the Freedom to Vote Act and the John Lewis Voting Rights Act to fortify our democracy against the Big Lie, protect the right to vote, and end voter suppression. Both go hand-in-hand with my fight to rid our elections of secret, dark money that puts special interests ahead of the American people.

**COURT SYSTEM:** An independent judiciary made up of diverse voices is a key element of democracy and freedoms. We need to preserve and protect it from those trying to undermine the Constitutional rights it aims to safeguard. I'm working to confirm federal judges with an unwavering commitment to protecting Americans' rights and freedoms and delivering equal justice under the law.

**HEALTH CARE:** All Americans need affordable health care. I have defended the Affordable Care Act against GOP attacks and worked to increase access to mental health and other services with a goal of universal care. I have championed bills to reduce prescription drug and health care costs including allowing Medicare to negotiate on drug prices, tackle the medical debt crisis, and end health disparities.

**IMMIGRATION:** America is a nation of immigrants, from our founding to today. I believe that enabling immigrants to become a strong and vital part of our country is not only consistent with our values but is a proven path to strengthening our economic future. I

support comprehensive immigration reform, which combines a path to citizenship for Dreamers, TPS recipients, and others with effective border security.

**ENVIRONMENT:** We must address the climate crisis. I proposed the Polluters Pay Climate Fund plan to require the worst polluters like Big Oil to help cover climate clean-up costs. We can grow our clean energy economy, prevent more damage, and create good-paying jobs. The new infrastructure law advances that goal with funds for the Bay, climate change, and cleaner options, like transit and electric vehicles.

**GUN SAFETY:** Too many Marylanders face the loss of loved ones from gun violence. We need common-sense reforms like universal background checks, and reinstating federal bans on high-capacity magazines and semi-automatic assault weapons. We can build on executive actions on limiting ghost guns, expand community violence prevention programs, and pass my legislation for stronger oversight enhancing gun safety.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** We must build a stronger, more inclusive economy with more shared prosperity. We can end tax giveaways for the super wealthy and increase paychecks for working families while cutting everyday costs on everything from prescription drugs to child care. Also, it's vital that we protect Americans' freedoms and pass the Women's Health Protection Act to codify the legal right to reproductive choice.

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## Representative in Congress District 6

**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.

**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 2020 Census.

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

### Questions

**QUALIFICATIONS:** How does your experience prepare you for the duties of a Representative in the United States Congress?

**ELECTIONS:** What should the federal government's role be in the election process?

**COURT SYSTEM:** What measures, if any, would you support to reform the US federal court system?

**HEALTH CARE:** What changes in federal health care policy do you advocate and why?

**IMMIGRATION:** What changes would you propose in immigration policy?

**ENVIRONMENT:** How do you balance environmental concerns with the goal of strengthening our country's infrastructure and economy?

**GUN SAFETY:** Please provide your position on federal gun safety legislation.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** What other issues are priorities for you?

### Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for 1

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** From the age of 16, I have been involved in management & mitigation of crisis. From my time of service in fire & rescue services to my professional career in funeral service dealing with some of the most difficult situations for individuals and families on Main Street translates to a hardened resolve to address crisis on the national stage.

**ELECTIONS:** The federal government's role should be minimal with respect to elections as the running of elections is a state issue as dictated by the US Constitution. That said the federal government should create a national voter ID law to ensure everyone's vote gets counted, with one vote per person, and ensuring the ability of those who need an ID but cannot afford one to get one without cost.

**COURT SYSTEM:** At this time I would not support any changes to the federal court system other than possibility of term limits on judges much like proposals for other offices.

**HEALTH CARE:** We need a clean repeal of the Affordable Care Act "Obamacare". Allowing states to create the solutions for healthcare on a smaller scale allows for creativity and not a one size fits all approach. I would however seek to ensure those with pre-existing conditions would have coverage.

**IMMIGRATION:** We need to reform our system to be based in merit, ensuring we are receiving the best candidates for citizenship meaning the best to contribute to our economy, not depending on social welfare programs, tie employment based visas to growth in economic sectors, creating a tri-lateral worker agreement with Mexico and Canada, and fully securing our borders.

**ENVIRONMENT:** While difficult, I will always side with ensuring our economy is strong. We want the cleanest energy sources possible, but not at the expense of killing our economy. Tremendous progress has been made over the years in energy efficiency/cleanliness and via public-private partnerships we can keep the economy moving and protect the environment.

**GUN SAFETY:** "The right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed" is crystal clear to me. I do support background checks and would work to strengthen them but outside of that I am against any gun control measures to restrict firearms.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** There are many but I will be focusing on abolishing the income and estate tax and replacing with a fair tax, stopping federal overreach into schools, legalization of marijuana, criminal justice reform, veterans assistance and strengthen our military to ensure they are ready for action when needed.

## **Matthew Foldi**

No response received by deadline.

## **Jonathan Jenkins**

No response received by deadline.

## **Neil C. Parrott**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** Now serving my third term as a member of the House of Delegates, I listen to people and have been privileged to regularly help constituents. I was born in Bethesda, grew up in Maryland, became an Eagle Scout, a professional engineer, an MBA, and a small-business owner. As a husband and father of three, I care about people and work for practical, common-sense solutions.

**ELECTIONS:** The US Government should work with the states to make sure that our elections are secure and trustworthy. They should ensure that states maintain their voter files and quickly remove people who have moved or passed away; that states only register people to vote who are US citizens; that states provide signature verification for all votes cast; and that states not allow bundling.

**COURT SYSTEM:** The US Federal Court system is serving our country well, but original intent should be followed court decisions. The court should be there to enforce the law, not to create the law.

Protection should be provided for US Supreme Court Justices and lower court justices especially when involved with controversial decisions.

**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.

**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.

**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 should be used as one negotiating tactic to get China and other countries to pollute less.

**GUN SAFETY:** Access to firearms is guaranteed by the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Freedom is not free and needs to be valued, protected, & preserved. I will work for you so that we maintain and expand our freedoms where freedom is given to us by God and as defined in the Bill of Rights. Ronald Reagan indicated that, " freedom must be fought for and defended constantly by each generation." Now is our turn. I will work for you to defend our constitutional & financial freedoms.

## **Robert Poissonnier**

No response received by deadline.

## **Mariela Roca**

No response received by deadline.

## **Democratic Candidates**

Democrats may vote for 1

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** 75 years as a middle-income husband, father, and grandfather, substitute (STEM) teacher, immigrant, IT professional, and observer of our civil, economic and political state, has prepared me to take on this office. I consider myself a "prudent" progressive, since I hate to waste money, not mine or yours.

One of my campaign slogans since 2018 is "Make America Good Again. This Time for ALL of Us!"

**ELECTIONS:** The federal government should see to it that any citizen wanting to vote be allowed to vote by monitoring and prosecuting any attempts to curtail this privilege. It should encourage the states to give the voters more choices by making it easier for minor parties to gain ballot access and encourage ranked choice voting so candidates that are the choice of more voters win office more easily.

**COURT SYSTEM:** As stated in the 1968 Democratic Party Platform: "... we will prove anew that freedom is best secured by a government that is responsive and compassionate and committed to justice and the rule of law." Include (but not limited to):

1. Establish a right for all defendants charged with non-violent crimes to be free on bail
2. End mandatory sentencing
3. Judicial discretion in sentencing

**HEALTH CARE:** Duplicate the policies that obtain the best health results around the world, at more reasonable costs than we pay in this country:

1. Enact an improved Medicare for All health insurance program to cover all our citizens.
2. Research ways to return hospitals to a non-profit status, and reopen many local hospitals closed because they were "not profitable" to their owners.

**IMMIGRATION:** Create a just reform of immigration policy to include:

1. Fast-track to citizenship for "Dreamer" immigrants
2. Grant Green cards for critical farm workers and recipients of Temporary Protected Status
3. Reconsider current law which allows local police to become agents of the immigration agency
4. Reform the current system of quotas and preferences

**ENVIRONMENT:** Attack this balance starting at local towns and cities:

1. Utilizing the principles of "Smart Growth" to encourage a variety of building types and uses, diverse housing and transportation options
2. Preserve open spaces, parkland, and farmland
3. Construct high-speed rail between major cities
4. Encourage return of manufacturing back to sites in the US

**GUN SAFETY:** Consider gun control such as is contained in the Brady Bill:

1. A ban on sales of "weapons of war," and buy-back legislation to eliminate such existing weapons
2. Eliminating the "gun show loophole" that permits sale of weapons without background checks
3. An extension of background checks to all private sales of firearms

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Equal access to high-quality education, to include:

1. Retaining teachers by raising wages to the level of other professions
2. Provide professional development in cultural competency, and allow teachers to choose challenging and culturally appropriate materials for their students
3. Support low-cost tuition for public college and trade schools
4. Ease the debt produced on past post-HS students

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I've dedicated my career to public service and putting people first. As executive director of a nonprofit, I've proposed and advocated for policy at all levels, engaged hundreds of members of Congress and staff, on both sides of the aisle, held agencies accountable, and cut through red tape and bureaucracy. When my wife served as a U.S. diplomat, our family lived overseas in service to our nation.

**ELECTIONS:** Our Democracy is sacred and one-person-one-vote was achieved by the blood, sweat, and tears of the civil rights and women's suffrage movements. Voting rights must be protected and respected. When states discriminate, the federal government must intervene. Congress cannot rest until voting rights are protected. We cannot go backwards.

**COURT SYSTEM:** Let's focus on supporting survivors and their families, incarcerating our violent offenders, and rehabilitating non-violent offenders. Long-term investments in education and healthcare will pay off. Prisons should not replace mental hospitals. The war on drugs is a massive waste of taxpayer dollars and has ruined countless lives. I support civil liberties and a woman's right to choose.

**HEALTH CARE:** Healthcare is a human right and access should be guaranteed. Quality preventative care. Lower Medicare age. Mental health parity. Allow drug price negotiation. Hold insurance companies accountable. Honor our obligations to Veterans. Fix patent laws to end Big Pharma price gouging. Pandemic preparedness. We need to address rural and urban disparities and collect data to identify and fix gaps.

**IMMIGRATION:** We need a humane, transparent, and efficient immigration system. A few generations back, my family fled persecution in Belarus and Ukraine, Dreamers deserve citizenship. Separating families and indefinite detention is cruel. To stem immigration, let's improve quality of life in home countries by being smarter about our foreign aid.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Let's turn climate action into an economic opportunity for our District. Let's invest in jobs, solutions, resilient infrastructure, expanding public transit options, family farms, and green energy right here. If we don't address environmental concerns, we pay more in the short and long-term. Inaction results in more debt spending after disasters, more deaths, and economic losses.

**GUN SAFETY:** We need reasonable leadership. We don't need automatic, high-capacity, or ghost guns. Let's learn from the carnage of Sandy Hook, Las Vegas, Orlando, and daily gun violence in our own region. It should not be easier to get a gun than a driver's license. Let's close loopholes and add accountability.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Get big money out of politics. Reverse Citizens United and pass campaign finance reforms so elections can no longer be bought. Protect Society Security. Disability rights need to be protected. Address disparities, especially in Rural and Urban America. We need public interest and accountability motivated leaders. Members of Congress shouldn't be leading billion-dollar businesses while serving.

## **David J. Trone**

No response received by deadline.

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# **State Senator District 3**

**DUTIES:** State Senators represent residents in each legislative district in the Maryland General Assembly. The General Assembly enacts laws, raises revenue through taxes and fees, and appropriates funds for all state agencies in an annual budget. The General Assembly may propose amendments to the state Constitution for ratification by the voters.

The Senate also confirms the Governor's appointments of judges and the heads of certain government agencies.

**TERM:** Four years. No term limit.

**SALARY:** \$50,328.

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected districtwide. The state is divided into 47 legislative districts. Each district is represented by one State Senator.

**WEBSITE:** [www.msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmanual/07leg/html/gaf.html](http://www.msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmanual/07leg/html/gaf.html)

### **Questions**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** How does your experience prepare you for the duties of State Senator?

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** What role should the state play in addressing the needs of economically disadvantaged people in Maryland?

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** What policies do you favor to reduce crime in Maryland while improving police accountability in communities?

**EDUCATION:** What actions will you take to improve education in Maryland, especially given the impact of the COVID pandemic?

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

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** What is your greatest concern regarding Maryland's natural resources/environment, and how will you address it?

**LOCAL PROJECTS:** What issues or projects are your priority for your own district?

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** What other issues are priorities for you?

### **Republican Candidates**

Republicans may vote for 1

#### **Angela Ariel McIntosh**

No response received by deadline.

### **Democratic Candidates**

Democrats may vote for 1

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** Constituent services is a vital function performed by elected officials. I understand how to manage constituents' needs due to serving on the Board of Education and my organizational leadership knowledge. When a constituent contacts the office a State Senator, a staff member should collect and manage the constituent's information, provide correct state agency contact information and follow up.

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** A significant number of the 32,000 nonprofits registered in the State of Maryland deliver services across a wide range of sectors. The nonprofits provide expertise and depth of knowledge and experience not available within a state agency. The state should broaden its support of nonprofits, such as development resources and training, so the underserved populations can be provided services.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** I support meeting children where they are with mentoring supports, education and resources for their families to keep them out of the criminal justice system. I

support programs and policies that prevent recidivism of previously incarcerated individuals and policies that create community partnerships with the underrepresented community and law enforcement.

**EDUCATION:** A few actions I will take to improve education is revamping the middle school schedule, promotion of LYNX (Linking Youth to New Experiences), added supports to school systems for the Dyslexic, Dysgraphia and Dyscalculia community and supporting the expansion of Career and Technology locations.

**HEALTH:** The most significant health challenges facing Maryland are chronic diseases, including heart disease, stroke, and diabetes and maternal death rates. I will address these challenges by supporting HB 906 Health Equity Resource Communities and the expansion to additional communities impacted by health disparities.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** My greatest concern is the negative impact natural resources/environment has on the underrepresented and low-income communities, our most vulnerable citizens. Education is the most impactful way to address concerns for the most vulnerable citizens, so I support improved public education and programs to environmental youth education programs.

**LOCAL PROJECTS:**

- Westside Regional Park
- Affordable Home ownership
- Equity in educational funding
- Neighborhood Revitalization
- Transportation
- Equity in economic resources

**OTHER PRIORITIES:**

- Reformation of the state unemployment insurance system
- Minority Business Enterprise
- Cannabis legalization and the release of individuals with cannabis charges
- Climate Change
- Workforce development and career-bound students
- Healthcare from birth

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** Volunteering for numerous non-profits and serving as the President Pro Tem of the Board of Alderman made me very familiar with community needs. As a past Chairman of the Washington Council of Governments and Vice-Chair of the Legislative Committee of the MD Municipal League, I have held leadership positions. During the past 8 years in the House of Delegates I led significant legislative efforts.

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** It is the state's responsibility to serve all of our constituents, particularly the most vulnerable among us. In Frederick County, 35,291 households (37%) cannot afford basic needs such as housing, transportation, child care, food, healthcare, and technology. Legislative and budget priorities should focus on ensuring that these basic needs are available and affordable for all of our citizens.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Law enforcement must foster strong relationships in order to build trust. There is a strong relationship between violent crime and mental illness, thus requiring more treatment options. Police recruitment efforts should eliminate candidates with ingrained prejudices and/or a history of violent behavior. Policies regarding appropriate responses should be mandatory with ongoing training.

**EDUCATION:** I have been a vocal supporter of the Blueprint for Success. In particular, more resources towards mental illness, increased teacher salaries, early childhood learning, and greater allocations of resources to disadvantaged communities are the greatest

priorities. Smaller classroom sizes and stronger training in utilizing technology for remote teaching would have better prepared us for the pandemic.

**HEALTH:** Ensuring that all Marylanders have greater access to affordable healthcare is our most significant challenge. Reducing the price of prescription drugs, increasing telehealth, and recruiting more mental health providers will help to achieve this goal. Expanding our usage of federal Medicaid waivers available to us will also assist in addressing the healthcare needs of the most vulnerable among us.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** Air pollution is a silent killer. It impacts childhood asthma. Every year about 6,000 people in MD die prematurely because of air pollution, more than 10x the number of people murdered in MD last year. If we stop burning fossil fuels to power our society, we will eliminate these life-threatening pollutants almost entirely. The Climate Solutions Now Act moves us closer to 100% clean electricity.

**LOCAL PROJECTS:** We have a mental health and addiction problem that is as large as the COVID-19 pandemic but it will last longer. I have been working with the Frederick County Department of Health to bring new solutions to our community. There is a cycle of people brought to emergency rooms and/or prisons that do not belong in either place. Many of these individuals do not recognize that they need ongoing support.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** We need to widen US 15: I-70 to MD 26 from 4 lanes to 6 to reduce traffic. This cost-effective improvement would eliminate the only segment within the US 15/I-270 Multimodal Study area that is over capacity in both directions and in both peaks, and improve access to jobs in the region. Noise barriers should be considered where warranted. We must also expand transit, especially for the MARC train.

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## State Senator District 4

**DUTIES:** State Senators represent residents in each legislative district in the Maryland General Assembly. The General Assembly enacts laws, raises revenue through taxes and fees, and appropriates funds for all state agencies in an annual budget. The General Assembly may propose amendments to the state Constitution for ratification by the voters. The Senate also confirms the Governor's appointments of judges and the heads of certain government agencies.

**TERM:** Four years. No term limit.

**SALARY:** \$50,328.

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected districtwide. The state is divided into 47 legislative districts. Each district is represented by one State Senator.

**WEBSITE:** [www.msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmanual/07leg/html/gaf.html](http://www.msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmanual/07leg/html/gaf.html)

### Questions

**QUALIFICATIONS:** How does your experience prepare you for the duties of State Senator?

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** What policies do you favor to reduce crime in Maryland while improving police accountability in communities?

**EDUCATION:** What actions will you take to improve education in Maryland, especially given the impact of the COVID pandemic?

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

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** What is your greatest concern regarding Maryland's natural resources/environment, and how will you address it?

**LOCAL PROJECTS:** What issues or projects are your priority for your own district?

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** What other issues are priorities for you?

## **Republican Candidates**

### **Stephen Barrett**

No response received by deadline.

### **William "Bill" Folden**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** As a former State Delegate, I can assure District 4 voters will elect a Senator that can get to work on Day One. A Senator who knows the law with nearly 30 years as law enforcement officer. A senator who knows the legislative process and has built relationships across the state.

We don't need a trainee, we need an effective, experienced and proven legislator.

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**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** Maryland needs to establish/improve existing trade and services education programs to assist lower income citizens to acquire a skillset to better provide for their families. Maryland has continued to fail our most vulnerable communities by continuing to pay monthly "hand-outs" to stay at home, instead of encouraging them to value and appreciate the value of a day's wage for a day's work.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** I support additional funding for our law enforcement professionals. Police are faced with ever evolving challenges each day and training is paramount to improving their efficiency and service to our communities.

Improving police accountability is about understanding that police officers are as human as you. They just have a different responsibility in life... and they sometimes make mistakes.

**EDUCATION:** I will not focus my energies on what happened during the COVID pandemic, but instead will be looking forward through the windshield, and not the rear view mirror. I'll be listening to parents, teachers and school administrators to ensure that whatever actions we take moving forward are in the best interests of our school children.

**HEALTH:** As a police officer for nearly 30 years, I've witnessed firsthand the failings of our mental health network. Our teachers have witnessed these same failings in the classroom. Access to affordable healthcare and mental health services is my top public health priority. We can do this by not focusing on mandates, but partnering with carriers and providers to find cost effective solutions.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** Maryland, also known as "America in Miniature" features mountains in the west, beaches to the Eastern Shore and our natural treasure in the Chesapeake Bay which yields 500M pounds of oysters, crabs and other seafood annually, over \$100M in fishing harvest. It is our responsibility to maintain and improve this natural treasure and protect these harvests for generations to come.

**LOCAL PROJECTS:** The expansion of I-270 is 40 years overdue! I was able to secure funding for improvements to the I-270 bridges, as a State Delegate, which had to be completed first before an efficient solution could be implemented. Once completed, I will champion solutions and funding for improvements to I-270 and Rt 15, allowing working parents to be home with their families, rather than sitting in traffic.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Maryland is the only state that has both Inheritance and Estate Taxes. This is unacceptable. Also, Maryland is one of the highest Retirement Taxing states in the country! Our senior citizens are voting with their feet, leaving Maryland for more retirement friendly states. We MUST do better!

Additionally, our schools need to teach age appropriate material, and allow parents to parent.



## **Democratic Candidates** Democrats may vote for 1

### **Carleah M. Summers**

No response received by deadline.

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## **State Senator District 5**

**DUTIES:** State Senators represent residents in each legislative district in the Maryland General Assembly. The General Assembly enacts laws, raises revenue through taxes and fees, and appropriates funds for all state agencies in an annual budget. The General Assembly may propose amendments to the state Constitution for ratification by the voters. The Senate also confirms the Governor's appointments of judges and the heads of certain government agencies.

**TERM:** Four years. No term limit.

**SALARY:** \$50,328.

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected districtwide. The state is divided into 47 legislative districts. Each district is represented by one State Senator.

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### **Questions**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** How does your experience prepare you for the duties of State Senator?

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** What role should the state play in addressing the needs of economically disadvantaged people in Maryland?

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** What policies do you favor to reduce crime in Maryland while improving police accountability in communities?

**EDUCATION:** What actions will you take to improve education in Maryland, especially given the impact of the COVID pandemic?

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

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** What is your greatest concern regarding Maryland's natural resources/environment, and how will you address it?

**LOCAL PROJECTS:** What issues or projects are your priority for your own district?

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** What other issues are priorities for you?

## **Republican Candidates** Republicans may vote for 1

### **Justin Ready**

No response received by deadline.

**Note:** There are no Democratic candidates for this office.

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## **House of Delegates District 3**

**DUTIES:** Members of the House of Delegates represent residents in each legislative district in the Maryland General Assembly. The General Assembly enacts laws, raises revenue through taxes and fees, and appropriates funds for all state agencies in an annual budget.

The General Assembly may propose amendments to the state Constitution for ratification by the voters.

**TERM:** Four years. No term limit.

**SALARY:** \$52,343 as of January 11, 2023.

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected districtwide. The state is divided into 47 legislative districts. Each district is represented by three Delegates, for a total of 141 Delegates statewide.

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### **Questions**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** How does your experience prepare you for the duties of the House of Delegates?

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** What role should the state play in addressing the needs of economically disadvantaged people in Maryland?

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** What policies do you favor to reduce crime in Maryland while improving police accountability in communities?

**EDUCATION:** What actions will you take to improve education in Maryland, especially given the impact of the COVID pandemic?

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

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** What is your greatest concern regarding Maryland's natural resources/environment, and how will you address it?

**LOCAL PROJECTS:** What issues or projects are your priority for your own district?

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** What other issues are priorities for you?

### **Republican Candidates**

Republicans may vote for up to 3

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** As a former sales professional, my career revolved around serving a wide variety of clients in an efficient, effective, and transparent manner while meeting all of their needs. This will translate directly to Annapolis, where I will serve my constituents with the same integrity that I pride myself on in the workplace.

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** I believe the United States is the best country in the world in terms of upwards mobility. We provide the best opportunities to our citizens no matter their background or economic status. To continue this in Maryland, we must allow our communities and economies to flourish. Lowering taxes will provide economic opportunity for all individuals, especially those who are economically disadvantaged.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** To keep Maryland safe, we must support our police and sheriff departments. Recruitment rates are plummeting, and many of our agencies across the state are stretched thin. This has resulted in overworked officers and a lack of presence where it is needed the most. We must build relationships between our agencies and our communities, creating trust through outreach and charity.

**EDUCATION:** Many children are behind benchmarks due to COVID. What have we done? We pushed back benchmarks, especially for the youngest of learners. This is a major disservice to our children. I will fight for every child to get the best education available. That includes allowing lower-income families the choice to access higher-quality education that they may not otherwise be able to attain.

**HEALTH:** One of the biggest health issues facing Maryland is the opioid epidemic. This is a major problem across the state as well as in Frederick County. According to the Maryland Department of Health, we lost 2,799 Marylanders to overdoses in 2020. We must crack down on opioid dealers while also providing alternatives to limit the amount of addictive opioids prescribed to patients in the first place.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** The health of the Chesapeake Bay comes to mind. Marylanders love their blue crabs and oysters, but the Bay must be healthy for these populations to thrive and prices to stay low. The Bay is also enjoyed by Marylanders in many other ways. Although protecting the health of the Bay is one of my top concerns regarding Maryland's natural resources, we must find a financially conservative way to do so.

**LOCAL PROJECTS:** One of the biggest issues facing Frederick that I have not touched on above is traffic. This is a huge issue for anyone who commutes from Frederick, and even those who commute across or into Frederick. At the top of the list is alleviating traffic along the I-270/US-15 corridor, which at times can be backed up throughout my entire district, leading to unnecessary headache for my constituents.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Some other issues that are priorities for me include: Defending the Second Amendment, promoting election integrity, lowering and/or eliminating taxes across the board, and completing our return to normal life after COVID-19.

### **Democratic Candidates**

Democrats may vote for up to 3

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am an effective advocate with strong experience who will be relentless in bringing back critical state investments and resources to meet our local needs. Bio: 20 year Frederick resident; parent of a blended family of three; served on City of Frederick's Board of Aldermen (council); public and private sector professional career; founded a nonprofit dedicated towards closing the digital divide.

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** In Frederick, we are in need of more jobs that pay at least \$60,000+ per year (the min. required to afford the basics) and residents need to have practical and realistic options to seek the education, training and skills to be qualified and hired for these same jobs. We also need more affordable and safe childcare options; better transit (bus); and address rising costs on fixed-income seniors.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Continue the community policing model in which officers use partnerships & problem-solving techniques to proactively address the immediate conditions that lead to public safety issues such as crime and fear of crime; that adequate resources are available for public safety; that mental health and prevention strategies are effectively deployed early on & that all community voices are at the table.

**EDUCATION:** We must ensure that Frederick County receives critical school staffing and construction funding to meet our needs as the fastest growing jurisdiction in the state. This requires effective advocacy and oversight of recent passed state education reforms and the additional investments that were made. We must also ensure that there are student behavioral health specialists at every school.

**HEALTH:** We still see huge disparities between those who can afford needed healthcare and those who cannot. Seniors face rising prescription costs and a byzantine health system that

is not patient friendly and is difficult to navigate. Residents can have drastically different outcomes when it comes to cancer, heart, pregnancy and disease due to costs and access. We must challenge the state to do more.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** We need state investment to address intensifying and damaging local storm flooding; including upgrading our storm water management systems; identify new opportunities for reforestation & solar generation; scale up food compost programs that are easy, simple and convenient; & make available additional affordable home weatherization tax credits and loans that all homeowners can easily use.

**LOCAL PROJECTS:** Secure construction funds to upgrade capacity and safety on US Route 15; expand MARC train and local bus services; secure additional school construction funding; address the rising costs on seniors (including prescription drugs), fund pedestrian safety and anti-reckless driving initiatives; fund a 2<sup>nd</sup> county senior center and champion laws that protect older adults from abuse, neglect & theft.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Expand training and education programs that set workers on career paths to jobs that pay \$60,000+/year and super charge Frederick to be a community of innovation.//Help ensure our first responder system has the needed personnel, tools and resources for effective, life-saving EMS and fire response.//Support policies that prevent and crack down on employment wage theft.//

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I've lived in this community for over 30 years. I have seen and heard the successes and gaps in services and supports. I have 20 years of experience working in a for-profit business, 2 years working in Annapolis as a legislator's chief of staff, and over 20 years of experience in the non-profit community advocating for policies to benefit our community and specifically disenfranchised populations.

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** Systemic and systematic inequity is one of the leading causes of our country's growing wealth disparity. For far too long, our society has demanded that our disenfranchised communities somehow overcome impossible burdens to participate in the American dream. Our government should actively identify and remove institutional barriers to equity to create an even starting line for every Marylander.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Crime is deeply rooted in societal inequities and a lack of accountability. I seek to identify systemic responses, including access to education, culture, healthcare, upward mobility, and community services. These structural elements reduce long-term crime. Immediately we can increase community outreach, proper accountability boards, and best practices to minimize gun and illicit drug access.

**EDUCATION:** Expanding on the great work of the Blueprint for Maryland's Future, officials must make record investments in social and emotional learning. The current mental health crisis will reverberate in the generations to follow. We can prepare now with comprehensive access to mental well-being resources. We can ensure that every Maryland child is given the opportunity for a healthy educational experience.

**HEALTH:** We are in a mental health crisis that is equal to the pandemic. We must invest in our communities to provide mental well-being resources that are affordable and accessible. We must also address the systemic inequity of health insurance access by reducing cost barriers and creating greater market competition to drive prices down, allowing for greater access.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** Building on the Climate Solutions Now Act, we need to holistically look at our climate crisis. This includes green investment, increasing mass transit and affordable housing, reducing waste, investment in smart growth and farmers, and supporting regenerative and biodiversity efforts at our farms and forestry. Additionally, we need proper long-term educational strategies to inform the public.

**LOCAL PROJECTS:** Working with local experts, we must address the mental and physical well-being in District 3. Organizations report being understaffed and overwhelmed by the demand tackling behavioral and physical health crises, housing and food insecurity, retirement, and social inequity. I will be seeking ways to lift these services and provide greater support to our people on the front line of this crisis.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Increasing access to technology. Securing proper funding for education. Identifying and resolving inefficiencies in our safety-net programs. Encouraging evidence based policies to reduce crime. Increasing government transparency. Supporting non-profits. Filling gaps in governmental services. Repairing our unemployment system. Reducing predatory business practices for both citizens and employees.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** Prior to my 2018 election to the House of Delegates, I was a community college English professor for 25 years. In teaching students to write convincingly, I emphasized looking at all sides of an issue and using valid reliable data and expert opinion when crafting a position. I bring that same practice to my work in the General Assembly.

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** The residents of Maryland, regardless of socio-economic status, have a right to a quality education and affordable healthcare. Maryland has made great progress on these issues. There is still a need for affordable housing and reliable transportation and childcare assistance for Marylanders to take advantage of economic opportunity.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** In 2021, the General Assembly enacted sweeping police and criminal justice reform that increased citizen involvement and enhanced police accountability. Reducing crime requires a multifaceted approach involving the cooperation of all levels of government. Expanding economic opportunity, decentralizing poverty, addressing mental health in schools, and treating addiction as a public health issue.

**EDUCATION:** The investment that will come from the Blueprint for Maryland's Future will expand pre-K, improve special education, raise teacher salaries, and lower class sizes. COVID provided the impetus for improving instructional technology providing flexibility in teaching and learning. I support a teacher apprentice program that will recruit and train the next generation of teachers at no cost to them.

**HEALTH:** Mental health is the biggest health challenge facing Maryland. It leads to substance abuse, violence, poverty and despair. We have made progress with expanding mental health coverage, telehealth options, and "any willing provider" access for those who are insured and cannot find an in-network provider. More mental health resources are needed in our schools to provide early intervention.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** Climate change, rising sea levels, unpredictable and weather patterns and increased severe weather along with the health of the Bay are my greatest concerns. The recently enacted Climate Solutions Act reduces Maryland's reduces

greenhouse gas emissions 60% by 2031, in large commercial buildings and multifamily dwellings by 20% by 2030 and will achieve net-zero emissions by 2040.

**LOCAL PROJECTS:** Affordable housing and transportation are priorities in District 3. There are good, high-wage jobs, but the cost of housing and lack of personal transportation, crowded roads and inadequate public transportation make it difficult to take advantage of these employment opportunities. Addressing this requires coordination at all levels of government and a delegation that works well together.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Affordable child care, increased funding for music and the arts on par with school sports, creating apprenticeship programs to address healthcare worker and teacher shortages to provide education and training at no cost to the apprentice, increasing locally sources food and addressing food deserts, adding open space, recreation and park land.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** Following a four-generation legacy of public service in Frederick and more than thirty years as a soldier, educator, and scientist, I served on the Climate Emergency Workgroup and was elected to the Democratic Central Committee. Currently serving on the COVID19 Testing Task Force, as a Vice President of the NAACP, and as a leader in Progressive Maryland, I understand the issues we face.

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** The state should support workers' rights, safe workplaces, fair compensation, and collective bargaining. The minimum wage should be a livable wage, and a full-time worker should be able to afford to meet basic needs. The state should provide protections for essential workers, repair the unemployment insurance system, and provide sick and family leave to address economic inequities.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** I favor strong community leadership on Police Accountability Boards, ensuring swift responses to misconduct; also, and counselors on first responder units. I favor the full implementation of the Blueprint for Maryland's Future investment in our schools that increase educational opportunities for students as a way to break the cycle of poverty and its associated crime.

**EDUCATION:** I will advocate hiring diverse teachers, increasing technology access and training for students and teachers, and equity in educational opportunity and funding for students receiving special education services, English language learners, and schools in high poverty communities. I will advocate for expanding full-day Pre-K, and Family Support Center programs for children with the greatest need.

**HEALTH:** The lack of affordable health care is a health challenge that we all face. I will expand community health services, comprehensive, affordable health care programs, and curtail drug costs. I will work to increase access to community health equity grants to support projects addressing health disparities in vulnerable populations and addressing factors that lead to health disparities.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** Climate change is our greatest challenge; I will address it by supporting legislation that protects our Bay and Bay watershed, promotes renewable energy alternatives, and shifts us to the generation of green energy alternatives. I will advocate smart growth, managing urban sprawl, cleaner forms of mass transit, and regenerative land management practices.

**LOCAL PROJECTS:** A priority is better communication between elected officials, the public, and the State delegation so that the needs of District 3 are understood to garner state resources. Such priorities include a downtown conference center, transportation priorities, affordable housing, broadband infrastructure, and cultural, historic, and economic development projects not funded by capital grants or loans

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Another priority is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, increase economic development opportunities, and increase access to good-paying jobs with green transportation solutions. Expanding MARC train service to Frederick and points west with weekend service and mid-day service in both directions would be transformational for Frederick County and Western Maryland.

## **Karen Simpson**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am a domestic violence survivor and a Maryland State public servant since 1992. I currently serve as the Maryland State Retirement Agency Education Manager. I know Maryland law. I was our Child Protection Citizens Review Panels Program Manager, the Campaign Finance Deputy Director, and brought Maryland millions of grant funds. I am a social justice advocate. I care about you and our neighbors.

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** The State must stop treating poverty as a crime. We need a livable wage, affordable housing, better schools for all, green jobs, equitable tax relief, financial support, and economic justice. Our local, State, county and city representatives must work together to follow a legislative road map for prosperity, equity, and opportunities for all.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Stop frustrating our judicial system with issues they are not equipped to rehabilitate. We need more schools, recovery, and mental health services. We need proven solutions to disrupt cycles of violence. I support opportunity, fairness, and justice for all. Every profession has a few who are in the wrong profession and reflect poorly on the team. We must address intentional and unconscious bias.

**EDUCATION:** The pandemic provided teachable moments to reimagine how education could look for all learners to thrive. I strongly support the Blueprint for Maryland's Future and agree to provide the financial resources to fund the Blueprint. Our actions must reflect the important role our schools hold in our communities. Our students and teachers must feel safe and supported in the classroom.

**HEALTH:** Affordability and access. Healthcare is the number one issue raised by voters regardless of their age. Our climate crisis is a significant health challenge. My daughter has an auto-immune disease. No one should be a paycheck away from going broke because they get sick. I will sponsor and support legislation that provides available, affordable, accessible, and exceptional healthcare for everyone.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** We can best protect our natural resources and environment with a sustainable Maryland plan that will improve residents' quality of life, reduce flooding, address climate change, and reduce greenhouse admissions. I support green energy jobs for renewable energy sources to improve the health of our land, water, air, and residents.

**LOCAL PROJECTS:** Frederick's most pressing issue is growth. Frederick's rapidly growing communities without adequate infrastructure to support the growth puts pressure on our government, our schools, our roads, our flood mitigation system, and every other county and city system. Our communities want equity of services. We need to invest in our infrastructure to keep pace with our growth.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Everyone knows someone who has been subjected to abuse and gender violence in their home, work, school, or community by a few who bruise, bully, and sometimes kill the people we love. We can protect them. Gender violence impacts our economy, our education system, and our safety. The issues that affect our families and neighbors will be my priority. I am running to be the change we seek.

## **Stephen Slater**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have been an attorney in Frederick for 19 years, working primarily to obtain benefits for disabled persons in our community. I am a lifelong Frederick resident and I know this community and the needs of our citizens. I have been active in local politics for more than three decades, serving on various boards and commissions and building relationships with state and local leaders.

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** The state has a great role in providing services the economically disadvantaged. In my role as a disabilities attorney, I have spent a great amount of time helping people gain access to healthcare, nutritional assistance, and substance abuse and mental health treatment. Eliminating the barriers to these services will help all Marylanders move toward economic independence and self-sufficiency.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** In order to feel safe, Marylanders need to trust those that are sworn to protect them. Maryland took a big step towards this by raising the requirements for the use of force, mandating the use of body cameras, establishing citizen police accountability commissions, and restricting no-knock warrants. I support these and other efforts to reassure the public and to provide better training to police.

**EDUCATION:** As the son of two public school teachers (and the brother of another), education has always been a big part of my life. I fully support the Blueprint for Maryland's Future. To improve education we need three things, excellent and supported educators and school staff, quality educational facilities, and a curriculum that prepares students for success. I also support our community college system.

**HEALTH:** The most significant health challenge is access to healthcare, including basic health insurance, substance abuse treatment programs, and mental health treatment. The pandemic has stressed all of these public health services, but also shown us new ways to deliver services such as increased use of Telehealth. I support providing grants to non-profit providers of mental health and treatment programs.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** My greatest concern is the impact of climate change and the continued use of fossil fuels. I support a transition to an all-electric fleet for state vehicles and a build-out of the infrastructure to support electric citizen-owned vehicles. I also strongly support the transition of our electrical generation plants from fossil fuels to renewable energy sources.

**LOCAL PROJECTS:** In my district, I would like to see more accessibility for need-based services. Currently, a citizen in need has to go to multiple offices to enroll in health insurance, mental health services, substance abuse treatment, nutritional assistance, housing, job services, etc. I would like to see a service coordinator or central location that is a one-stop shop for all essential need-based services.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Other priorities for me include strengthening programs that support seniors being able to afford to keep their homes as the assessed value of their property increases, increasing support for our returning veterans that have served our country (especially mental health services), and increasing public transportation infrastructure (especially MARC train and possible Metro service to Frederick).

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I've earned a B.S. in Political Science gained professional experience collaborating with state and local agencies as well as local nonprofits to implement policies and effective strategies. The targets of those strategies are the solution of homelessness, crime reduction, and barrier reduction for students and educators. I've been active and advocating for my community for almost a decade.

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** Focus on legislation that supports the infrastructure for affordable housing. The minimum wage doesn't compliment the cost of living, so there needs to be a push to increase the minimum wage. Healthcare is expensive, so legislation needs to be introduced for the government to pay healthcare, and support the Maryland Blueprint which will provide more resources for title 1 schools

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** The policies that I believe would be most effective center around crime prevention, deterrence and accountability. I am in favor of stricter gun laws to create more accountability around owning firearms as well as the prevention of weapons that create mass casualties.

I believe that we as a population need to support behavioral and mental health treatment.

**EDUCATION:** Additional compensation should be given for the extra duties now required to get our school system through this pandemic. We need a strong public education system to sustain the position of our state as one of the best in the nation and to attract the highly educated workforce that will be the economic engine of Maryland's economy. We need legislation that addresses the mental health of students.

**HEALTH:** My priorities include maternal, behavioral, mental and maternal health. That equity in COVID testing and treatment should be a priority. Legislation to increase health education in underserved communities with the goal of producing better outcomes and wrap-around service for addressing mental and behavioral health. Supporting postpartum and doula programs by providing supporting funds.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** We, as a country, are on an unsustainable path in our fossil fuel usage. Maryland has one of the lowest consumption rates per capita. Maryland's energy mix includes nuclear, and which these two are the greatest use. We must introduce legislation to support the use of Hydro, Solar, and wind to improve the environment in Maryland. This will create more jobs and an eco-friendly Maryland.

**LOCAL PROJECTS:** The increase in educator's salary and diversity in our school system and curriculum. Minority, Women, and Veteran owned businesses need more support to grow and establish sustainability. Frederick County public transportation system accessibility and reliability. Legislation to support the law enforcement internal infrastructure and increase accountability and transparency.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** We must support a woman's right to choose and secure legislation for abortion facilities and agencies that are pro-choice. Frederick County residential communities need to implement effective speed control to increase safe communities.

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## House of Delegates District 4

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** How does your experience prepare you for the duties of the House of Delegates?

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**PUBLIC SAFETY:** What policies do you favor to reduce crime in Maryland while improving police accountability in communities?

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

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** What is your greatest concern regarding Maryland's natural resources/environment, and how will you address it?

**LOCAL PROJECTS:** What issues or projects are your priority for your own district?

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** What other issues are priorities for you?

## Republican Candidates

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### **Heath S. Barnes**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am the current Burgess ( Mayor) of Woodsboro, MD. During my time in this position I have been able to secure funding for many things including building a town office that the town has never had. In my personal career I have an MBA and been in Human Resources for 15 plus years where I work with employees of all backgrounds to solve issues. I volunteer with multiple organizations in the community.

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** There are several ways and programs that I think would assist our economically disadvantaged. As someone who was on their own at the age of 16 and worked hard to put myself through multiple degrees while struggling financially I understand the struggles.I would like to see better programs where a person can get help obtaining and learning a skill or trade that they can actually use.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** I personally think that our officers need more resources. I am against the idea of defunding our police departments. Something I do support is having a separate department of social workers who may be there to assist our officers in certain non violent situations to de-escalate. I back the blue and appreciate the risks they take daily to keep us safe. Crime continues to rise in defunded cities.

**EDUCATION:** Our education system needs to get back to focussing on the core curriculum such as reading writing and arithmetic. On the national scale our country is falling further and further behind in average scores especially in math. Although Maryland ranks high in the state rankings we still need to improve and focus more on core curriculum versus political and social issues as the main topics.

**HEALTH:** Frederick County in my opinion is much too large to just have one hospital in it. The county and state keeps giving money to remodel and expand the one, ut I believe we should have a second hospital in the county to accommodate the growth. Instead of redoing the current one every few years just take that money and build a second hospital.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** My greatest concern especially in Frederick County where farming is a huge part of our economy is the ever shrinking farmland. I am for farm preservation and think we need to be focussing even more on the preservation of farmland. As someone

who comes from a family of Dairy and Beef farmers I understand the struggle that the farmers go through.

**LOCAL PROJECTS:** I want to focus on our retirees as many cannot afford to retire in Maryland. No child should be denied growing up around their grandparents simply, because after spending their life in the state they cannot afford to retire here. We need to lower taxes on retirees.

I am also for giving parents a say in their child's education or were he or she goes to school.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** I am a supporter of the 2nd Amendment and would like to make it easier for law abiding citizens to practice their 2nd amendment rights. Smaller Government is what we need. Our government in the state is getting too big and overbearing especially for our small businesses that are our backbone. I want to see it easier for a small business to be able to start up and then thrive in the state.

## **Barrie S. Ciliberti**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** As a current delegate, Barrie Ciliberti is well prepared to continue his service in the House of Delegates. Delegate Ciliberti represents District 4 in the Maryland House of Delegates and has served the counties of Carroll and Frederick since 2015. He serves as a member of the MD Environment and Transportation Committee. In 2005, he served in Iraq as a Senior Governance Advisor.

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** In 2022, the state of Maryland had a \$7 billion budget surplus. Delegate Ciliberti believes that we should continue to provide gas tax relief in response to the growing gas prices that have burdened Maryland residents. Additionally, Dr. Ciliberti believes the majority of these funds should be returned to all Maryland taxpayers.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Public safety and crime de-escalation are major concerns for Delegate Ciliberti. His top policy proposals involve:

Felony charges for firearm theft

Felony charges for gun crimes

Accountability for juveniles: young people need to be held accountable for violations of the law & or be provided with the help needed for reform

**EDUCATION:** As a retired University of Maryland professor, he is an advocate for enhancing our educational system and continuing to improve standards in our schools. Delegate Ciliberti believes that our teachers need more support and protection in the classroom. Pay for our educators needs to reflect the work they produce. The virtual challenges of COVID added immense pressure to our teaching professionals.

**HEALTH:** Delegate Ciliberti believes that mental health is the most significant health challenge facing our state. Suicide is becoming a public health issue in Maryland and we can do better. Counseling services and mental health facilities are a crucial component of fighting this battle. Delegate Ciliberti believes residents need more access to mental health services as well as community outreach programs.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** Maryland has many unique ecological and environmental features that demand our attention. A large concern to Delegate Ciliberti is the pollution of the Susquehanna River and how it affects the Chesapeake Bay's ecological health. Delegate Ciliberti will push for action that keeps our waterways healthy and protected. Pollution mitigation actions are required to keep our waterways clear.

**LOCAL PROJECTS:** Road improvement is a pressing issue for my constituents in Carroll and Frederick County. I270, West along I70, and North along Route 15 are current areas that demand our investment and improvement. Additionally, Frederick city requires attention in order to improve the growing traffic demands. These projects are essential to improving the living conditions of my constituents.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Delegate Ciliberti wants to pass legislation to protect our nurses and other medical care professionals as well as first responders. He is passionate about

eliminating assaults against our medical workforce. Violence against our medical care professionals and first responders cannot be tolerated.

### **April Fleming Miller**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I grew up in Frederick County and raised my children on a farm here. I have been a local optometrist for over 20 years and my husband has a small business. I served 8 years as a conservative on the BOE, fighting for policies that put students and families first. These experiences have prepared me to represent District 4 with a strong foundation of family values and common sense decision making.

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** Maryland needs to focus on creating an economic and educational climate that offers equal opportunities for success...for individuals to be able to build and achieve the life they want for themselves and their family. The state has many programs in place to support those in need: apprenticeship pathways, workforce development, free community college, small business administration and incubators, etc

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Police officers are facing escalating personal risk and numerous challenges in keeping our community safe. I support increased funding for recruitment, retention, training and equipment as well as SRO programs. Prosecuting criminals to full extent allowable, especially repeat or violent offenders, deters crime. Hot-spot policing, focused deterrence and community-police partnerships are effective.

**EDUCATION:** MD schools have become centers for social engineering instead of centers for academics. CRT, teaching gender identity in K-3, socio-emotional learning and politics need to be removed from our classrooms. MD Blueprint for Ed and the AIB need paused, teachers have had enough change. Decreases in achievement, increases in mental illness and school violence, staff exodus all need addressed quickly.

**HEALTH:** The shut down of our schools and economy due to COVID has caused devastating changes to society. Struggles with mental illness have skyrocketed in number and finding enough providers is a challenge.

Many delayed medical care and are suffering consequences. Dr's offices and hospitals are too costly to run, so they sell to management groups. Insurance companies are dictating treatment.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** No response received by deadline.

**LOCAL PROJECTS:** Issues: Inflation and the economy, sky high fuel costs, supply chain crisis, direction of education in our schools, retirement and estate taxes, management of growth and housing costs, increasing threats to the safety of our community and being able to defend themselves, widening 270. They do not want Frederick County to become any more like Montgomery County.

They support our police.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** I support empowering parents to make educational choices that are in the best interest of their child. If schools continue to fail our children, then the solution should not be to give more funding to the schools. The solution should be educational funding that follows the child.

### **Jesse T. Pippy**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I was elected and I'm currently serving as a Maryland State Delegate in District 4. Additionally, I have been selected by my peers to several leadership positions,

including Chairman of the Frederick County Delegation, leading all Frederick County legislators. I was also appointed Chairman of the Republican Caucus' Steering Committee, where I am in charge of our 42 Member legislative agenda.

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** The role of government is not to pick winners and losers, but rather to ensure there is an opportunity for anyone willing to do the work. Government should ensure that taxes and fees are low and that employment opportunities are available. I have introduced legislation each year to lower taxes and fees and to remove barriers for job creation for all Marylanders.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Public safety is an essential. I have and will continue to support our law enforcement community to ensure that all Marylanders have a safe community to live, work and raise a family in. We need to ensure that our policing agencies are fully funded, and our police officers are well-trained. I have introduced legislation each year to support our law enforcement and increase police funding.

**EDUCATION:** We need to ensure that parents have a seat at the table when it comes to any decisions regarding their children's education, particularly, issues like curriculum and in-person teaching during a pandemic. Additionally, Maryland has spent billions of dollars on public education with very little accountability in place. I have introduced legislation that would address both of these issues.

**HEALTH:** The last few years dealing with this pandemic has put a great deal of stress and strain on all Marylanders. We need to support our citizens by using common-sense policies that are not doing more harm than good. We have repeatedly seen government policies that have been implemented with the intent to address the pandemic but resulted in other unintended consequence such as on mental health.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** Maryland is a beautiful state, and we already have the toughest environmental laws in the Country. I want to ensure that we are not adding any additional onerous regulations on Marylanders. I believe we can achieve a balance in keeping our state healthy and beautiful verses being overly regulated.

**LOCAL PROJECTS:** Frederick County has experience tremendous growth in the last few decades which has added a great deal of strain on our residents. We need to ensure that our infrastructure can support the increased traffic and that our schools are not overly populated. As the Chairman of the Delegation, I was proud to bring home record funding for our County to address these issues.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** I have had the great honor of serving the residents of District 4 for the last 4 years and I look forward to continuing my service as a fierce advocate for my constituents at providing a more responsible, accountable and common-sense state government. Our work is not done, but I will fight and give it everything I got to ensure that the government works for the PEOPLE, not the other way around.

### **Democratic Candidates**

Democrats may vote for up to 3

#### **Andrew Duck**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have 40 years of public service, including 20 years on Active Duty in the Army, serving in Bosnia and Iraq. I have worked at every level from Company Clerk to Pentagon Staff. This has given me experience in administering government programs and preparing and managing budgets. I have a bachelor's degree in public administration and studied economics at the graduate level.

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** The state must provide an economic environment in which all people can succeed. Workers deserve a living wage and access to education and training.

We are addressing unemployment; we must also address inflation. We need competition, more resilient supply chains, and an end dependence on fossil fuels. I support a co-operative to provide a meat processing facility to help both farmers and consumers.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** I support Community Oriented Policing where police get to know the neighborhood. This enables crime prevention and early intervention. Mental health collaboration should be used to support de-escalation. We need to provide uniform training on de-escalation techniques, use of force limitations, and appropriate equipping of law enforcement officers.

**EDUCATION:** American Rescue Plan funds should be used to provide smaller class sizes and additional tutoring to address academic learning gaps due to the pandemic. We must ensure access to needed mental health counseling for students impacted by this traumatic experience. I support the reforms laid out in the Blueprint for Maryland's Future. Our schools should be the hub of our communities.

**HEALTH:** COVID has imposed trauma on our State, and continues to have a mental health impact. We need to train additional mental health professionals. As a veteran, I have seen the importance of addressing post-traumatic stress. We need to treat long COVID. We also need to improve the resilience of our medical supply chains. Frederick County needs a second hospital to accommodate our growing population.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** Addressing Climate Change and cleaning up the Chesapeake Bay are key goals. We must work with neighboring states on the Chesapeake Bay because Maryland's progress has not been matched by our neighbors. I support an increased emphasis on energy conservation and research. I am Director of Operations for a research company with several patents on semi-conductive polymers for green energy uses.

**LOCAL PROJECTS:** We must preserve our agricultural heritage while building a welcoming community. We need strong, supportive, and resilient communities, which welcome all of our neighbors. Agriculture is vital to our economy, and it makes our community more desirable. We need to bridge the divide between rural America and urban/suburban America. Our politics have become too divisive. We are one America.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** When I enlisted at the age of 19, I took an oath to "protect and defend the Constitution from all enemies, foreign and domestic". I am still bound by that oath. I never thought that I would see a violent insurrection in the U.S. Capitol. We must protect our democracy and defend the rights and liberties enshrined in our Constitution, ensuring that all citizens have equal access to those rights.

## **Brandon Duck**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I believe I have a unique perspective for the House with my more common man experiences, I see how law impacts people on a more ground level. I have worked with a variety of people and that has impacted how I look at the world and see issues.

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** The government should definitely be a safety net for people as they need help. People like to use the term "pulled myself up by my bootstraps" but that is a literal impossible task, and we are asking people to get out of huge issues that they may have had no control of. We need to help our fellow man as much as possible.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** I believe in a more community based approach to law enforcement. Studies show when police are more directly involved in their communities the attitudes of the people are better towards the police and vice versa. More focuses on treatments rather than punishments also show a much higher benefit for our societies rather than harsher punishments.

**EDUCATION:** We need to fund schools more. Make sure they have proper equipment and can be prepared as best they can be for these kinds of challenges, because you can never predict everything that is going to happen. Getting our students and teachers better equipment and training is the best way to keep our students and teachers up for the challenges that may come.

**HEALTH:** Our most significant health challenges are education and access. We need to make sure our people have the tools to find out what they need to do if they are sick and where they can go. They also need to be aware of programs to help them with any costs or what long term care they may need.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** I believe we have to move towards more renewable energies. We have to keep moving forward against green house gases and renewables seem like the best way to do that. I would propose more wind farms and solar farms in areas that are empty and needing to be utilized.

**LOCAL PROJECTS:** Expanding broadband. Internet is becoming more and more a integral part of our life, from entertainment to utility. Too many times in my work, I have heard people say they cannot get broadband to their home, and I think that is a disgrace. Expanding broadband gives people more tools in their lives to make their lives better.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Community. We have become so divided right now as a country, and we honestly agree more than we disagree. We can't just look at the other side and dismiss them, we need to engage them with empathy, and heal from our differences so we can work together.

## **Millicent A. Hall**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I worked as a Legislative Assistant, which has provided an insiders look at the inner workings in Annapolis. I have done research for legislation, retrieved co-signers signatures for proposed legislation, and handled constituent service. Constituents services was my favorite part of the job. I really enjoyed listening to and helping people. I have also been active in community organizations.

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** I believe the most important role the government has is protecting its most vulnerable people, which definitely includes the economically disadvantaged. Education, access to healthcare, fair wages, and access to affordable housing can all be affected by state funding, guidelines, and laws.

I also plan to work on initiating training programs that are low or no cost, and use a service incentive.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** We must close the school to prison pipeline and ensure schools, preschools, & aftercare programs are funded properly. We need to look at closing opportunity gaps by implementing no cost training or schooling for in demand careers. For police accountability I believe that police officers should be required to have bodycams, & officers should be subject to the same legal liability as everyone else.

**EDUCATION:** When I talk to teachers about the effects of COVID I've heard how students have a harder time concentrating, following instructions, and properly interacting with teachers, staff, & students. It's not education loss that's the issue, it's behavioral. Until we tackle the mental health crisis our education system will suffer. This has been worsened by misinformation, which has eroded public trust.

**HEALTH:** I think our most pressing health challenge is poverty. Poverty makes it harder to stay healthy or get healthy.

I believe our second biggest challenge is mental health, both the stigmas surrounding it and the ability to access treatment for it.

Both of these issues disproportionately affect people of color and rural communities.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** We must grow Maryland in a smart and eco-friendly way. We can create good jobs in green energy and being environmentally friendly. Making sure that small farms are protected, and large corporate farms are properly regulated will go a long way to helping support a greener Maryland. Also, supporting the Bay, which is an economic and ecological benefit to Maryland.

**LOCAL PROJECTS:** Overwhelmingly I hear concerns about economic concern & internet access. Inflation is affecting everyone, and it is a growing concern. In District 4 we also need to make sure that there are good jobs available, including telework jobs, which means having quality internet access. Internet readiness can also help attract businesses to rural Maryland. Everyone should have access to reliable internet.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** My biggest priority will be rebuilding trust. At the federal level there is so much distrust that nothing gets done; so we must do better at the state level. I want to be able to listen to constituents' concerns regularly. I want to work across the aisle to get things done for District 4. I will work hard to make sure that District 4's priorities are showcased and advocated for.

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## House of Delegates District 5

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### Questions

**QUALIFICATIONS:** How does your experience prepare you for the duties of the House of Delegates?

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** What role should the state play in addressing the needs of economically disadvantaged people in Maryland?

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### Republican Candidates

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** Experience is knowledge. As someone who attended trade show, worked as a welder, went to college at night and started a business with their hard earned life savings, I bring lots of experiences to the table, which my constituents can relate.

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** Stop electing Democrats to run things into a ditch. Look no further than Baltimore City. Good parents are the key to any successful society and no amount of state money thrown at economically disadvantaged people will solve the problem.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Police accountability is not a problem and I am disappointed to see such an absurd question. Lack of good parents disciplining their kids, ensuring they go to school to learn the three "R"'s, showing respect to police and the elderly. Most communities wrecked by crime are the fault of bad politicians deceiving the poor citizens who elect them and make excuses for their terrible policies.

**EDUCATION:** Push back against the teacher unions who blocked educating our kids using fraud pandemic policies that have been 100% proven to be a scam. If the associations, in question, actually cared about the children they would not have supported "snake oil" policies that severely damaged our kids educational and mental health development.

The bureaucracy has become a monster that self feeds.

**HEALTH:** Affordability: Less gov't involvement lowers health care cost, more gov't increases cost. Free market economics solves the problem. Unfortunately, those who run Annapolis keep going in the wrong direction.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** Water quality: Continue the local construction policies of storm water management to restrict pollution and sediment runoff.

**LOCAL PROJECTS:** Carroll County pays lots of state taxes, is considered wealthy, has to finance numerous state agencies within it's jurisdiction, struggles to balance it's budget and gets cents on a dollar in revenue back from the state to run their agencies. I want to destroy the educational distribution formula, because it is racist and discriminatory. Children regardless of skin tone deserve the same amount.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Commissioner government needs to be completely outlawed and citizens must elect a constitutional government with separate executive and legislative branches by The People. Additionally, a Citizen Redistricting Convention needs to be elected and convened every ten years to draw legislative districts independent of politicians. Our redistricting process is a corrupt scam perpetrated ever ten years.

## **Dennis E. Frazier**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** My Experience includes : President of my homeowners Association, member of the Tree commission, the Parks board, and the Planning and Zoning commission all for the city of Westminster, I have also been a City Councilman and I am in my second term as a County Commissioner.

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** The state needs to make sure that everyone has the same access to a quality education and, counseling as well as all state and social services. Where someone lives should not determine the services available to them.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** We need to do more for educational opportunities , job opportunities and, early intervention with counseling. I believe these three things will reduce crime. Body cameras will help to hold police as well as the people that interact with them accountable.

**EDUCATION:** We already have highly qualified teachers why not just let them teach, and if the administration would back them up that would be a great help as well. We need more Instructional assistances, to help with the workload. The school systems could also offer after school help as well as summer programs.

**HEALTH:** The most significant health challenge facing MD. is a mental health crisis. Mental health issues that go untreated often result in drug abuse. We need professionals that can diagnose mental health issues early and prescribe treatment.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** My greatest concern is that money is being spent to work on environmental problems to make people feel good but do little to resolve the issue. EX. The Chesapeake Bay, the major problem affecting the bay is the sludge behind the Conowingo Dam and the state is not adequately addressing it.

**LOCAL PROJECTS:** Priorities in my district would include lack of water resources that are needed to keep Carroll County moving forward and balancing that development with agricultural preservation, also the transition from a mostly volunteer Fire and EMS service to a mostly paid service.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** No cash bail, juvenile justice reform, drug treatment, preserving the environment and balancing that with job growth.

## **Scott Jendrek**

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No response received by deadline.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have worked in the Human Resources field for over 13 years. I understand the practical challenges caused by implementation of new mandates and regulations. Often the laws proposed are very costly and difficult for the business community. I am able to articulate these challenges to fellow lawmakers.

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** I believe that Maryland already has a very effective safety net in place to help those who need assistance. I think that there needs to be transparency and accountability of the programs to ensure that only those who truly need assistance are participating.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** I believe that we need to do a much better job of prosecuting those who break the law in order to reduce crime. The trend in recent years of not holding criminals accountable for "small crimes" have led to the sharp increase in violence we are currently seeing on a daily basis. Ensuring our citizens ability to enjoy their lives in safe communities should be our number one goal.

**EDUCATION:** We need to keep our children in school, in person. School systems need to provide assistance such as tutors and summer opportunities to help our children get back on target after losing so much during Covid. I believe we need to allow opportunities for workforce classes to count towards graduation requirements. Computer Science, Agriculture Education and the trades should be promoted.

**HEALTH:** The opioid crisis continues to be a challenge. The common issue I hear about are the lack of providers for in-patient treatment. We need to increase treatment beds. We need to better communicate the various networks of non-profits providing free healthcare services in communities such as Missions of Mercy and others. There should be one website listing services available for those in need.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** Access to water is a need in Carroll County. Resources are needed for the agriculture community and job creators. In addition we need greater access to affordable domestic energy across the nation and certainly in our state.

**LOCAL PROJECTS:** I and our delegation secured key infrastructure funding needs across our county and for our municipalities. We work with our county and other stakeholders each year to address needs in the community.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** I will continue to push for graduation requirement updates that would provide options for Computer Science, Agriculture Education and the Trades to count towards the required credits. We must place value on workforce skills for our students so that they are equipped to be successful.

## **Sallie B. Taylor**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** Lifelong conservative Republican. Lived over 25 years in Carroll County. Been both a homeschool mom and a marching band booster parent. I am a long-time political activist and staff member serving conservative causes and politicians. Worked for eighteen years for Congressman Roscoe Bartlett in various senior staff positions as well as Delegate Dan Cox during the 2020 and 2021 regular sessions.

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** The two things that all Marylanders want are good schools and safe streets. Stop the nonsense social experiments that the State is conducting in both. Get back to basics of educating children. Let police to do their jobs. Beyond that, repeal the idiotic tax and regulatory policies that are chasing employers out of Maryland.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** To reduce crime, I favor arresting and prosecuting criminals. The improvement that I advocate to provide police accountability is to restore the law enforcement duties to an elected sheriff. Get law enforcement out from under the political whims of a mayor or county executive thus making the top cop directly accountable only to the public that he/she serves.

**EDUCATION:** Stop the social experiments and CRT indoctrination. Provide traditional education to all. Provide both college and career options in schools. Acknowledge that parents are the primary stakeholders in their children's education. Establish broadband everywhere. Make State Board of Education subordinate to locally elected Boards of Education, local decisions. Support BOOST. Establish school choice.

**HEALTH:** Drug overdose. Access to health care in rural areas. Violent Crime. Major health problems are hard to address in limited space, but let's look at what we are doing wrong like not addressing crime. Tele-health, health and nutrition programs small part of solution, need to remove barriers to healthcare facilities & personnel to locate in rural areas.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** In our zeal to become "green," we can't overlook the need for adequate protections to make sure that windfarms (miles from our Maryland shores) and solar farms are being properly maintained and when the time comes properly disassembled. Love the innovations and jobs that these industries bring. Another problem, we need to ensure adequate clean water supply at affordable rates.

**LOCAL PROJECTS:** We need to focus on core government functions such as ensuring adequate safety and emergency services. Growth can't outpace infrastructure. I would like to focus on more business and industry expansion so that people can work and live in Carroll County. Our thriving agriculture communities have and will continue to be the centerpiece of our economic expansion.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Protect our US Constitutional rights from government overreach. Stop passing lunatic laws that cause more problems than solve, such as teaching sexual fluidity to K-3rd graders instead of ABCs. Protect women & the unborn from MD's anytime for any reason performed by anyone extreme abortion laws. End the tax and spend climate which is chasing people and businesses out of Maryland.

## **Chris Tomlinson**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** As a longtime Republican activist and a dedicated community volunteer, I have the energy and experience required to hit the ground running. For the last decade, I have worked closely with our current delegation; testifying before committees, working on legislation, and shadowing our legislators.

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** As the product of two blue-collar hard working parents, I am first person on both sides of my family to graduate college, I know what it is like to be at a

"disadvantage." The government should be there for the disadvantaged to serve as a steppingstone, not a crutch.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** I will introduce "Distribution of Heroin or Fentanyl Resulting in Death" legislation to make sure dangerous drug dealers pay for their crimes. I will fight for law enforcement and fight back against those who still want to push the incredibly unpopular and ineffective "defund the police" agenda.

**EDUCATION:** I am proud to have worked hard in 2016, 2018, and 2020 to make sure Carroll's school board is represented by solid conservatives who continue to fight for our children and families. We can never go back to virtual learning and we must stop liberal indoctrination from entering our schools.

**HEALTH:** Over the last decade I have lost friends to drug abuse. As a young adult, I witnessed in real time the rise of opioids and the effects it had on our community. I will help addicts get the treatment they need, get drugs off the street, and put dealers away.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** As a Carroll County resident, where 50% of the land mass is in agricultural use, I care deeply about our natural resources/environment. However, passing legislation such as the Climate Solutions Now Act of 2022 does nothing to actually save the earth and is instead another tax burden on Marylanders.

**LOCAL PROJECTS:** I will fight back against tax increases, vaccine mandates, government overreach, the opioid epidemic, and liberal indoctrination in our schools. I will fight for small businesses, our agricultural heritage, the integrity of our elections, the lives of the unborn, law & order and those in uniform, and 2nd Amendment rights.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Keeping Carroll County... Carroll. Despite our close proximity to urban & suburban counties, Carroll has managed to protect our agricultural heritage, ensure that taxes remain low, and keep crime down. I will fight without end to see that Carroll County's values and priorities never change!

## **Stephen A. Wantz**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** Carroll County Commissioner serving my second term. I am a retired Baltimore County firefighter/ small business owner, 47 year member of the Pleasant Valley Fire Company where I have served as President, Chief. EMS Captain. I am on the legislative committee and Board of Directors of the Maryland Association of Counties, Governors Emergency Advisory Council and Federal Emergency Mgmt Agency.

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** Every effort should be made to provide funding and tax credits for those who are in this category. The state should be focused on surgically infusing funding through local governments to all available programs at the local level as one size does not fit all and county governments know best on the needs of their citizens. Policies should be developed increasing employment and or wages.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Reducing opportunities for crime with strong justice and conviction seeking methods. Strengthen community and social structures by partnerships with law enforcement, parents and families, small business owners and main street communities, schools and school officials while defending local autonomy. The stronger the partnerships the more effective reduction and accountability will become.

**EDUCATION:** Collaboration with local health departments and medical experts. Developing clear communication channels with constant monitoring of ensuring accountability. This not only applies for COVID or future health concerns but also for fiscal responsibilities of our school systems. Those directly involved including superintendents, school boards etc., must improve transparency at every level.

**HEALTH:** Heart disease, cancer, stroke, diabetes, mental health and substance abuse to name a few. Working with experts in the fields of these areas to create policies that mitigate these problems while also working with planning and zoning personnel to ensure managed

growth where we design and build our communities and infrastructure to ensure healthier neighborhoods with open spaces.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** Pollution in all areas including our roadsides and the health of our beloved Chesapeake Bay. The general assembly should work with the Maryland Department of the Environment to ensure clean water, proper solid waste management, and recycling. Develop reasonable, common sense policies to ensure the guaranteed future of clean air and water in Maryland

**LOCAL PROJECTS:** Ensuring broadband and internet connectivity continues as rapidly as possible, improving infrastructure including water, sewer and roadways. Creating a positive transparent relationship with local leaders at both county and municipality levels to ensure state resources are available to allow our county to continue the rural, safe, great place to live work and play atmosphere.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** The most important aspect of being an elected official is public safety followed by education. I will strive to reach across the aisle and work with fellow legislatures, regardless of party to ensure Carroll County defends local autonomy but yet work with everyone to ensure Maryland remains the best state it can be in all categories.

## **Scott Willens**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I retired 1/31/2022 at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel with 20 years of active-duty Army service and an Iraq War Veteran. In addition to holding a PhD in pharmacology, I am a veterinarian with board certification in public health and preventive medicine and a successful animal hospital owner. I am the only Delegate candidate in d5 with this diverse leadership, business, and scientific background.

**ECONOMIC INEQUITIES:** The state should foster an economically permissive climate that stimulates business growth, agriculture, and resultant employment opportunities. Oppressive taxes and regulations have pushed businesses, retirees, and capital out of the state, reducing our tax revenue and job opportunities. Help the disadvantaged to stand on their own and take pride in their academic and career accomplishments.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** The "Defund the Police" movement was extremely detrimental to law enforcement and to public safety. NYC was cleaned up in the 90s by not allowing gateway crimes to go unpunished and thereby encourage more severe crimes, and I would promote confirmation of Constitutionally aligned state justices. I am not averse to police cameras to protect not only the public but the police themselves.

**EDUCATION:** I have already spoken with BOE members and candidates, as well as the Plumbers and Steamfitters Union, about enhancing opportunities for ag and skilled trades for high school and middle school students. I would promote environments safe from drugs and violence, bullying and indoctrination, and unscientific and unconstitutional mask and vaccine mandates that have greatly damaged our children.

**HEALTH:** The opioid epidemic may top the list. I was involved with combatting the opioid crisis when I worked at U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense, and as a pharmacologist, I understand the damage that substance abuse causes better than any candidate. Post-COVID mental and physical health effects to our children must be addressed now, lest they feed back into issue #1.

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** I am greatly concerned about the unintended adverse consequences of "climate change" legislation on the economy, agriculture, and even the environment itself. We need agriculture, public health, and conservation experts in Annapolis to discover balanced and sustainable solutions grounded in the current reality of our resources, not activists. I have education and experience in all those arenas.

**LOCAL PROJECTS:** Land preservation, agriculture, inflation, substance abuse, indoctrination of students, development, police and firefighter resources, and post-high school opportunities are key issues to d5. My ABC (Agriculture, Business, Children) plan

addresses all of those issues, in addition to my priorities already listed above. I have the multidisciplinary background to tackle all of these issues.

**OTHER PRIORITIES:** Maryland should be more financially welcoming to business, military, families, workers, and retirees. We are witnessing a mass exodus of taxpayers to neighboring states, along with their capital and expertise, due to our myopic tax code. I will facilitate greater buy-in from business, agriculture, research, and development to support land preservation and conservation without stifling the economy.

**Note:** There are no Democratic candidates for this office.

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## Frederick County Executive

**DUTIES:** The County Executive directs, supervises and oversees Frederick County Government departments and agencies, establishes policies and proposes the budget.

**TERM:** The County Executive serves a four-year term and not more than two consecutive terms

**SALARY:** \$95,000, plus benefits

**HOW ELECTED:** Beginning in 2014 and every four years thereafter, the registered voters of the entire County shall elect a County Executive in the manner provided by law at the same time as members of the General Assembly are elected.

### Republican Candidates Republicans may vote for 1

#### Michael Joseph Hough

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#### ***What is your plan for helping/fixing the transportation issues in Frederick County?***

I am the only candidate in the race committed to keeping Frederick County from being strangled by Montgomery County-style gridlock. While my opponents support a "road diet," I will support the expansion of I-270 and build roads to reduce gridlock. I have worked in a bipartisan manner to bring millions in infrastructure funding back to Frederick County.

#### ***Explain how you will address climate change and sustainability in our county?***

In 2020, I was named an Environmental Leader by the League of Conservation Voters for my fight against taxpayer subsidies for large polluters. As County Executive, I will support expanded use of renewable energy. However, I won't support the radical, Montgomery County-style policies like a local carbon tax and banning natural gas.

#### ***How will you support the Board of Elections and help guarantee equal access to all the polls in Frederick County?***

When I saw that Frederick County was planning on cutting the number of Election Day polling locations in half, I wrote to the Board of Elections in opposition. Fortunately, we passed a state law prohibiting the elimination of polling places. I am glad to report the County has to offer the same number of in-person Election Day polling locations as they did in 2018.

#### ***How will you advocate to address the mental health and addictions needs in Frederick County?***

Increasing access and funding for mental health and drug treatment has been a big priority for me. As a State Senator, I co-authored the bipartisan Justice Reinvestment Act, which

added millions in additional funds for treatment. This year I also sponsored bipartisan legislation with Delegate Karen Lewis-Young to bring an Assisted Outpatient Treatment program to Frederick County for mental health.

## **Democratic Candidates**

Democrats may vote for 1

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#### ***What is your plan for helping/fixing the transportation issues in Frederick County?***

I will create incentives for companies to give employees the option to work from home; investigate the creation of a trolley system that would coordinate with bus services; negotiate a contract with a local cab company or Uber team to provide transportation to the low income, aging and disabled residents at a subsidized, reduced rate, and develop a bike-share and Transit Pass program.

#### ***Explain how you will address climate change and sustainability in our county?***

Global warming is real. If we choose to ignore the signs, our children will not have an opportunity to enjoy our wonderful planet. I will support Frederick County's plans to achieve Net Zero Greenhouse Gas Emissions by 2050. Though it is necessary to take steps to save our environment, our efforts will be balanced to ensure we can function today while improving our environment for the future.

#### ***How will you support the Board of Elections and help guarantee equal access to all the polls in Frederick County?***

I will approve a budget that supports the replacement of old voting machines; require mandatory pre-election testing on all voting machines; develop a marketing campaign recruiting poll volunteers and election judges that reflect the diversity in our community, including Spanish speaking volunteers, and coordinate election security between the twelve municipalities.

#### ***How will you advocate to address the mental health and addictions needs in Frederick County?***

I will coordinate services and support around mental health and addictions with Frederick County Public Schools, Frederick Health Hospital, Frederick County Health Department, and various Non-Profit Organizations to create an efficient and effective county-wide effort to address this growing problem. I will appoint dedicated staff to oversee this initiative and provide regular community updates.

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#### ***What is your plan for helping/fixing the transportation issues in Frederick County?***

As a two-term County Council member I led efforts on the Livable Frederick plan and supported \$1.2 million in COVID funds to improve TransIT.

As County Executive I will:

- use infrastructure funds wisely; work to improve commuter routes, esp. U.S. 15, I-270, I-70.
- fund Bikeways and Trails Plan; add EV charging stations to parks, libraries.
- expand para-transit; keep buses fare-free.

***Explain how you will address climate change and sustainability in our county?***

For 8 years on the County Council I've been a champion for climate change.

As County Executive I will:

- invest in funding & outreach for programs that provide incentives to property owners to "go green."
- continue the transition to EVs; expand purchasing of Renewable Energy Credits; build more solar and microgrids.
- implement recommendations from the Climate Emergency Mobilization Work Group.

***How will you support the Board of Elections and help guarantee equal access to all the polls in Frederick County?***

As a Council Member I've been outspoken in my support of our non-partisan redistricting process and excellent Board of Elections staff.

As County Executive, I will:

- address transportation challenges for voters by partnering with the Ride United Program and TransIT Plus service.
- engage our business community to encourage and incentivize citizens to serve as election judges.

***How will you advocate to address the mental health and addictions needs in Frederick County?***

As a mother of two and 16-year teacher with FCPS, I've seen our students' growing mental health needs.

As County Executive I will:

- implement the Frederick County Crisis Stabilization Center.
- strongly fund our Health Department; support focus on health equity.
- help FCPS improve student-to-counselor ratios; hire more behavioral support.
- oppose predatory practices such as patient brokering.

**Kai John Hagen**

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***What is your plan for helping/fixing the transportation issues in Frederick County?***

Big problems call for many small solutions (there's no silver bullet). Adhere to Smart Growth principles, support a multi-modal approach over simply adding more & bigger roads, improve connectivity, support walkability & bicycles, make transit expansion more economically viable. Better traffic demand management strategies and congestion management measures. Say no to four new toll lanes on I270.

***Explain how you will address climate change and sustainability in our county?***

Our climate crisis is real. We must be part of the solution. Reduce emissions, sequester carbon, become more resilient in the face of changes. View public policy and legislation through lens of climate. Advance recommendations of CEMWG Climate Response & Resilience report. Preserve forests & farms. Adhere to Smart Growth. Support clean energy, energy conservation, composting and transition to EVs.

***How will you support the Board of Elections and help guarantee equal access to all the polls in Frederick County?***



Fair elections at all levels are essential to our democracy. We must protect and expand voting rights. Support and fund easier and same-day registration, mail-in voting, expanded voting locations (especially in marginalized communities), use of drop off boxes. Better inform voters about election process (rules, hours, locations, deadlines). AND, increase transparency and campaign finance reforms!

***How will you advocate to address the mental health and addictions needs in Frederick County?***

These critical issues must be approached as public health matters that affect our entire community. Frederick County has made great progress: expansive peer support recovery staff embedded at the hospital & elsewhere, opening a medically supervised detox center, funding 2-1-1 & expanding the Mental Health Assn, introducing mobile crisis 24/7. I'll support the crisis stabilization center in the CIP

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## **Frederick County Council At Large**

**DUTIES:** The Council is the legislative branch of County Government. Members of the County Council pass legislation, appropriate money to fund the capital and operating budgets, set county property and other local taxes, and make planning, zoning, and subdivision decisions. The Council makes appointments to the offices, committees, and commissions that report to the Council. It also exercises oversight over County programs.

**TERM:** County Council members serve for four years and no more than three consecutive terms

**SALARY:** \$22,500 per year with no benefits.

**HOW ELECTED:** The seven-member County Council consists of five members elected by district and two elected at-large. Council members have the power to initiate legislation. Legislative sessions are limited to 45 days yearly and non-legislative sessions as needed.

### **Republican Candidates**

Republicans may vote for up to 2

#### **Tony Chmelik**

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***What is your plan for helping/fixing the transportation issues in Frederick County?***

During the pandemic the traffic issues around the County dissipated greatly due to the ability of people to work remotely. We should identify County positions that are able to continue this that do not interfere with their ability to perform as intended. We need to continue to work with our state officials on the many options available for 270: buses, toll lane expansion, rail, and lane expansion.

***Explain how you will address climate change and sustainability in our county?***

Continue support of our Land Preservation policies that have already preserved 70,000 acres in the County. Continue the use of best practices for stream protection and drainage areas for new development. Provide incentives to farmers to protect environmentally sensitive areas. Provide local incentives for the implementation of geothermal heating and solar expansion on homes and businesses.

***How will you support the Board of Elections and help guarantee equal access to the polls in Frederick County?***

The County could do more to help the Board by advertising for election judges and volunteers. Support additional polling locations as we grow. Ensure proper funding. It is also my belief that polling sites and the data collected not be hooked up to the internet and all

services for the Board of elections should be provided by American companies, preferably Maryland based.

***How will you advocate to address the mental health and addiction needs in Frederick County?***

We need to ensure/increase (specific allocation) funding for mental health and addiction services at the County jail (incarcerated and post release programs), greater outreach to the homeless community and campaigns for mental health awareness. These efforts could be supported through grant funding to local nonprofits that would need to report their effectiveness to the Council on a regular basis

**Philip Dacey**

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***What is your plan for helping/fixing the transportation issues in Frederick County?***

We must invest in roadway fixes. We can partner with the state to widen 270 and start spending to expand Route 15 which is decades overdue. There are minor changes that can make a big difference; adding turn lanes, adding acceleration lanes, and other relatively small fixes that have a big payoff. Transit and rideshare must be part of the equation too.

***Explain how you will address climate change and sustainability in our county?***

We can start adding climate resiliency to the planning process for newly designed areas. We should aggressively pursue federal, state, and non-profit grant dollars. We should make it easier for private providers to install solar where it makes sense.

***How will you support the Board of Elections and help guarantee equal access to the polls in Frederick County?***

Voting is one of our most important rights and duties as a citizen. Elections have real consequence and we should and do encourage participation in local government and elections. There are many ways to access voting through mail in ballot applications and drop off ballot applications as well as over 60 polling places on election day. We need to continue to raise awareness for how easy it is.

***How will you advocate to address the mental health and addiction needs in Frederick County?***

We need to assure everyone who is seeking treatment for addiction has access to help. Addiction is a destructive cycle. When a addict is ready for help, we must be able to provide that helping hand. For mental health treatment we should partner with the state of Maryland to improve mental health access to our residents.

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***What is your plan for helping/fixing the transportation issues in Frederick County?***

The County needs to partner with the state and municipalities to ensure that proposed growth has early investment in transportation networks to handle stress from development. To secure quality of life for families and citizens, we must use the tools at our disposal, including traffic research, raising AFPO standards for roads and working with developers to meet community transportation needs.

***Explain how you will address climate change and sustainability in our county?***

Conservative tradition recognizes the importance of conservation and land stewardship. Critical to this is committing to agricultural land preservation, protecting environmental resources and our rural landscape, and finding opportunities to modernize government

operations to be on top of innovations, opportunities, fuel efficiencies and technologies while keeping within budget.

***How will you support the Board of Elections and help guarantee equal access to the polls in Frederick County?***

Protecting election integrity, transparency and access is critical to raising voters' confidence in the election system. County officials should work with the Board of Elections to ensure information about elections is clearly and proactively communicated, confirm that registration rolls are cleaned and that we have the election judges and secure polls available to secure access across our county.

***How will you advocate to address the mental health and addiction needs in Frederick County?***

These complex, related and mounting issues require multi-faceted solutions. We must involve law enforcement, health care professionals, educators, non-profits, activists and families to help with awareness, detection, prevention, treatment, care and recovery. We can also make sure our communities are safe and connected in ways that strengthen mental health and quality of life for citizens.

**Democratic Candidates**

Democrats may vote for 2

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***What is your plan for helping/fixing the transportation issues in Frederick County?***

Investment in public transportation that is reliable and responsive to the needs of all county residents will take some pressure off increasingly crowded county roads. The development of rural public transportation helps our growing senior population age in place and expands job opportunities for residents with disabilities. Overdue road expansions must also be considered to reduce traffic.

***Explain how you will address climate change and sustainability in our county?***

I will listen to the agricultural community to address their local concerns about how climate change is affecting the growing season and their business. More frequent flooding rains have led to more swift water rescues and additional road maintenance. Emergency Services should have resources for additional training, equipment, and personnel. Infrastructure should be evaluated for resilience.

***How will you support the Board of Elections and help guarantee equal access to the polls in Frederick County?***

Many voters need transportation to the polls. An organized and advertised document/webpage with available transportation options including public transit, Election Day ride share programs, and absentee ballot request information can lower this barrier. Efforts to retain election judges for future elections should include resources for continuing outreach and annual training with compensation.

***How will you advocate to address the mental health and addiction needs in Frederick County?***

County agencies and caring non-profit organizations work to serve the growing mental health needs in our community. I support using all available grant funding to help these effective non-profit organizations succeed. We should also be collecting data from the Mobile Crisis Services team for analysis, so we can develop strategies to be more responsive locally to those struggling with addiction.

**Brad W. Young**

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***What is your plan for helping/fixing the transportation issues in Frederick County?***

Much of the transportation issue has been caused by growth in our county. I will work with State and Federal officials to try to address some of the infrastructure needs. Many of the roads that are issues are not county roads so we will have to advocate to State and Federal government to get them addressed. We must also address the growth issue and make sure there is capacity before growth.

***Explain how you will address climate change and sustainability in our county?***

I am a strong supporter of recycling and all sensible efforts to curb pollution and damages to our environment. As a country, we must find ways to reduce waste and to reduce harmful emissions. I will support all sensible efforts to address climate change and sustainability in our county. I've supported efforts in our schools to reduce waste from our cafeterias through separation of and recycling.

***How will you support the Board of Elections and help guarantee equal access to the polls in Frederick County?***

We have been blessed to have a great Board of Elections in Frederick County for many years. I will support all efforts of the Board to make sure voters have easy access to vote whether in person or by mail. Elections must be fair and accessible to all. We will continue to make sure there are plenty of polling locations that meet voters' needs. I will also encourage young people to register!

***How will you advocate to address the mental health and addiction needs in Frederick County?***

I have been a strong advocate for mental health services during my time on the BOE. The need for these services is higher now than ever. As a member of the County Council, I would advocate for funding to provide more mental health services for our residents. I fully support the mobile crisis response car that the county has deployed. Getting services to where people need them is important.

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## **Frederick County Council District 1**

**DUTIES:** The Council is the legislative branch of County Government. Members of the County Council pass legislation, appropriate money to fund the capital and operating budgets, set county property and other local taxes, and make planning, zoning, and subdivision decisions. The Council makes appointments to the offices, committees, and commissions that report to the Council. It also exercises oversight over County programs.

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**SALARY:** \$22,500 per year with no benefits.

**HOW ELECTED:** The seven-member County Council consists of five members elected by district and two elected at-large. Council members have the power to initiate legislation. Legislative sessions are limited to 45 days yearly and non-legislative sessions as needed.

### **Republican Candidates**

Republican residents of District 1 may vote for 1

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***What is your plan for helping/fixing the transportation issues in Frederick County?***

My plan is to: (1) Seek grant funding for traffic studies through agencies such as NHTSA and the Maryland Department of Transportation; (2) Collaborate with private and public sector partners to ensure work gets done quickly, correctly, and safely; (3) Work with State and Federal legislators on earmarking funding for Frederick County road projects and ensure that those funds are accounted.

***Explain how you will address climate change and sustainability in our county?***

I would not mandate additional costs or regulations at local businesses. Ultimately, those costs get passed to the taxpayer. Allow the free market needs to work in this avenue. If we can find 'cleaner' energy that is efficient and not a strain on our grids, then use them. Electric vehicles are helpful but not everyone can afford them.

***How will you support the Board of Elections and help guarantee equal access to the polls in Frederick County?***

The question suggests there is not equal access to the polls which is patently false. The key problem is finding enough election judges to staff the polls. If the Board of Elections cannot staff the polls, they have to make tough choices. I will work alongside the Board of Elections to ensure that polling places are open and staffed.

***How will you advocate to address the mental health and addiction needs in Frederick County?***

My plan to advocate mental health and addiction needs is simple. I will reach out to organizations like NAMI, the State Health Department, and other to obtain grant funding for more doctors and treatment options. I will encourage private-public partnership in an effort to reduce the burden of the costs on the tax payers.

**Bill Miskell**

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**Campaign Twitter Handle:** @MiskellBill4

**Campaign Twitter:** @MiskellBill4

***What is your plan for helping/fixing the transportation issues in Frederick County?***

There are two viable transportation systems: Trans-It and MARC. These are not currently operating at maximum capacity. Need to expand Trans-It fleet to cut wait time/increase riders/increase routes. MARC needs to expand tracks available and put up other stations to accommodate riders other than Pt. of Rocks/Brunswick. Continue to expand Bike and Pedestrian lanes for public access/use.

***Explain how you will address climate change and sustainability in our county?***

Among the most impactful things that the county can do to combat climate change is incentivizing zoning and land uses that allow people to live closer to where they work. Coupling that with making it easier for people to get around the area by walking, biking, or Public Transit. Also, continue to work with area farmers, who are doing a great job addressing issues related to climate change.

***How will you support the Board of Elections and help guarantee equal access to the polls in Frederick County?***

I will advocate to get more people involved/volunteer in the process. More volunteers, allows Board of Election to provide more facilities to vote. These additional facilities could be strategically placed at community sites where transportation then would not be an issue. Also, inquire with locals High Schools to see if students would participate to receive SSL credits for their help.

***How will you advocate to address the mental health and addiction needs in Frederick County?***

To improve access to Behavior Health Services instead of opening clinic doors and waiting for people to arrive, I think we need to meet people, "where they are". This entails active outreach, engagement and dealing with each individual's clinical and socio-economic

circumstances. Requires revised view of effective integrated care across multiple health service settings.

## **Democratic Candidates**

Democrat residents of District 1 may vote for 1

### **Jerry Donald**

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

**Campaign Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/DonaldDistrictOne/](http://www.facebook.com/DonaldDistrictOne/)

#### ***What is your plan for helping/fixing the transportation issues in Frederick County?***

Every year I have advocated to the State that we must widen Route 15 through Frederick and we must add a lane to Route 70 between where 15 South exits onto 70 and Braddock Heights, where the third lane reappears. I also push for developers to widen the roads before building the development, not widening it in phases as the houses are built.

#### ***Explain how you will address climate change and sustainability in our county?***

We have added solar panels at the landfill to help power Frederick County Government. I also voted for M.C. Keegan-Ayer's solar bill so that some solar can be added to farms (but not on prime soil, which is needed for crops or grazing). I have sponsored two bills that widened buffers around rivers and streams to improve water quality.

#### ***How will you support the Board of Elections and help guarantee equal access to the polls in Frederick County?***

I support doing all we can to get alleviate the shortage of poll workers for the elections. We also must make sure our ballots are secure after voting and that mail-in ballots are properly counted. The Board of Elections has done an excellent job of doing all of this in the past and I am sure 2022 will be no different.

#### ***How will you advocate to address the mental health and addiction needs in Frederick County?***

I have continued to support budgets over the last eight years that are working to address the mental health and addiction issues in Frederick County. We added an addiction treatment center at Marcies Choice and I have supported the many programs we have through the Health Department. We have also given money to FCPS which has added positions to help with the mental health of our students.

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## **Frederick County Council District 2**

**DUTIES:** The Council is the legislative branch of County Government. Members of the County Council pass legislation, appropriate money to fund the capital and operating budgets, set county property and other local taxes, and make planning, zoning, and subdivision decisions. The Council makes appointments to the offices, committees, and commissions that report to the Council. It also exercises oversight over County programs.

**TERM:** County Council members serve for four years and no more than three consecutive terms

**SALARY:** \$22,500 per year with no benefits.

**HOW ELECTED:** The seven-member County Council consists of five members elected by district and two elected at-large. Council members have the power to initiate legislation. Legislative sessions are limited to 45 days yearly and non-legislative sessions as needed.

## **Republican Candidates**

Republican residents of District 2 may vote for 1

### **Casie Chang**

No response received by deadline..

### **Steven J. McKay**

**Campaign Website:** [www.mckay4frederickcounty.org](http://www.mckay4frederickcounty.org)

**Campaign Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/SteveMcKay4FrederickCounty](http://www.facebook.com/SteveMcKay4FrederickCounty)

**Campaign Twitter:** @McKay4FredCo

#### ***What is your plan for helping/fixing the transportation issues in Frederick County?***

My APFO bill strengthens our traffic mitigation standards, forcing new development to offset the traffic congestion it creates and limits new development in areas with the worst congestion. I lobbied for the new connector road from Landsdale to MD75, additional lanes on 80 in Urbana, and to limit trucks at the CSX Bridge, including opposing new development that increases truck traffic on 75.

#### ***Explain how you will address climate change and sustainability in our county?***

Our best strategy for addressing climate change and sustainability is to continue to preserve our farmland and limit growth, which I have done as a Council Member. I support green energy initiatives and have solar on my own home. I would love to see solar carports filling the FSK parking lot and other appropriate locations, as well as large scale solar installations over poor soil areas.

#### ***How will you support the Board of Elections and help guarantee equal access to the polls in Frederick County?***

The County Council has no authority over the Board of Elections; however, if they need funding, I'll support it. The right to vote is fundamental in our Country, so I strongly believe in equal access. To facilitate this, I support in-person voting, mail-in balloting and ballot drop boxes. Any measures that we can take to make it easier for more people to cast a legal ballot, I will support.

#### ***How will you advocate to address the mental health and addiction needs in Frederick County?***

As a society, we must have compassion for those who need our help. COVID has created a mental health pandemic that we can't ignore. Addiction remains a challenge. Our veterans face both problems more than anyone. I will continue to support our veteran service and mental and health support programs to address these issues. I also support the Sheriff's efforts to stop the drug trade.

## **Democratic Candidates**

Democratic residents of District 2 may vote for 1

### **Lisa Jarosinski**

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

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**Campaign Twitter:** @LisaJarosinski

**Campaign Twitter Handle:** @LisaJarosinski

#### ***What is your plan for helping/fixing the transportation issues in Frederick County?***

Keeping pace with road infrastructure is critical to development. It is important that our roads remain safe and uncongested. With growth in development, we need to assess the volume of traffic on our roads and ensure they are adequately maintained, serviced, or

widened. Funding needs to be found in conjunction with the State where feasible to improve our roads so they are serviceable and safe.

***Explain how you will address climate change and sustainability in our county?***

I will look to incentives and regulations to encourage businesses and individuals to participate in reducing pollutants and caring for our environment. I would bring all the stake holders together to discuss and work on specific solutions. We need to work on collaborating in order to solve our problems rather than pointing fingers and yelling at one another...wasting time and solving nothing.

***How will you support the Board of Elections and help guarantee equal access to the polls in Frederick County?***

Voting rights are the bedrock of our democracy. The Board of Elections is working throughout the redistricting process to provide equal access and availability to all voters. My goal is to support their efforts especially as they try to communicate changes. Should any voter-restricting legislation be proposed, I will work tirelessly against it.

***How will you advocate to address the mental health and addiction needs in Frederick County?***

Everyone has been affected by the specter of addiction and mental health illnesses. The pandemic has only exacerbated the problems. We must address these issues with law enforcement, treatment facilities, and health providers. We need to take the stigma out of mental illness and educate our citizens. Empathy, understanding, and support should be the foundation of how we tackle these challenges.

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## **Frederick County Council District 3**

**DUTIES:** The Council is the legislative branch of County Government. Members of the County Council pass legislation, appropriate money to fund the capital and operating budgets, set county property and other local taxes, and make planning, zoning, and subdivision decisions. The Council makes appointments to the offices, committees, and commissions that report to the Council. It also exercises oversight over County programs.

**TERM:** County Council members serve for four years and no more than three consecutive terms

**SALARY:** \$22,500 per year with no benefits.

**HOW ELECTED:** The seven-member County Council consists of five members elected by district and two elected at-large. Council members have the power to initiate legislation. Legislative sessions are limited to 45 days yearly and non-legislative sessions as needed.

### **Republican Candidates**

Republican residents of District 3 may vote for 1

#### **Shelley Aloï**

***What is your plan for helping/fixing the transportation issues in Frederick County?***

I support expanding I-270 and Rt 15 and advocate for the planned sound barrier to reduce noise. I also support local jobs and walkable, bikeable neighborhoods. As Alderman, I voted to fund the Monocacy Blvd exchange and upgrade the road to I-70. Collaborating with a Democratic colleague, I helped secure funding for Phase II of Carroll Creek. Bipartisan problem solving - a road, a park, more jobs.

***Explain how you will address climate change and sustainability in our county?***

I support expanding renewable energy and cost savings programs. As Vice Chair of the Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee, I worked with county and regional leaders to positively influence policymakers toward common sense, fiscally responsible and



sustainable, environmental policies. On the Council, I will collaborate with environmental leaders and include all stakeholders.

***How will you support the Board of Elections and help guarantee equal access to the polls in Frederick County?***

This year, the Board of Elections planned to reduce the number of election day polling places. Had they been successful, only half of the in-person locations would remain. Thankfully, our State legislature passed a law to stop the elimination of polling places. I am grateful for the work of our State representatives to intervene and ensure access for voters.

***How will you advocate to address the mental health and addiction needs in Frederick County?***

We expect a significant increase in mental health concerns as the result of the pandemic. So, I support additional funding and access for mental health and addiction treatment programs. This touches on the work that I do. As such, I advocate for Frederick County to become a trauma-responsive community. For example, I support Getting Ahead, implemented by Howard County and others in the nation.

### **Democratic Candidates**

Democratic residents of District 3 may vote for 1

#### **Jazmin Di Cola**

No response received by deadline..

#### **M. C. Keegan-Ayer**

**Campaign Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/MCfor3](http://www.facebook.com/MCfor3)

**Campaign Website:** [www.mc4district3.com](http://www.mc4district3.com)

***What is your plan for helping/fixing the transportation issues in Frederick County?***

Work to expand local mass transit options and service, with better coordination and integration of those services. Work with state and federal partners for better commuter options to DC and Baltimore, and improved road capacity for vehicles – especially I-270 N&S, Route 15 N&S through Frederick City and I-70 west from Route 15 past Middletown Valley.

***Explain how you will address climate change and sustainability in our county?***

Work with local governments around the region, including the Washington Metropolitan Council of Governments to address climate issues regionally. Implement more ideas from report by Climate Emergency Work Group. Work with Farm Bureau and building industry as partners in efforts to build greener, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, reduce stormwater runoff, and use more sustainable farming practices.

***How will you support the Board of Elections and help guarantee equal access to the polls in Frederick County?***

Ensure adequate funding for sufficient polling sites and hours of operations to allow easy access for voters. Promote early voting, and publicize hours and locations of these sites. Promote use of mail-in ballots as viable alternative to in-person voting, and publicize locations as well as easy accessibility of drop boxes. Encourage ride shares for getting voters to polls.

***How will you advocate to address the mental health and addiction needs in Frederick County?***

Continue to support more funding to the Mental Health Association, Fire and Rescue Services Mobile Community Health Unit, the Mobile Crisis Unit, the county's detox center and the crisis stabilization center. Continue to publicize the FC mental health 2-1-1 hotline, and national 9-8-8 hotline (opening 7/1/22) for anyone experiencing mental health crises. Update my NARCAN training for emergencies.

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# Frederick County Council District 4

**DUTIES:** The Council is the legislative branch of County Government. Members of the County Council pass legislation, appropriate money to fund the capital and operating budgets, set county property and other local taxes, and make planning, zoning, and subdivision decisions. The Council makes appointments to the offices, committees, and commissions that report to the Council. It also exercises oversight over County programs.

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### Republican Candidates

Republican residents of District 4 may vote for 1

**John Fer**

No response received by deadline.

**Chaz Packan**

No response received by deadline.

**Steve Valentino**

No response received by deadline.

### Democratic Candidates

Democratic residents of District 4 may vote for 1

**Nicholas Augustine**

**Campaign Website:** [www.Nick4Frederick.com](http://www.Nick4Frederick.com)

**Campaign Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/Nick4Frederick](http://www.facebook.com/Nick4Frederick)

***What is your plan for helping/fixing the transportation issues in Frederick County?***

Work with and advocate state delegation to support improvements along I-70, I-270, and Route 15 to increase traffic safety and efficiency. Increase routes and hours of TransIT throughout the county after independent study on service demands. A 15-minute car ride should not take 1.5 hours by TransIT. Rapid bus transit to downtown Frederick transit center from multiple locations during rush hours.

***Explain how you will address climate change and sustainability in our county?***

Climate change is our greatest national security risk and our biggest challenge at the local level. We need to establish methods to implement the findings of the Climate Emergency Mobilization Workgroup and continue the goal of preserving 100,000 acres of farmland through ag. preservation programs. I will work with stakeholders to develop legislation requiring new buildings to be LEED compliant.

***How will you support the Board of Elections and help guarantee equal access to the polls in Frederick County?***

Voting is a fundamental right, and every vote shall be counted. I will advocate increasing the Board of Elections budget to support staffing needs to provide efficient services, fund technology and advancements to increase security of our voting systems, funding to keep

our election workers safe while executing their duties and voting educational outreach to marginalized communities.

***How will you advocate to address the mental health and addiction needs in Frederick County?***

There is a lack of sufficient capacity for inpatient and outpatient mental health services. We need follow-up services for those patients discharged after a mental health crisis. The opioid epidemic should be a multi-pronged approach using evidence-based prevention and treatment intervention to include: increase number receiving medication, retain those in treatment, expand naloxone distribution.

**Kavonte Duckett**

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**Campaign Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/duckettforfrederick](http://www.facebook.com/duckettforfrederick)

***What is your plan for helping/fixing the transportation issues in Frederick County?***

Creating equitable transportation connects people to opportunities. The county's growth has outpaced investments in our infrastructure which leaves deficiency for residents. I will support the expansion of the county's transit system by expanding routes and hours of access and the availability of bus shelters. I will also open the conversation to alternative transportation options.

***Explain how you will address climate change and sustainability in our county?***

County government has begun the process of becoming "green" and I will work to continue that effort. I will work with the new County Executive to find ways to improve energy efficiency at county facilities, and to improve the county's ability to minimize its reliance on fossil fuels. The county must be a leader in this efforts.

***How will you support the Board of Elections and help guarantee equal access to the polls in Frederick County?***

I will work collaboratively with the Board of Elections to make sure all polling places are open, accessible, and well-known to all voters.

***How will you advocate to address the mental health and addiction needs in Frederick County?***

Daily I witness those battling with mental illness and addiction to which I understand the importance of person-centered services. It is imperative that we educate the community on the struggles of mental illness and addiction so that people not only know how to help themselves put to help others.

**John Funderburk**

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**Campaign Instagram:** @jfun1

**Campaign Twitter Handle:** votejohn4council

**Campaign Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/votejohn4council/](http://www.facebook.com/votejohn4council/)

***What is your plan for helping/fixing the transportation issues in Frederick County?***

Traffic is the number one issue in District 4. It's a huge problem that's going to require many different solutions. We have many infrastructure projects in the pipeline that are going to require strong advocacy to expedite shovel to ground timelines. For example, to alleviate traffic on Route 26 and Monocacy there's a proposal to create an overpass going West on Route 26.

***Explain how you will address climate change and sustainability in our county?***

I'm proposing legislation on day one to address local climate change by advocating for tax credits for rooftop gardens. Rooftop gardens address climate change by improving air quality, managing storm water, increasing roof life (which decreases the damaging ozone effects of replacing a roof), promotes healthy food choices, and increases physical activity.

***How will you support the Board of Elections and help guarantee equal access to the polls in Frederick County?***

I will support equal access by advocating against the closing of neighborhood polling centers, such as the polling center in Dearbought which has over 1000 addresses within a few square blocks. In addition, we need more public marketing on the needs and benefits of being a poll-worker and participating in the democratic process.

***How will you advocate to address the mental health and addiction needs in Frederick County?***

As public servants we are often expected to know everything about every subject. Mental health and addiction is not a subject I am well versed on. However, I will lean on local community advocates who are directly involved with and understand the pain and frustrations of addiction and mental health. I will use their expertise to learn about this subject and advocate appropriately.

**Betty Law**

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

***What is your plan for helping/fixing the transportation issues in Frederick County?***

Plan systematically and eliminate bottlenecks prior to permitting new development in those areas, for example at N. Market and East St. New development needs to pay its fair share to account for its impact on our road systems. MARC train and busses should be expanded. Safe bike lanes would encourage those physically fit to leave their cars at home.

***Explain how you will address climate change and sustainability in our county?***

Follow Livable Frederick guidelines and the recommendations of Mobilize Frederick. Support PC recommendations on Sugarloaf Overlay. Evaluate all legislation for its contribution to sustainability. Preserve our productive farm land, support composting programs, charging stations, retrofitting housing to be more energy efficient and move all county buildings toward zero emissions.

***How will you support the Board of Elections and help guarantee equal access to the polls in Frederick County?***

Expand/enhance publication of voter information (how to register, where and when to vote) on non-electronic media (e.g., frequent columns in Frederick News Post and local newspapers, radio spots, notices in libraries, health centers, community centers, etc). Explain how to request mail-in ballots. Support maximum number possible of drop-boxes for early and same day voting.

***How will you advocate to address the mental health and addiction needs in Frederick County?***

Address stigma of addiction and mental illness by educating students, health care/other professionals and general public on roots of behavioral health disorders, mischaracterized as "personal choices." Personalize problems; offer positive stories about recovery. Support evidence-based programs with local, state and federal funds. Provide access in needed areas. Training for EMT staff and police.

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## **Frederick County Council District 5**

**DUTIES:** The Council is the legislative branch of County Government. Members of the County Council pass legislation, appropriate money to fund the capital and operating budgets, set county property and other local taxes, and make planning, zoning, and subdivision decisions. The Council makes appointments to the offices, committees, and commissions that report to the Council. It also exercises oversight over County programs.

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**SALARY:** \$22,500 per year with no benefits.

**HOW ELECTED:** The seven-member County Council consists of five members elected by district and two elected at-large. Council members have the power to initiate legislation. Legislative sessions are limited to 45 days yearly and non-legislative sessions as needed.

### **Republican Candidates**

Republican residents of District 5 may vote for 1

#### **Michael J. Blue**

No response received by deadline.

#### **Mason Carter**

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

**Campaign Twitter:** @Mason4council

**Campaign Instagram:** @Carter4council

**Campaign Twitter Handle:** @Mason4Council

**Campaign Facebook:** [www.Facebook.com/MasonCarterforCountyCouncil](http://www.Facebook.com/MasonCarterforCountyCouncil)

#### ***What is your plan for helping/fixing the transportation issues in Frederick County?***

We must build relationships with our municipal and state leaders to ensure coordination between all levels of government. Doing this will help ensure that the necessary infrastructure can be put in place.

#### ***Explain how you will address climate change and sustainability in our county?***

The County needs not more climate/environmental regulation, but less. "Green" policies handcuff our farmers, making their job more difficult and expensive. While I am a believer in solar power and clean energy, these methods must strictly stay elective, and never mandated.

#### ***How will you support the Board of Elections and help guarantee equal access to the polls in Frederick County?***

By working closely with our Central Committee in their efforts to clean up the voter information, etc. We must regain trust in our electoral process.

#### ***How will you advocate to address the mental health and addiction needs in Frederick County?***

I look forward to working with the Board of Education to help them in expanding mental health awareness and personnel throughout the County. We must ensure that those who are seeking help with addiction can receive it here, in Frederick County.

### **Democratic Candidates**

Democratic residents of District 5 may vote for 1

#### **Julianna Lufkin**

**Campaign Website:** [www.Linktr.ee/Lufkin.Listens](http://www.Linktr.ee/Lufkin.Listens)

**Campaign Instagram:** @Lufkin.Listens

**Campaign Facebook:** [www.Facebook.com/lufkin.listens](http://www.Facebook.com/lufkin.listens)

#### ***What is your plan for helping/fixing the transportation issues in Frederick County?***

I commit to extending the public transportation lines outside the city of Frederick, for reliable access to our more rural areas.

#### ***Explain how you will address climate change and sustainability in our county?***

I am grateful for all the work done by the Climate Emergency Mobilization team, and by the Livable Frederick team. I commit to following the extensive plans they have laid out.

#### ***How will you support the Board of Elections and help guarantee equal access to the polls in Frederick County?***

Equal access to polls is the right of every registered voter. I have volunteered with the BOE as an election judge for 8 election cycles. I commit to continuing to advocate for equal and extensive access to polling places in Frederick County.

***How will you advocate to address the mental health and addiction needs in Frederick County?***

I believe that one of the first things we can do to address the mental health and addiction needs in our county and nation is to remove the societal stigma around discussing them. Coming from that point, providing compassion and education about, and assistance for addiction and mental health issues is key.

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## **Frederick County Judge of the Circuit Court - Circuit 6**

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

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

**SALARY:** \$184,433 as of July 1, 2022.

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected countywide. The state is divided into 8 Judicial Circuits. When there is a vacancy, the Governor appoints a person to fill the office from a list recommended by a judicial nominating commission. The nominating commission reviews each applicant's experience as an attorney before making recommendations to the Governor. Each newly appointed judge must stand for election at the first election that occurs at least one year after the vacancy happened. Sitting judges must also run for re-election after serving for 15 years. Attorneys who are members of the Maryland Bar may also run to challenge a newly appointed or sitting judge. All candidates run on both the Democratic and Republican primary ballots.

**WEBSITE:** [www.msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmanual/31cc/html/ccf.html](http://www.msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmanual/31cc/html/ccf.html)

### **Candidate**

#### **Kathleen Diane English**

No response received by deadline.

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## **Frederick County State's Attorney**

**DUTIES:** The state's attorney is the chief prosecutor for the county, representing the government in criminal cases. The state's attorney investigates crimes, decides whether or not to bring charges against suspects, negotiates plea bargains, and tries cases before juries or judges.

**TERM:** Four-year term

**SALARY:** \$204,783

**HOW ELECTED:** County-wide

## **Republican Candidate**

### **Charlie Smith**

No response received by deadline.

**Note:** There are no Democratic candidates for this office.

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# **Frederick County Clerk of the Circuit Court**

**DUTIES:** The Clerk's office records land deeds, mortgages, plats, conveyances and other precious documents. The Clerk administers oaths of office to Notaries Public, County officials, Judges and Governor appointees. The Clerk also issues business and marriage licenses and performs civil marriage ceremonies.

**TERM:** Four-year term

**SALARY:** Determined by the Maryland Board of Public Works. Not to exceed \$124,500.

**HOW ELECTED:** The Clerk of the Court is a locally elected State official

## **Republican Candidates**

Republicans may vote for 1

### **Sandra K. Dalton**

**Campaign Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/daltonforclerk](http://www.facebook.com/daltonforclerk)

**Campaign Twitter:** Sandydalton33

**Other:** LinkedIn - Sandra Dalton

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

#### ***What are your qualifications?***

Certified Court Executive; 30+ yrs experience; solid leadership/management/mentoring skills; fiscal integrity; strong sense of respect for the responsibilities of this position, staff and those we serve; accurate record keeping; diligent lobbying to keep your Clerk's Office open resulting in efficient service to all.

Thank you for your continued trust and please, Re-Elect me – Sandra D!

## **Democratic Candidates**

Democrats may vote for 1

### **Megan LeRoux**

**Campaign Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/Megan-LeRoux-Clerk-of-Court-107540168624620/?ref=pages\\_you\\_manage](http://www.facebook.com/Megan-LeRoux-Clerk-of-Court-107540168624620/?ref=pages_you_manage)

**Campaign You Tube:** [www.studio.youtube.com/channel/UC-4sAcoxL6bMnZxPOUJbRBq](http://www.studio.youtube.com/channel/UC-4sAcoxL6bMnZxPOUJbRBq)

#### ***What are your qualifications?***

Bachelor's Degree in Legal Studies.

Certification from the Institute for Court Management.

Twenty + years combined courtroom clerk and legal experience.

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# Frederick County Register of Wills

**DUTIES:** The Register of Wills is responsible for appointing personal representatives to administer decedents' estates and for overseeing the proper and timely administration of these proceedings. The Register also assists the public in the preparation of all required forms; maintains and preserves the permanent record of all proceedings; serves as the Clerk to the Orphans' Court; tracks estates and refers delinquent matters to the Court; determines and collects inheritance taxes and probate fees/court costs; audits accounts of personal representatives and guardians; mails various notices and court orders to interested persons; and verifies compliance with court orders.

**TERM:** Four-year term

**SALARY:** Determined by the Maryland Board of Public Works, not to exceed \$124,500

**HOW ELECTED:** County-wide.

## Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for 1

### **Mary C. Rolle**

No response received by deadline.

### **Nate Wilson**

**Campaign Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/NateWilsonforFrederick](http://www.facebook.com/NateWilsonforFrederick)

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

**Campaign Instagram:** Natewilson\_for\_register

#### ***What are your qualifications?***

Currently serving on the Trial Court Nominations Commission District 10. Previous Chief Judge of the Orphans' Court for Frederick County. 22 years management experience in both Government and Private Sectors. 17 years with the Frederick Co. Sheriff's Office. 22 years with Vol. Fire & Rescue. B.A. in Management with a focus on Thanatology (death and associated practices). Service & Compassion.

## Democratic Candidates

Democrats may vote for 1

### **Chris Manners**

**Campaign Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/ChrisMannersRegister](http://www.facebook.com/ChrisMannersRegister)

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

#### ***What are your qualifications?***

Since 2010 I have served as Chief Deputy for the Register of Wills under Virginia Fifer and Sharon Keller. This position is the day-to-day operations counterpart for the Register, assuming all duties in the Register's absence. I am proficient with every aspect of the office, and am an attorney admitted to the Maryland Bar in 2003, and practicing solely in Estates & Trusts since that time.

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# Frederick County Judge of the Orphans' Court

**DUTIES:** Judges of the Orphans' Court supervise the administration of estates. The Orphan's Court shares jurisdiction with the Circuit Court over guardianships of minors.



Orphan's Court Judges conduct hearings that involve probate and guardianship disputes, review and act upon administration accounts, and request payments from estates or guardianships.

**SALARY:** \$10,000

**TERM:** Four years with no term limits.

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected countywide.

### Questions

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

**PRIORITIES:** What are your priorities for this office?

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

**MOTIVATION:** What inspires you to serve in this judgeship?

**JUDICIAL PHILOSOPHY:** What is your judicial philosophy?

### Republican Candidates

Republicans may vote for up to 3

#### **Wesley T. Gregory**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Previously work for the federal government, including administrative operations that included the application of the law. I also served in roles that required international diplomacy of a legal nature. Marine Veteran.

**PRIORITIES:** Proper interpretation and application legality as well as proper estate stewardship and transference.

**COURT SYSTEM:** Judicial Activism.

**MOTIVATION:** A lifelong calling to help others.

**JUDICIAL PHILOSOPHY:** Judicial Restraint.

#### **Jimmy W. Trout**

No response received by deadline.

#### **Susan W. Wilson**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Work experiences and civic volunteerism (no room to list those) have provided me with the organizational/intellectual skills and empathy for others that are necessary for a judge. Working as a librarian for 41 years, and CEO of Wilson Information Services Corporation, I interacted with government clients and employees alike. WISCO's emphasis was always on public service, helping people.

**PRIORITIES:**  Address the interests of the deceased and those affected by the estate settlement fairly, without pressure, confusion or antagonism.

Treat people with civility.

Be there when needed, on time.

Because most citizens are not familiar with the Court until they need its services, being clear and easily understood when communicating can help ease the process of estate settlement.

**COURT SYSTEM:** Scheduling is tight; there is the need for efficiency. Providing sufficient time for each case that comes before the Court is challenging, but truly necessary. My work experience has given me the tools and objectivity to address those issues.

**MOTIVATION:** Having recently retired, I miss being active and helping others. I spent 8 years settling a contested estate as Personal Representative; that unique experience can be put to good use in helping others navigate the legal complexities involved with loss of a loved one.

**JUDICIAL PHILOSOPHY:** My approach to decision-making: while legal precedents form a basis for consistency, examine all facets of a question; thoroughly consider evidence before reaching reliable answers. Judges must balance between adhering strictly to regulations and considering the unique circumstances of a case. A fair, balanced focus, without letting personal preferences influence outcomes helps one stay moderate.

### **Democratic Candidates**

Democrats may vote for up to 3

#### **Bonnie L. Nicholson**

No response received by deadline.

#### **Michael A. Powell**

**Campaign Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/powellforjudge2022](http://www.facebook.com/powellforjudge2022)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am a licensed attorney in Maryland. As part of my practice, I appeared in the various courts in Maryland, including the Orphans' Court. In addition, I have taught law courses, and law-related courses, in colleges and universities. I am familiar with law applicable to Orphans' Court and am trained in how to interpret and apply the law.

**PRIORITIES:** My first priority will be to ensure that all parties have the opportunity to be heard and be treated with dignity and respect. I will work with the litigants to move the cases forward expeditiously and within the bounds of the law. Every interested party should have the opportunity to be heard and have their case decided fairly, based upon the evidence.

**COURT SYSTEM:** Space does not allow an examination of the entire court system of Maryland so I will limit my response to the Orphans' Court. Whenever I appeared before the Court, it functioned smoothly. I would want to make sure that the Court is up-to-date with appropriate technology to conduct its business virtually, so if the need arose the Court would be prepared.

**MOTIVATION:** During my working life, I have donated my time for a variety of commissions, boards, and projects/tasks, including chair of the Frederick City Ethics Commission and the County's Historic Preservation Commission. As a judge on the Orphans' Court I would use my training and skills to continue to contribute substantially to the community.

**JUDICIAL PHILOSOPHY:** The role of the judge is to adjudicate and ensure that the Court is operationally effective. It is important, therefore, to determine legislative intent and interpret the laws within the appellate courts' parameters. If a case of first impression is before the Court, then the interpretations should be founded upon the spirit and letter of the law.

#### **Marvin Schwab**

No response received by deadline.

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## **Frederick County Sheriff**

**DUTIES:** The Sheriff provides law enforcement services to the unincorporated portions of our county, support to municipal law enforcement agencies, provides security and various other support functions for the courts, and maintains the county jail. The Sheriff is the only official that serves all 3 segments of our criminal justice system; law enforcement, the courts, and corrections.

**TERM:** 4 years with no limit on the number of consecutive terms that may be served

**SALARY:** \$125,000

**HOW ELECTED:** County-wide.

**Republican Candidates**  
Republicans may vote for 1

**Chuck Jenkins**

**Campaign Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/jenkins4sheriff](http://www.facebook.com/jenkins4sheriff)

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

***How does your education and experience prepare you for the duties of this office?***

My 32 years of current law enforcement experience, 16 years as Sheriff, the many trainings in various professional leadership and management courses have allowed me to successfully and responsibly manage the law enforcement and corrections bureaus, and judicial operations of the office. The Sheriff is responsible for 430+ employees, and a \$55 million budget. Experience is critical.

***What would be your priorities for this office?***

I will continue the strategies and policies that have resulted in 8 straight years in reductions of crime in this county, including the jail-based 287g Program. Build a new district station to better serve the southeastern part of the county. I will continue to hire the best eligible personnel. I will maintain a strong SRO unit and continue to combat fentanyl/heroin and overdose deaths.

***What policies would you pursue to avoid race discrimination in law enforcement?***

I DO NOT believe or agree that racism and discrimination are systemic or prevalent in law enforcement as depicted. Our current policies include psychological screening of new hires, an early warning system to identify racial bias/discrimination; training to include implicit bias/racial sensitivity, hate crimes, and ethics. New laws will require psychological assessments every three years.

***In what situations, if any, would you recommend alternatives to jail time in sentencing?***

The soft on crime approach has FAILED, including no bail and lesser sentences. Offenders committing ANY crime of violence, sex crime, or aggravated assault belongs behind bars. Offenders with mental health issues or offenders who are drug users and commit less serious crimes warrant alternatives other than jail like mental health resources or rehabilitation. I stand for law and order.

***How would you encourage community cooperation in law enforcement?***

In this office I encourage my deputies and all personnel to interact with, build trust, know the public we serve and treat them like family. Conversely, the public must understand the role and importance of what we do. The public needs to reset its trust in the integrity of law enforcement, obey the laws we are asked to enforce and simply comply with the lawful orders of an officer.

**Democratic Candidates**  
Democrats may vote for 1

**Karl Bickel**

**Campaign Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/karlbickelforsheriff/](http://www.facebook.com/karlbickelforsheriff/)

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

***How does your education and experience prepare you for the duties of this office?***

Needed leadership, policy development, budget, and field experience. Extensive education: graduate degrees in both Management and Justice, graduate certificate-Police Executive Leadership, graduate-National Sheriff's Institute, extensive executive leadership training.

Experience: Metropolitan Police Dept Wash., DC, 2nd in command of the sheriff's office and 16 years with the U.S. Dept of Justice

***What would be your priorities for this office?***

Improve staff morale, increase transparency and accountability, develop partnerships with community stakeholders. Support governmental and nongovernmental programs, policies and quality of life efforts that hold promise in reducing crime and disorder. Institute procedural justice policies internally and externally to ensure personnel and the public are treated with fairness, dignity and respect.

***What policies would you pursue to avoid race discrimination in law enforcement?***

Review policies, compare with actual procedures. Review traffic stop, arrest and complaint data. Share all findings with the public. Have new hires reflect the racial and ethnic makeup our community's growing diversity. Invite community members to take part in in-service training, that addresses race-based policing, alongside deputies to improve communication and develop trusting relationships.

***In what situations, if any, would you recommend alternatives to jail time in sentencing?***

I would support alternative sentencing in cases of non-violent crimes, where the offender does not have a record of violent behavior, and involves restitution and court ordered supervision. This permits offenders to actively participate as a productive member of society taking care of family obligations, seeking or maintaining a job, etc. while completing their sentence.

***How would you encourage community cooperation in law enforcement?***

Act immediately to build trust. Drawing on my experience, overseeing nationwide training and technical assistance to local police, develop partnerships between deputies and community members. Develop a program on partnership building for deputies that would include community members. Provide incentives and rewards for personnel who establish partnerships leading to successful problem solving.

**Daniel Thomas McDowell**

No response received by deadline.

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## Frederick County Republican Central Committee

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**TERM:** Four years, no term limit.

**SALARY:** None.

**HOW ELECTED:** Republican Central Committee members are elected countywide by registered party members.

**WEBSITE:** [mdgop.org](http://mdgop.org)

### Questions

**QUALIFICATIONS:** How does your experience prepare you for the duties of a Central Committee member?

**MOTIVATION:** What inspires you to serve on the Central Committee?

**FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE:** What criteria will you use when considering candidates to fill a vacancy in the General Assembly or other office?

## **Candidates**

Republicans may vote for up to 9

### **Shelley Aloï**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am a people person with a diverse background, and I love serving. My strengths are problem solving and strategic thinking, and I easily connect with people. As Alderman, I was the only Republican legislator and successfully advocated for conservative principles and policies. Now a doctoral student in organizational leadership, I am committed to making connections and expanding our reach.

**MOTIVATION:** Recently, thinking about what I enjoy, I realized that the common thread has always been serving people – whether in education, banking, research, community service, or politics. Today, as a consultant and facilitator, well-versed in conflict resolution, I help couples and families give voice to issues and get back into relationship. That is my motivation. To help our cause and bring others along.

**FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE:** Qualifications, background, experience, willingness to serve. Did the candidate serve previously? Did the individual run before? If so, were they the next vote getter? These are some of the criteria I would use when filling a vacancy.

### **Colt M. Black**

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:** As a funeral director, organizing and executing events and providing information is a staple of my duties. As a member of the Central Committee much of the responsibilities are the same with respect to assisting candidates and those interested in running. The Republican party is a minority party because of the lack of organization and logistical support. I'm hoping to change that.

**MOTIVATION:** In having been interested in running for office for a while, I had previously stopped by the booth at the Frederick Fair. The answers & information was poor which resulted in my delay in running. Having now been through the process of becoming a candidate, I seek to help others as a Central Committee member who wishes to run for office do so while advancing a pro Republican agenda.

**FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE:** In filling vacancies I would look to fill each position with someone who was a true conservative or libertarian with respect to ideals under the Republican tent. I'd also look to find someone who'd want to continue in the seat following appointment and run for office.

### **Kevin P. Buker**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** My career and life experience has made me a service oriented problem solver. As a Marine, firefighter, paramedic, and manager, I have built a lifetime of service to others, with a focus on success. I will continue to find and support quality candidates for office among the Republican party in Frederick County.

**MOTIVATION:** I have watched Frederick County slowly morph into Montgomery County North, complete with the erosion of the conservative values that brought me and my family to Frederick County after my service as a Marine. I am dedicated to finding quality competitive Republican candidates for every race, to return Frederick County to its conservative roots.

**FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE:** I always look for a strong conservative candidate, who is willing to serve their community in public office, and will tirelessly fight to represent the constituents and advocate in the constituents' best interests. Someone who has true

personal values that they are willing to hold true to, and do what is right, even when opposed by the liberal left leadership in the State Democrat supermajority.

### **Rebecca W. Chmelik**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** My experience as a graduate student, researcher, teacher, wife, mom, & care-giver for an Alzheimer's & cancer patient affects a variety of duties where one must work as a team member with others to achieve success. I also have experience as a founding board member of a small nonprofit to meet educational needs of homeschoolers looking for more structure at the middle school and high school level.

**MOTIVATION:** I have been inspired by fellow Republicans I meet who worry about the direction of the country. Continuing to work together, there is so much we can do for our county, our party, and our candidates. I am inspired by our continuing efforts to motivate & train others to fulfill the values of the Republican platform; to cherish & protect our freedoms; life; and to reintroduce common sense & civics.

**FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE:** I would consider candidates who represent the values of the party platform and are known to have a high degree of integrity. The best candidate would have been engaged for a while with a proven record in the community. The candidate chosen would be as close as possible in position to the person they are replacing.

### **Pamela J. Ciliberti**

**Campaign Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/PamelaMontgomeryCiliberti](http://www.facebook.com/PamelaMontgomeryCiliberti)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have a great love of this country and our constitutional rights. This was acquired growing up in many other countries and places: where I often had or witnessed limited freedoms and rights. I learned to respect and appreciate people of different cultures; in turn, leading me to a career in teaching. I am approachable, communicate well, am trustworthy and respectful. These are vital traits

**MOTIVATION:** Engaging people of all ages in our community inspires me. Fostering a love of our constitution and developing outreach activities that encourage involvement from a wide variety of individuals who live in different parts of Frederick and make it their home. I am excited to meet more people at various fairs, carnivals, events to discuss things important to us all and foster better communication.

**FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE:** Communication skills are vital. Being able to write well and verbally share ideas and defend one's stance or viewpoint. Copious amounts of written text is generated during sessions, so reading skills are a must. Interactions with varied people of different cultures and viewpoints is a benefit. A true sense of one's fundamental beliefs is important in representing the interests of our County

### **Karen Dacey**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am currently vice chair of the Central Committee and have worked on several campaigns .

**MOTIVATION:** I would like to work towards unity in the Republican Party to get more Republicans elected to office in Frederick County.

**FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE:** Careers and experiences showing their ability to work well with others and their answers in the interview.

### **Dylan Diggs**

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

**Campaign Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/diggs4md](http://www.facebook.com/diggs4md)

**Campaign Twitter:** @diggs4md

**Campaign Instagram:** diggs4MD

**Other:** diggs4md

**Campaign Twitter Handle:** Diggs4MD

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have worked in Republican politics since I was in middle school, including two presidential campaigns, Dan Bongino's Congressional campaign and as the vice-president and president of the Frederick County Republican Club. As a professional evaluator, I can bring a data-focused and level-headed mindset to the central committee so that we can reach new and old constituencies.

**MOTIVATION:** There is an opportunity for the Central Committee to play a critical role in building the infrastructure to make the Party competitive in an increasingly challenging Frederick County. I think I can help the Central Committee coordinate the party, including grassroots groups, to establish a community presence and identify, track, and turnout new and old voters to build a big competitive tent.

**FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE:** Critically, the Central Committee should look at candidates that bring experience to complete the roles and responsibilities required by that office. Experience in the community, in governance and in policy will be key factors. Furthermore we will need communicators who can articulate a Republican vision to the community to which they seek to serve as well as their colleagues in office.

### **John Fer**

No response received by deadline.

### **Rob Gossweiler**

No response received by deadline.

### **James "Mr. Boomstick" Grose**

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

**Campaign Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/grose-miller-for-frederick-county-republican-central-committee-100906172600970](https://www.facebook.com/grose-miller-for-frederick-county-republican-central-committee-100906172600970)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have spent over 26 years in the construction industry managing projects ranging from \$3 million to \$100 million. I love engaging with different people and budgets under extreme stress and pressure with time sensitive schedules. I enjoy working with various personalities to accomplish a shared goal with a limited budget.

**MOTIVATION:** We have lost too many of our constitutional rights and civil liberties. A politician's job is to better the rights of the people they represent. It is not meant to protect a politician's personal gain or interests over our God given rights and Constitutional rights. My purpose on the central Committee is to get Republicans elected. Republicans who truly represent Republican voters.

**FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE:** I will study the candidate's references, and their resume as it pertains to the job or position which has been vacated. I will always vote to support the best suited person for the job. I will never be persuaded to vote for any candidate by political pressure. I will also make sure to vet each candidate to ensure that they have a lawful background and are upstanding citizens.

### **Kat Harper**

**Campaign Website:** [www.harper4centralcommttee.com](http://www.harper4centralcommttee.com)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have held leadership and managerial roles throughout my professional career. In my personal life, I have always been surrounded by people who disagree with me on politics. I grew up a conservative in Prince Georges and Montgomery counties, which taught me important compromise and diplomacy skills.

**MOTIVATION:** I moved to Frederick County from Montgomery County recently because I wanted to start a family with my husband in a more conservative-friendly area. However, I have found that Republican outreach and organization in the county has been lacking, and the party needs a strong Central Committee in order to protect Frederick from becoming Northern Montgomery. We need outreach to Republican voters.

**FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE:** I would work with the committee to prioritize America-first candidates. I feel it is important to give new blood a chance, and not prioritize candidates solely because of existing insider relationships. Candidates should be principled and prepared to fight for conservative values, so as not to become compromised while in office, as this has been a recurring problem with Maryland Republicans.

**Kelly A. McGuire**

No response received by deadline.

**Teresa A. Mena**

**Campaign Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/Mena4FrederickGOP](http://www.facebook.com/Mena4FrederickGOP)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Since 2014, I have supported many local candidates. In addition, I have managed and campaigned for County Council candidates and assisted with the 2020 write in candidacy for BOE.

I believe this experience will assist me with promoting recruiting, and supporting Republican candidates based on party principles and integrity.

**MOTIVATION:** I am inspired to serve on the Central Committee because I have a passion to help our candidates win in the primary and in the general election. In addition, I want to connect with our constituents and engage them to register with the Republican party.

**FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE:** The criteria I will use when considering candidates to fill a vacancy in the General Assembly or other office, is a review of the recent election. This will ensure filling vacancies based on the outcomes of our election and ultimately, the will of our constituents.

**Jason Miller**

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

**Campaign Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/Grose-Miller-For-Frederick-County-Republican-Central-Committee-100906172600970/](http://www.facebook.com/Grose-Miller-For-Frederick-County-Republican-Central-Committee-100906172600970/)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** My experience in the Republican Party in Frederick County has been bolstered by many years of volunteering on campaigns and committees. I was appointed to the position of Frederick County Republican Central Committee as its Treasurer from 2014 until 2016. I also served as the Vice Chair of the Frederick County Republican Central Committee in 2017 until stepping down to run for County Council.

**MOTIVATION:** The Republican Central Committee must serve as a unifying body that is dedicated to growing the numbers of active registrations in Frederick County. The Republican Central Committee must also regularly engage with Republican grass roots voters. Our Party must also unite behind our candidates in the general election so that our Republican candidates can be successful in their campaigns.

**FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE:**

1. Private Sector Experience
2. Public Service Experience
3. Examples of political activism
4. A robust understanding of local issues
5. Letters of recommendation by peers
6. Proven Leadership Experience
7. In Person Interview Performance
8. Their position on taxes and government spending

**Cary Moorman**

No response received by deadline.



## **Connie Onspaugh**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have served on the Central Committee in the past. I have served as a member, secretary and treasurer. I am very familiar with volunteering for all things, Republican. At this time, I am the President of the Republican Women of Frederick County, volunteering to get Republicans elected.

**MOTIVATION:** My goal is to make sure Frederick County turns RED! I want to work with other like minded people to do the very best for our community. Always doing good things for the future generation inspires me. I have conservative values and I believe in individual rights and that all persons should be treated equal.

**FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE:** I would always choose the person that would serve the people and not themselves. Someone with experience and passion to make all things better for the tax payers of our county, state and country.

## **Jesse T. Pippy**

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

**Campaign Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/JesseTPippy](http://www.facebook.com/JesseTPippy)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have been very active over the years in supporting Frederick County Republican candidates for office, including serving as the Chairman of the Frederick County Young Republicans and also as an appointed and elected official.

**MOTIVATION:** I want to ensure that we support our elected Republican officials and also that we are promoting good conservative candidates for office that are ready to serve.

**FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE:** The most important criteria that should be used when considering a Republican vacancy should be a candidate's qualifications and background and whether they are conservative.

## **Patricia A. Price**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** As a volunteer, I continue to serve the community in the same way as a Central Committee member. For example; I have recruited many candidates, coordinated free training for candidates, served as a Central Committee proxy, helped register voters, and served with other Party leaders and subcommittees. I have a good working relationship with our Board of Elections, and many community leaders.

**MOTIVATION:** I am inspired by the opportunity to be of service to others. It is a privilege to serve on the Central Committee. I believe the Republican Party represents the promise of liberty, and justice. I am asking people to cast their vote for me not merely on a sole promise to work for our Party, but to help me continue the work I'm already doing. I'm honored to continue serving in a greater capacity.

**FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE:** For every position Americans seek humbled honest people with strength of character, and the ability to do good for the common good. As a member of the Central Committee, we would seek people who care, and understand their duty, and understand the Constitution. Specific to the position, we would look at skills, and experience along with a willingness to stand for justice.

## **Ralph S. Siegrist**

**Campaign Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/ralphsiegrist](http://www.facebook.com/ralphsiegrist)

No response received by deadline.

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# Frederick County Democratic Central Committee

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**TERM:** Four years, no term limit.

**SALARY:** None.

**HOW ELECTED:** Democratic Central Committee members are elected--- countywide by registered party members. Voters may vote for the candidates of their choice. The winners will be determined by the greatest number of votes, while taking into consideration that those elected will be as equally divided by gender as possible.

**WEBSITE:** [Maryland Democratic Party](#)

## Questions

**QUALIFICATIONS:** How does your experience prepare you for the duties of a Central Committee member?

**MOTIVATION:** What inspires you to serve on the Central Committee?

**FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE:** What criteria will you use when considering candidates to fill a vacancy in the General Assembly or other office?

## Candidates

Democrats may vote for up to 14

### **Shelly J. Beaird-Francois (female)**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have a business background with over 20 years of marketing and project management experience. I have a passion for politics and want to help people. One of my great strengths is being able to look at a topic from all sides and come up with practical solutions.

**MOTIVATION:** No response.

**FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE:** No response.

### **Glenn Edward Blanchard (male)**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I served as a Town Commissioner for over a decade for the municipality of Emmitsburg, MD. I ran multiple successful campaigns for office. I have a good idea of the responsibilities of local officials, and the decisions that need to be made.

**MOTIVATION:** I believe in the Democrat party and want to help get Democrats elected to office.

**FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE:** I would like to see if the candidates are strong Democrats with values that are aligned with the Democrat party.

### **Antonio Bowens (non-binary)**

**Campaign Twitter:** @Antonio\_Bowens

**Campaign Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/Bowens4Frederick](http://www.facebook.com/Bowens4Frederick)

No response received by deadline.

### **Josh Cramer (male)**

**Campaign Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/CramerForFrederick](http://www.facebook.com/CramerForFrederick)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I've had several useful experiences over the years. I was a teacher union school rep for several years. I was appointed to the Central Committee in 2017 and was elected in 2018. I co-hosted a liberal club called Drinking Liberally, until COVID hit and we had to pause. I also served as Senator Ron Young's chief of staff from 2019-2021.

**MOTIVATION:** We are living in difficult times. Trumpism and the authoritarianism it represents remains an existential threat to democracy. I want to work to defeat Trumpism permanently. I believe in the values of the Democratic Party. Voting rights, universal healthcare, reproductive rights, tackling climate change, and promoting social justice. I believe we are the Party taking these issues seriously.

**FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE:** While this has not happened during my time on the Committee, I believe this to be the single most important duty of the DCC. As a DCC member, it will be my responsibility to work with my colleagues to fill such a vacancy with a candidate who is both highly qualified and will fairly represent the views of their constituency.

### **Alexander D. Dumm (male)**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Since September 2021, I have served on the Frederick Democratic Central Committee. I also have experience campaigning across Frederick County. From these experiences, I learned to appreciate the supreme importance of voter engagement. On the Central Committee, I look forward to enlisting grassroots support, applying my knowledge, and utilizing my experience to help elect Frederick Democrats.

**MOTIVATION:** Frederick County is our home, and I am excited to elect Democrats committed to ensuring Frederick continues to flourish. We must strengthen the Democratic Party in Frederick so that the progress we make will last. Frederick holds immense electoral opportunities for Democrats: given sufficient grassroots engagement, we have the chance to solidify and expand the gains we've already achieved.

**FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE:** Choosing a representative in the case of a vacancy in an elected office is a solemn responsibility and cannot be taken lightly. Candidates for a vacated office must show a commitment to selflessly serving their constituents and have a forward-looking vision for Frederick County that prioritizes inclusivity and sustainable growth.

### **Thomas M. Jackson (male)**

**Campaign Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/ThomasJacksonFCDSCC](https://www.facebook.com/ThomasJacksonFCDSCC)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am currently a Central Committee member by appointment, so I have gained experience in the role for the past year. I served as an associate member of the Committee during the 2021 elections, during which I conducted many of the liaising, advising, and grassroots organizing duties required of Central Committee members. Previously, I worked as an organizer in the 2020, 2019, and 2018 elections.

**MOTIVATION:** In recent years, it has become clear that our democracy is in desperate need of protection. I am determined to do all that I can to protect our democracy by helping qualified candidates cross the finish line to electoral victory. Frederick County is my home, and I want all of my neighbors to be able to vote and to be represented by compassionate, forward-thinking, and capable public servants.

**FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE:** My criteria are based on knowledge, experience, and vision. I would want vacancies to be filled by candidates who would not need extensive on-the-job training, who know how to work with others to get things done, and who represent the voices of their constituents with a vision to move us forward and leave our communities better than they found them.

### **Mari Lee (female)**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** As a current dedicated member of the Central Committee, I have a 10-year proven track record of vigorous work to get Democrats elected, build the Party, and increase visibility. This includes countless hours of engaging volunteers and voters on the front and backlines, helping at our HQ, staffing our tent at events, managing our database, maintaining our Party website, phone banking, etc.

**MOTIVATION:** I am inspired to help further the advocacy and activism of the many throughout history. Their actions allow us to proudly stand and speak up for our beliefs, cast a vote in elections, run for office, and enjoy various other rights and privileges. There is still much to do to ensure and preserve a just and equitable society. I strive to help our community progress for the benefit of all residents.

**FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE:** Filling vacancies in office is rare but depending on whether it's a vacancy for an elected seat (i.e., General Assembly) or an appointed seat (i.e., Board of Elections), my decision would be based on all or a combination of these categories - candidate's background, experience, shared values, diverse and unique perspective, and message.

### **McCamie DeArmon Patterson (female)**

No response received by deadline.

### **Deb Reynolds (female)**

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No response received by deadline.

### **Regan Riley (female)**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** As a campaign professional, I plan to continue bringing my own career experience to the Frederick Democratic Party, particularly in the areas of fundraising and organizing. In 2018, I was able to leverage my skills as an organizer to flip Legislative District 3B to the Democratic Party from Republican control, and I look forward to turning more districts across the county blue in the years to come

**MOTIVATION:** I want to serve on the Central Committee to get Democrats elected across the county, and to further advance the core Democratic values of economic fairness and equality of opportunity throughout our community. It is of utmost importance that we elect officials to public office who are committed to making sure that our government works in the best interest of all people, not just a privileged few.

**FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE:** Filling vacancies is one of the most important responsibilities of the Central Committee. When considering candidates, I am most concerned about their dedication to constituent service. Not only does good constituent service help public officials win elections, but it is the most hands-on way that they ensure that our government is truly working in the best interests of the people they represent.

### **Thomas G. Slater (male)**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** This will be my eighth term on the Central Committee starting in 1974. I have never served more than two consecutive terms. I have served as secretary, vice chair, and chair of the Central Committee. I have been intimately involved in every election in Frederick County and the State of Maryland since the mid 1960s. I have attended twelve Democratic national conventions.

**MOTIVATION:** I have a long and deep commitment to the Democratic Party and its principles. I feel that my experience can still be helpful to the committee. I still have the energy and commitment.

**FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE:** Interestingly, since I have been involved in Democratic politics in Frederick County since the mid 1960s, the Democratic State Central Committee has never had to make a recommendation to fill a vacancy in the General Assembly. My criteria would include the potential appointee's life experiences, commitment to the principles of the Democratic Party and electability.

### **Robert Van Rens (male)**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have experience working as a community activist, within and alongside government, and as a candidate for office. I understand the role that the central committee plays in recruiting, training, and working with Democratic candidates, providing community outreach on behalf of the Democratic party, and in acting as the contact point for the community to in turn impact the party.

**MOTIVATION:** I want to see a more Democratic representation in Frederick County, to build a deeper and more inclusive "bench" of candidates that better represent the entire community, to help ensure all Democratic constituencies have a seat at the table, and that the Frederick County Democratic Party is working proactively to recruit candidates and pursue policies that improve the lives of all residents.

**FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE:** Essential qualifications for the office; for instance executive experience, or previous time in another office; whether they understand the duties and requirements of the office, and whether they are a good representative of Frederick County. In appointments, we have the opportunity to seek out diversity that isn't always present in elections, and I think we should consider that.

### **Violet Williams (female)**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** As the current DCC Secretary, I am involved in many of the daily duties of the central committee, and I edit and distribute The Banner Newsletter to inform and educate our most valued resource- our voters.

**MOTIVATION:** Reaching out to voters, specifically young and historically disenfranchised voters is crucially important to me. American Democracy can only function as a Representative Democracy if we the people show up and vote. Voting, especially in local elections, can make an incredible difference in our day-to-day lives. Serving on the DCC gives me the power to help our voters access their rights.

**FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE:** Filling vacancies is one of the most important powers that the DCC holds. Obviously, experience and knowledge are critical, but I also would consider their local ties, connection to their constituents, their values, and any ethical concerns. But most importantly, I would hold their political ideals in comparison to the last seat holder. Voters had their say, we should echo that in any choice.

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## **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.

**SALARY:** \$10,000. The president of the Board receives \$11,000.

**TERM:** Four years; no term limit.

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected Countywide in a nonpartisan election.

### **Candidates**

All voters may vote for up to 4

#### **Nancy A. Allen**

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#### **Olivia Angolia**

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## **Liz Barrett**

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***How should we address overcrowding in our schools?***

First, reduce class sizes. Even in overcrowded buildings, this will help now. Students are more successful and engaged with fewer students in their classrooms. Second, the State's approach to funding school construction is reactive; we need proactive and agile solutions. I favor local public-private partnerships that create flexible, modern facilities and utilize and repurpose existing space.

***What is your stand on virtual school for illness and hazardous weather days?***

First, we all need a real snow day or two for hot cocoa and to refresh our spirits. Second, it's time to revisit virtual school and the notion of 180 days of "seat time." Technology can be a support, but that also means tossing out rigid bell schedules, incorporating more recess and play, and helping students to be intrinsically motivated. It's time to do what's best for students developmentally.

***How do you feel about a year-round calendar that may look like - 6 weeks of school, two weeks off – or something similar? Explain.***

School calendars require community conversations and the input of students, families, teachers, and staff. Higher education and workplaces have grown more flexible, but we're still ringing bells to tell students to move. My goal is for Frederick County to lead with school schedules and environments that support deep learning and connections between students, teachers, staff, and families.

***Explain your stance on School Resource Officers?***

SROs may deter trespassers or those who wish to harm students and school communities. SROs can also help with speeding, traffic control, and general safety around school buildings. I appreciate that many SROs strive for connections with students and families. We must continue to have conversations about the perceptions of law enforcement in schools, and all voices need to be welcome in this work.

***What ideas will you bring to improve the Special Education needs as outlined in the recent Department of Justice report?***

The harm caused to students who were secluded or improperly restrained is ongoing. First, those students and families must have every resource for their recovery. Second, special education must become student-centered, transparent, and easy-to-navigate so all students have what they need. Our staff need far more support, training and compensation. We need to listen to students, parents, and staff.

## **Ysela Bravo**

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### ***How should we address overcrowding in our schools?***

Overcrowding means we need more space. We should consider reconstruction and the expansion of school buildings where we are able. Any new buildings constructed must include an actionable plan for expansion in the future.

### ***What is your stand on virtual school for illness and hazardous weather days?***

We should use every opportunity we have to engage our students. When a teacher is able to provide the lessons without disruption to their class, virtual school should be an option.

### ***How do you feel about a year-round calendar that may look like - 6 weeks of school, two weeks off – or something similar? Explain.***

Schools following a year-round calendar are thought to reduce what is known as “the summer slide,” and offer consistent breaks where students can receive remedial assistance in a timely manner. They may also offer solutions to overcrowding besides more building. Change of this magnitude is difficult for a community and we would need the community’s support to have a successful plan.

### ***Explain your stance on School Resource Officers?***

Frederick County has highly regarded SROs. The officers are trained extensively and are genuinely motivated to work with our students with a goal of mentoring, not punishment. Our world is a dangerous place, and schools need the security SROs provide. If I could make a change, I would prefer for school security to be under the authority of FCPS to better accommodate parents’ and students’ needs.

### ***What ideas will you bring to improve the Special Education needs as outlined in the recent Department of Justice report?***

We have to earn back trust from our community. We need to implement training for staff on appropriate behavioral interventions for students with disabilities. We have to do a better job of reporting any instances of restraint and be able to demonstrate their necessity if they occur. We should appoint one dedicated administrator to supervise our compliance to the agreements we’ve made.

## **David Brooks**

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### ***How should we address overcrowding in our schools?***

Retention of teachers could definitely help with classroom overcrowding. Good teachers are leaving for Washington or Montgomery County for better pay which increases students to teacher ratio

Frederick is growing too fast. Homes, townhouse, and apartments are popping up everywhere. We need to look at the trends of growth to assess school proximities countywide.

### ***What is your stand on virtual school for illness and hazardous weather days?***

I don't mind intermittent virtual but not for extensive time. Hazard days, if students need to stay home for one day , let them catch up on work. Illness is a debatable word: mental



health illness or physical complications illness. If students are missing long periods of time, I think it should be available for all students. Virtual platform should be used more freely to help individual success

***How do you feel about a year-round calendar that may look like - 6 weeks of school, two weeks off – or something similar? Explain.***

It hinders students that need to attend Summer School or retake a classes. It has been researched that students that attending year around school are normally prepared to enter into college but it would be hard to plan for vacations from parents. Businesses will have a difficult time with parents needing to take off at the same time. Students need summer breaks to reset especially student athletes

***Explain your stance on School Resource Officers?***

School resource officers should be as important as the school's mascot. They should build rapport with the students so they can feel safe. Resource officers should be well trained in emotional regulation to help support the schools and teachers. Many resource officers only get involved when a child is being disruptive or has broken a law which causes them to have a bad perception. A lot of pros/cons

***What ideas will you bring to improve the Special Education needs as outlined in the recent Department of Justice report?***

Teachers, support staff, and substitutes should have better training on seclusion and restraints. Substitute teachers should be paid more than substitutes in basic courses. Funding will need to look at outcome measures and dollar per students spent. All programs need to be assessed to see if they are meeting the needs of the students. They need to better job ascending IEPs to colleges with student

**Heather Michelle Fletcher**

No response received by deadline.

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***How should we address overcrowding in our schools?***

Overcrowding is related to development across our county. FCPS must prioritize renovating older buildings with larger student populations while building new schools in areas where overcrowding is significant; and focus on additional solutions with funding sources in local and state government to address student: educator ratios and to increase staffing when class sizes inhibit a quality education.

***What is your stand on virtual school for illness and hazardous weather days?***

Virtual school may be a solution for hazardous weather days, when FCPS ensures all students have a working laptop (not yet in place for all K-5 students) and access to high speed broadband reaches all parts of the county. In the case of illness, no teacher should be expected to teach or create assignments while ill and no student should be expected to log in or complete assignments when sick.

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There is limited evidence year-round schooling significantly improves student learning or addresses educator burnout and retention. I appreciate FCPS's current approach of inviting students with lower academic achievement or from low income households to participate in summer bridge programs to stem potential learning loss - without requiring all students to maintain academic connections to school

***Explain your stance on School Resource Officers?***

Student discipline should remain a role of school staff/administrators, not SROs. SROs provide a level of building security as school shootings and threats of student violence are a real concern - but we must ensure stringent application of student's constitutional rights to reduce the school to prison pipeline. I would propose SROs complete the same systemic training around bias as FCPS staff.

***What ideas will you bring to improve the Special Education needs as outlined in the recent Department of Justice report?***

The DOJ investigation highlighted a clear under-resourcing of special ed programs. I would start with funding and by connecting with advocates and experts like the Special Education Citizens Advisory Council (SECAC). I would encourage more staffing, training, and resources around verbal de-escalation, with short-term restraint only in cases when students pose a danger to themselves or others.

**Mark Joannides**

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**April Marie Montgomery**

No response received by deadline.

**Ashley A. Nieves**

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***How should we address overcrowding in our schools?***

As enrollment numbers continue to grow in Frederick County Public Schools, we need to consider how we build new schools. I suggest we build new schools on the premise that there will be additions needed as more students enroll instead of adding portables.

***What is your stand on virtual school for illness and hazardous weather days?***

I think it would be extremely difficult to accommodate virtual schooling for a short amount of time due to a brief illness or hazardous weather. If a student has an illness that causes them to be out of school for an extended period of time, I think they should absolutely have virtual schooling available.

***How do you feel about a year-round calendar that may look like - 6 weeks of school, two weeks off – or something similar? Explain.***

Year-round schooling is not something I would consider as a good option. Year-round school is extremely complicated and can be incredibly stressful and disruptive for families.

***Explain your stance on School Resource Officers?***

I completely support our School Resource Officers being in our schools. They are a pillar of the community that create great relationships with students and staff. They are a great resource to the school system and do tremendous amount of work to protect our students and staff.

***What ideas will you bring to improve the Special Education needs as outlined in the recent Department of Justice report?***

There needs to be clearly defined standardized rules and guidelines as it relates to special education behavioral issues within FCPS. There also needs to be yearly training regarding the specific rules and guidelines for handling issues around special needs children. The program must be audited regularly and all staff held accountable to follow these guidelines.

**Tiffany M. Noble**

No response received by deadline.

**Rayna T. Remondini**

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***How should we address overcrowding in our schools?***

Overcrowding is an issue that doesn't have a simple solution. People may be quick to say more funding is the solution, but what's the source of that funding – grants, fundraising, increased property taxes? Based on the current resources available, I'd be happy to entertain realistic solutions such as magnet schools, portables, and teacher aides to combat the problems caused by overcrowding.

***What is your stand on virtual school for illness and hazardous weather days?***

A: If the pandemic has taught us anything, it's that we have the ability to provide virtual school to children who are ill and during hazardous weather days. This allows students the opportunity to stay on top of their studies, as opposed to falling further behind.

***How do you feel about a year-round calendar that may look like - 6 weeks of school, two weeks off – or something similar? Explain.***

I see the benefit of implementing a year-round school calendar. We should look to successful models such as Japan's trimester system where students take 2-3 week breaks in between each trimester. Or we could emulate Australia's model where school begins in late January and ends in mid-December. The possibilities for its configuration are numerous.

***Explain your stance on School Resource Officers?***

I believe SROs are needed in today's schools. This program has been around for 20+ years and the Sheriff's Office has done a great job of integrating their deputies into our high schools, middle schools, and elementary schools. Uniformed officers give parents and students a level of comfort. Their mere presence has deterred many instances of violence, on-campus truancy, and drug-use.

***What ideas will you bring to improve the Special Education needs as outlined in the recent Department of Justice report?***

I agree with U.S. Attorney Barron when he says "Every child should feel safe and protected while in school." The use of seclusion and restraints on students as young as five, especially those with disabilities, is a travesty and our children deserve better. The County has agreed to end its use of seclusion, overhaul its restraint practices, and train staff on appropriate behavioral interventions.

**Cindy Rose**

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***How should we address overcrowding in our schools?***

Frederick is a wonderful community to live and raise a family, so obviously it is going to continue to grow. We need to advocate at the federal, state and local levels for adequate Capitol and Operational funding in order to build and renovate our schools and allow us to provide proper staffing in all our schools. Class size and overcrowding will be one of the top issues moving forward.

***What is your stand on virtual school for illness and hazardous weather days?***

There is already a program in place for extended illnesses. Regarding short term absences due to illness or hazardous weather, I don't think we are there yet technologically in regard to providing the level of virtual instruction that our students need and deserve. I'm not interested in providing a lessor level of instruction in order to check a day off the school calendar.

***How do you feel about a year-round calendar that may look like - 6 weeks of school, two weeks off – or something similar? Explain.***

I've read several articles about Alternative Calendar or Year-Round School and the advantages that it affords by reducing Summer learning loss and allowing students a more seamless transition from one grade to the next. I'm very interested in having some of the board committees take a look at the advantages and disadvantages of a modified calendar. I'd also like to look at later start times.

***Explain your stance on School Resource Officers?***

I am supportive of the FCPS SRO Program. I believe it's important for our students to have the opportunity to have positive interactions with police officers within the school environment. The training received by FCPS SROs is some of the best available and they provide a sense of safety within our schools, while working very hard to form positive relationships with our students and staff.

***What ideas will you bring to improve the Special Education needs as outlined in the recent Department of Justice report?***

My ideas all revolve around communication and collaboration between parents, staff, special education experts, mental health professionals, and others. The issues within the DOJ report are not isolated to just FCPS. We have the opportunity to develop a first-class special education program that we can all be proud of, one that provides the type of environment our educators and students deserve.

**Justi E. Thomas**

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FCPS has one of the largest average classroom sizes in the state, and the county continues to grow (county pop growth ~1.5%/yr) First, all open teaching and SEIA positions must be filled with qualified individuals and then we must retain those employees with competitive salaries and benefits packages. Then we must look to build or expand existing schools, developers must help defray cost.

***What is your stand on virtual school for illness and hazardous weather days?***

If it is a planned/expected multi-day event, transitioning to virtual learning could be wise in order to avoid extending the end of the school year. An occasional snow day is a childhood rite of passage, and I am less inclined to say they should be entirely eliminated. If there is a move to virtual, significant ground work must be laid in order to create an equitable solution for all students.

***How do you feel about a year-round calendar that may look like - 6 weeks of school, two weeks off – or something similar? Explain.***

On the surface, I can appreciate the potential benefits: less learning loss and a more consistent schedule for working parent households. The rhythm and routine of school is beneficial to many and regular interruptions might be difficult. I also see potential difficulties

for families to schedule vacations, camp experiences, etc. perhaps leading to excessive absenteeism.

***Explain your stance on School Resource Officers?***

Unfortunately, I think School Resource Officers are a necessity at our secondary schools. With the ever increasing need for police presence at our schools, due to social media threats and viral TikTok trends, having an immediate point of contact within the school buildings may prevent tragedy.

***What ideas will you bring to improve the Special Education needs as outlined in the recent Department of Justice report?***

The recent DOJ report is heartbreaking. FCPS must do better, especially for our most vulnerable students. Teachers be trained extensively, administrations must have consistent procedures and clearly outlined policies to follow. SEIAs need to be equipped to care for particular student needs, not be silenced when difficulties arise. We must compensate SEIAs fairly for the task at hand.

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***How should we address overcrowding in our schools?***

FCPS should continue to work with the City and County governments to plan development wisely. We should continue to lobby the State and County for more construction dollars. When we build new schools, we can plan additions such as was done for Crestwood MS. As a last resort, redistricting is an option, but it is only a temporary one since development does not occur evenly throughout the county.

***What is your stand on virtual school for illness and hazardous weather days?***

I have a mixed view. FCPS will be 1:1 with devices for all students next school year. But I haven't been able to work out the logistics unless devices go home every day. Then there's the potential issue of home internet. Synchronous teaching to allow for student absences requires major technology upgrades in classrooms. That said, the positive is students not missing instruction. A future goal.

***How do you feel about a year-round calendar that may look like - 6 weeks of school, two weeks off – or something similar? Explain.***

I am open to looking at it, perhaps having the newly re-formed Citizens Advisory Committee gather information for the Board. Right now though, everyone in education is tired, so I don't think it is the optimal time for major changes, especially with a new Superintendent about to join the school system. However, the calendar needs to be student-focused and based on what is best for our students.

***Explain your stance on School Resource Officers?***

Maryland's Safe to Learn Act requires coordination between school systems and police. I prefer to have officers who have applied to be SROs and who go through the 40 hours of required training rather than officers with little knowledge of how to handle situations with our students in our schools. However, we do need to seek input from students/families who may have concerns and make improvements.

***What ideas will you bring to improve the Special Education needs as outlined in the recent Department of Justice report?***

Seclusion has ceased; restraint has decreased. Training is occurring. SEIAs are gaining benefits which is meant to help with the current shortage. More behavioral specialists are being hired. It's a paradigm shift from being reactive to student behaviors to preventing issues in the first place. I would work with the new Superintendent and recommend that she look to FCPS personnel for their ideas.

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