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# 2016 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

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## Ground Rules for Candidates for President

All qualified presidential candidates were invited to provide biographical information and responses to five specific questions. Candidates qualified if they met the following criteria: 1. The candidate must have made a public announcement of her/his intention to run for her/his Party's nomination for President; 2. The candidate must meet the Presidential Election Campaign Fund Act's minimum contribution threshold requirements for qualifying for matching funds, based on the most recent data publicly available on the FEC website; and, 3) The candidate must qualify for the ballot in enough states to win a majority of electoral votes.

Responses were limited to 400 characters and were truncated thereafter.

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### About the Office of President

**Salary:** \$400,000 per year

**Term:** Four years. Limit of two terms.

**How Elected:** Every four years, political parties nominate candidates to run for President of the United States in a general election that is held on the first Tuesday, after the first Monday in November. Although all parties use conventions to nominate their candidates, in most states the Democratic and Republican parties also run state-wide primary elections or caucuses. The results of the primary influence how the delegates to their respective party's convention will cast ballots for candidates for President. The degree to which the result of the primary influences the votes of delegates at conventions varies from state to state.

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

## Donald Trump

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**Personal Statement:** The government of the US should be focused on serving the people of this great nation, not special interests. The government now rules rather than governs. The American people want their government back and together we will make America great again.

**Top Three Goals:** Secure our nation by restoring our leadership in the world; restore economic growth thru tax, trade, immigration, & energy reform; restore Constitutional limits on government.

### Questions:

**Q: What will you do to support a vibrant economy across the U.S.?**

**A:** I have proposed tax, trade, energy and immigration reforms that will bring trillions of dollars and millions of jobs back to the United States. Through immigration reform, we will restore wage growth and reduce the related fiscal burdens on state and local governments. These reforms will help lift wages and will create opportunities for millions of Americans to get back in the workforce.

**Q: What, if any, actions will you support to create a pathway to citizenship?**

**A:** We must re-establish the rule of law in this country. Criminal illegal immigrants will be deported. No one should be given the gift of U.S. citizenship based on illegal behavior.

**Q: What should government do to provide an equitable, quality public**



### education for all children pre-K through grade 12?

**A:** My administration will provide states with incentives to increase school choice options for parents and local school districts. Allowing the entrenched Washington education establishment and federal bureaucrats to leverage federal funds to dictate educational practices, curriculum and outcomes must be stopped. Control of K-12 education must be returned to parents and citizens locally.

**Q: What actions would you support the U.S. undertake to protect its interests abroad?**

**A:** We are the leader of the free world – whether we like it or not – and we must ensure we seek partners willing to make sure our national interests are defended. We only gain this respect from both adversaries and allies by having a strong military, being clear about defeating radical Islam, & stopping rogue nations from attacking/threatening our citizens, economic interests, resources and allies.

**Q: What kinds of policies will you pursue to promote social and racial justice for all Americans?**

**A:** The best way to ensure social & racial justice is to return Constitutional limits on government & appoint Supreme Court Justices who will defend the Constitution, not rewrite it. The President must provide leadership & make sure the government works for the people. We must ensure low income & minority children learn to read at grade level & not trap them in failing schools based on zip code.

## Hillary Clinton

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**Personal Statement:** I'm running for President to make a difference in the lives of all Americans. I'll build an economy that works for everyone, continue my fight for children and families, and work to keep our country safe. And I'll unite Americans to take on all the challenges we face—because we're stronger together.

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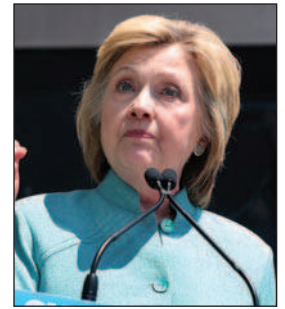
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**A:** My first priority will be to grow and strengthen our economy. I will invest in good-paying jobs, expand access to higher education, encourage companies to follow policies that put families first, and fight so that everyone pays their fair share. Every American deserves a good job, a successful career, and a productive life. Together, these efforts will work to make that a reality.

**Q: What, if any, actions will you support to create a pathway to citizenship?**

**A:** In my first 100 days, I will introduce comprehensive immigration reform with a path to citizenship. An estimated nine million lawful permanent residents are eligible to become U.S. citizens. As President, I will work to expand fee waivers and enhance outreach, so that more of



the working poor can assume the full rights and responsibilities of becoming U.S. citizens.

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**A:** Every child deserves a high-quality education. I will double our investments in Early Head Start programs and ensure every 4-year old has access to high-quality preschool. I will do more to support our teachers, modernize our classrooms, and support STEM programs so that all public school students can learn computer science. We must give children the foundation to succeed, from pre-K to grade 12.

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**A:** The U.S. needs to exercise leadership and shape global events rather than be shaped by them. So many of our interests—our security, our economy, and our fight against climate change—require cooperation with our friends and allies, and with countries we may agree with on some things, and disagree with on others. As President, I'll ensure our country remains a source of leadership around the world.

**Q: What kinds of policies will you pursue to promote social and racial justice for all Americans?**

**A:** Too many Americans still face discrimination and mistreatment. I will fight to break down barriers and build ladders of opportunity. We will reform our criminal justice system, protect transgender individuals, defend voting rights, fight environmental injustice, fight for comprehensive immigration reform, and the epidemic of gun violence, and ensure the citizens of Puerto Rico are treated equally.

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# 2016 U.S. SENATORIAL ELECTION

## United States Senator

### U.S. Senator

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

**How Elected:** In 2016, Maryland voters will elect one Senator. Voters elect two Senators from each State who serve six years. About one-third of the 100 members of the Senate is elected every two years. Senators must be at least 30 years old, have been citizens of the United States at least 9 years and be residents of the state they want to represent.

**Term:** Six years

**Base Salary:** \$174,000

### Questions

**1. QUALIFICATIONS:** How does your experience prepare you for the duties of a Senator?

**2. ECONOMY:** What economic policies would you support to assist low and middle income citizens?

**3. FOREIGN POLICY:** What are the most important foreign policy issues and how would you address them?

**4. IMMIGRATION:** What changes, if any, would you support in immigration policy?

**5. ENVIRONMENT:** What is the most pressing environmental problem and what measures would you support to address it?

**6. INEQUALITY:** What policies would you support to address increasing concern about economic, racial, and social inequality?

**7. TAX REFORM:** What changes, if any, would you support in federal tax policy?

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

### Candidates

**Vote for no more than 1.**

## Kathy Szeliga - Republican

Campaign Website: [kathyformaryland.com](http://kathyformaryland.com)



**1. QUALIFICATIONS:** As a Maryland small business owner, I understand the tools business leaders and job creators need to get the people of Maryland back to work. After working to elect Governor Larry Hogan in 2014, I was selected to serve as the minority leader in the State House. Maryland is starting to change for the better; now we need to bring real change to Washington.

**2. ECONOMY:** We need to empower more Marylanders with opportunities to achieve the American dream. By improving our education system, we can help more people improve their lives and increase their incomes. Our students should be presented with as many options as possible so they are fully prepared for the current job market, including charter schools or vocational programs.

**3. FOREIGN POLICY:** One of the most serious threats facing our country is radical Islamic terrorism. Due to broken promises to our allies and unfulfilled threats to our enemies, America's word is no longer taken seriously on the global stage making us an ineffective leader against terrorism. One solution is to work with our allies around the globe who are fighting against radical Islamic terrorist groups.

**4. IMMIGRATION:** Career politicians have failed people on both sides of this discussion for decades to the point that no one trusts the government when it comes to fixing both our legal and illegal immigration problems. Until we are able to secure our borders, the American people will not trust Congress to do anything else. That is why it must be our top priority.

**5. ENVIRONMENT:** The health of the Chesapeake Bay is Maryland's priority. The Bay watershed goes from New York to Virginia. We need equitable, fair and

common sense solutions to cleaning up our Bay from a multi-state compact. The Rain Tax is an example of a ridiculous policy that required 9% of the watershed land users to bear responsibility for environmental cleanup while excusing the other 91%.

**6. INEQUALITY:** Education and jobs. The fact that we are not preparing our students for the true job market they are facing. We need plumbers, military personnel, and people in law enforcement just as much as we need doctors, lawyers, and accountants. That is why it is extremely important that we reform our education system so that our children are given every opportunity.

**7. TAX REFORM:** Our tax code is yet another example that the federal government has become too complex for the average person to navigate. The tax code is more than 73,000 pages long. There is no way Maryland families and small businesses could begin to understand it. We must simplify our tax code and eliminate loopholes.

**8. OTHER PRIORITIES:** As the daughter of an Army officer, I strongly believe we must honor the promises we have made to our men and women in uniform. But right now, we are failing them. The VA is a bureaucratic nightmare and needs immediate reform. These brave men and women have sacrificed so much to keep our country safe – it is the least we can do.

## Chris Van Hollen – Democrat

Campaign Website: [vanhollen.org](http://vanhollen.org)



**1. QUALIFICATIONS:** Like Senator Barbara Mikulski, I believe in delivering results. In Congress and the General Assembly, I've worked together with grassroots activists and community leaders to make a positive difference. I know when to stand and fight for what we believe in, and when to find common ground to achieve results for Marylanders. I've been endorsed by Maryland groups like SEIU, MD Firefighters, and UAW.

**2. ECONOMY:** I have a plan that cracks down on Wall Street's risky financial dealings and boosts paychecks of working Americans with a Paycheck Bonus Tax Credit, with a savers bonus to help families prepare for retirement. We must also strengthen the safety net, raise the minimum wage, improve access to affordable childcare, provide earned paid sick leave and family leave, and ensure equal pay for equal work.

**3. FOREIGN POLICY:** I opposed the Iraq War from the start and believe we must work with and support our allies in the Middle East to defeat ISIL. I oppose putting troops on the ground there and risking Iraq 2.0. We need to support our soldiers and returning veterans by providing healthcare, education, and job opportunities, and ending veteran homelessness.

**4. IMMIGRATION:** I support comprehensive immigration reform to strengthen border security, streamline our visa system, and create an earned path to citizenship to bring the undocumented out of the shadows. This strategy will boost job growth, reduce our deficits, increase the Social Security Trust Fund, and strengthen our national security. I'm pleased to be endorsed by CASA de Maryland.

**5. ENVIRONMENT:** Every community must be safe from toxic pollutants and chemicals like lead. The Sierra Club endorsed me because I fight for environmental

justice and have a plan to address climate change by cutting carbon pollution while also putting money back in the pockets of middle class families. I've fought to stop oil drilling in the Chesapeake Bay watershed and for federal support for clean-up efforts.

**6. INEQUALITY:** Our country must meet its promise of equal opportunity and justice for all, but we're not there yet. Our system is rigged for the wealthy and privileged. I want to stop CEOs from writing off big bonuses if they don't give employees raises. We have to open the doors of opportunity to all – with early education, debt-free college, and job training. We must end unjust mass incarceration.

**7. TAX REFORM:** Our tax code is rigged for those who make money off of money instead of working Americans. My plan would eliminate tax breaks that reward corporations that move jobs overseas instead of creating jobs here at home, and close loopholes that benefit hedge fund managers. I also support a Wall Street trading fee to crack down on risky trading.

**8. OTHER PRIORITIES:** 1. Protect and expand Social Security and Medicare to guarantee retirement security 2. Invest in education in every neighborhood so every child gets a fair opportunity 3. Reform the criminal justice system to treat drug addiction as a health issue and improve ex-offender reentry to help people rejoin their communities 4. Reform the campaign finance system to get big and secret money out of politics.

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## Margaret Flowers — Green

Campaign Website: [flowersforsenate.org](http://flowersforsenate.org)

**1. QUALIFICATIONS:** I practiced pediatrics for 15 years and left practice to do advocacy work in 2007. Since then I have worked on a broad range of issues at the state and national levels. I have helped to write legislation, testified before committees, educated legislators and their staff and organized campaigns for social change. I have also written about a broad range of issues, both analyses and about solutions.

**2. ECONOMY:** Through my project "It's Our Economy" I have worked to educate about solutions that give people greater control over the economy and build community wealth. These include transitioning from corporate subsidies to a guaranteed basic income to end poverty, support for decentralized community-owned solar power, support for cooperatives, doubling social security benefits and improved Medicare for all.

**3. FOREIGN POLICY:** First is to recognize that the U.S. is the largest empire in the history of the world and that our aggressive foreign policy is creating greater insecurity. The empire economy is hurting our ability to meet our domestic needs. We need to scale back our global military presence, move to greater use of diplomacy and take the profit out of war. We also need to lead a global nuclear disarmament.

**4. IMMIGRATION:** I would stop detention and deportation of immigrants and militarization of our borders. Greater emphasis should be placed on changing policies that drive immigration: trade agreements and other economic practices that create debt and extreme poverty, the failed drug war and military intervention that bring violence and instability. All workers should have safe working conditions and a living wage.

**5. ENVIRONMENT:** Extreme extraction and use of fossil fuels and uranium for energy are poisoning the water, land and air and worsening climate change. We must move rapidly to a carbon-free, nuclear-free energy economy through a large scale just transition to produce sustainable sources of energy and clean transportation and to regenerative agriculture techniques and wetland restoration. This will create more jobs.

**6. INEQUALITY:** We need to hold Wall Street executives accountable and create public and postal banks. I support taking the profit out of prisons, ending bail and jail time for nonviolent offenses, a public health approach to drugs and greater community control over police. I support equal access to high quality public education, reinvestment in low income communities and affordable housing, not gentrification.

**7. TAX REFORM:** We need to return to high tax rates on the wealthiest as there were in the middle of the last century to stop the hoarding of wealth and stimulate reinvestment in the economy. In this global era, we need a global tax to end the hiding of wealth in tax havens. We need to lift the cap on the Social Security tax to increase benefits and raise the Medicare tax to expand improved Medicare to everyone.

**8. OTHER PRIORITIES:** A 21st century model of fair trade that improves conditions for all workers and protects the environment. We need to treat access to basic necessities and information as public goods, not commodities. I support municipal internet and net neutrality. We need a national water plan and food labeling laws. We need to end modern slavery and genocide of Indigenous people and promote self-determination.

## WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

### Charles U. Smith — Democrat

**1. QUALIFICATIONS:** I served the state of Maryland for thirty five years / advisor to four Governors as Adjutant General Maryland national Guard /aide to Warfield ,Hodges .fretted , before ordered back to active duty regular army. Register with the state medical board.

**2. ECONOMY:** a fair wage above minimum for every one .

**3. FOREIGN POLICY:** it sure will not be like they are addressing foreign now.

**4. IMMIGRATION:** that every one should be here legally

**5. ENVIRONMENT:** the Chesapeake bay .

**6. INEQUALITY:** enforce the laws fairly in the present not like they did in the past.

**7. TAX REFORM:** tax every one fairly .

**8. OTHER PRIORITIES:** most important is veterans rights to me .

### Robert T. Robinson - Democrat

Campaign Website: [premroserobinson](http://premroserobinson.com)

**1. QUALIFICATIONS:** My political ambition started in 1976, the Bicentennial with a walking Campaign to All 23 County seats the State of MARYLAND. [ FOURTY YEARS IN POLITICS ]. I am continuenueing my Education in Political Sociences. I have lived in MARYLAND all my life. I ran for the MD. Senate in 2007. I am 72 Years old and knowledge of the Seniors NEEDS. Pass member and Board of Saint Patrick Roman Catholic Church.

**2. ECONOMY:** Provide Dental Care for ALL Senior Citizens. Safety Deposit BOXES for ALL U. S. Citizens. Free College Education the Ages 55 and Over. People to use all resources and Citizen be informed to the G.N. P..

**3. FOREIGN POLICY:** If I am elected your Senator , I will Pass Legislation for SOVERN STATES, COUNTRYS, with MORIAL, MILITARY, and Fianicial SUPPORT. Pass Legislation to keep Businesses and Industrys in the U. S.. No loop-holes or TAX Breaks for these Inties.

**4. IMMIGRATION:** Have all Immigrants Stand in line for under going State Policies and for them Learn to Speak the English Language. Pass Legislation for more Immigrants to Aquire more EDUCATION.

**5. ENVIRONMENT:** To inforce the THREE Ps , Pollution, Population and Provity. Up grade the Better Water Quality Act of the 1900s. Better FOOD Inspections . Do away with Old DAMS Combind ELECTRIC GRIDS for effanc ELECTRICITY, ETC..

**6. INEQUALITY:** Push for more free education for Blacks. Speake on MORIAL vales and to Curve Racial Viliance, ETC..

**7. TAX REFORM:** Tax collectors were present Back-in Bibicial Times and Should Be Inforced! Ues Checks and Balances ! Have the Wealthy Pay more TAXS , ETC..

**8. OTHER PRIORITIES:** I am a Grue ON the ENVIRNOMENT , limit Water USE, Bioal Chemistry in Popular CROPS, Inprovice for to help in Addition Resources. Put Water- Meaters on all Fire Hydrens , ETC..

### Lih Young — Democrat

Campaign Website: [vote-md.org/intro.aspx?id=mdyounglih](http://vote-md.org/intro.aspx?id=mdyounglih)

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

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

**3. FOREIGN POLICY:** SUPPORT drawdown of US combat forces overseas; promote diplomacy. No War. No Assassinations; OPPOSE: unfair free trade agreements, genocides, land-grabbing; not for the best interest of general public for usa and foreign countries; not to benefit: warmongers; banking, automobiles, military industrial complex, related "official misconduct-government

gang- MURDER- FRAUD- CRIME- INJUSTICE NETWORKS".

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

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

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

**7. TAX REFORM:** Prosecute "official misconduct-government gang-MURDER-FRAUD-CRIME-INJUSTICE NETWORKS" operation, unjust practices= ROBBER-ISM; false/misleading/abuse/deprivation; inc. civic non- profit, think tanks. Reduce tax burden/increase revenues. Promote productivity, accountability, public interest, social needs; solve socio-economic-political- election- media-budget- legislation-system problems.

**8. OTHER PRIORITIES:** Prosecute/ eliminate "official misconduct-government gang- MURDER- FRAUD- CRIME- INJUSTICE NETWORKS"="cruel tyranny"="robbery machine"="ROBBER-ISM"="super classes of crimes, parasites, welfares, disservices"; public-private; 3 branches, local-global. Promote accountability, social needs. objective evaluations. Televise candidate debate; maintain/disseminate accurate meaningful records.

All write-in candidates can be found at: <http://elections.maryland.gov/elections/2016/index.html>



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## US Congressional Offices

**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 determine whether a public official should be tried, if accused of a crime.

**How Elected:** Each of the 435 Representatives is elected to a two-year term, serving a specific district. Each State has at least one Representative, but the total number is based on the population in the most recent census. Representatives must be at least 25 years old, have been citizens of the United States for at least 7 years and be residents of the state they want to represent.

**Term:** Two years

**Base Salary:** \$174,000

### Questions

**1. QUALIFICATIONS:** How does your experience prepare you for the duties of a Representative?

**2. ECONOMY:** What economic policies would you support to assist low and middle income citizens?

**3. FOREIGN POLICY:** What are the most important foreign policy issues and how would you address them?

**4. IMMIGRATION:** What changes, if any, would you support in immigration policy?

**5. ENVIRONMENT:** What is the most pressing environmental problem and would measure would you support to address it?

**6. INEQUALITY:** What policies would you support to address increasing concern about economic, racial, and social inequality?

**7. TAX REFORM:** What changes, if any, would you support in federal tax policy?

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

### Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

## MARYLAND'S SIXTH DISTRICT

### Amie Hoeber - Republican

Campaign Website: [amieforcongress.com](http://amieforcongress.com)



**1. QUALIFICATIONS:** I have worked to enhance our country's national security my whole life, including as President Ronald Reagan's Deputy Under Secretary of the U.S. Army. I advise the federal government and private industry on a wide range of defense matters including nuclear, chemical and biological defense, homeland security, defense against terrorism, ballistic missile defense, and weapons security.

**2. ECONOMY:** The federal government can best help job and economic growth by getting out of the way and allowing American innovation to lead. I have over 22 years of experience as a small business owner so I know first-hand how government over-regulation and an overly complex tax code hinder job growth and economic opportunity for businesses in Maryland. I will bring a common sense approach to job growth.

**3. FOREIGN POLICY:** Iran, North Korea, Russia, China, and terrorist organizations have been emboldened to challenge us, and our allies doubt our resolve. I will fight to bolster our defenses and ensure our military has the capabilities it needs to confront and deter or defeat threats from ISIS and other adversaries. I will fight to repeal the ill-conceived Iran agreement and stand by all our allies.

**4. IMMIGRATION:** The United States faces a very real threat of terrorist organizations infiltrating our borders. It is vitally important that we address the weaknesses in our border control and immigration systems and provide the border patrol and National Guard the resources they need to enforce our policies. We need to, first, enforce current laws and, second, carefully vet immigrants of concern.

**5. ENVIRONMENT:** I support a practical approach to addressing our environmental challenges. The federal government should work with state and local governments and with industry executing environmental

management. The federal government should not impose unduly harsh and unnecessarily burdensome regulations that make environmental protection less likely to be successfully accomplished and stifle job growth.

**6. INEQUALITY:** It is imperative to our nation's economic security that all Americans have the opportunity to succeed. I support economic and tax policies that promote job growth in all sectors of the economy. I also support providing and improving a wide variety of educational opportunities for all children, as well as job-training for adults, so that they may learn the skills they need to secure good jobs.

**7. TAX REFORM:** An unnecessarily complex and cumbersome tax code continues to drive American businesses overseas and imposes a disproportionately large burden on small businesses and the self-employed. We must reduce government interference in businesses and simplify and reduce taxes so that hard-working Americans can keep more of their money to invest in their businesses, their communities, and their families.

**8. OTHER PRIORITIES:** I am a strong proponent for the protection and economic advancement of women. I am a Board Member of the House of Ruth Maryland, which supports women and children impacted by domestic violence. Throughout my career I have also served as a mentor to women in business and the military. This is a priority for me – I will continue to champion the advancement of and equal opportunity for women.

### John K. Delaney – Democrat

Campaign Website: [delaneyforcongress.com](http://delaneyforcongress.com)



**1. QUALIFICATIONS:** I was blessed to live the American Dream and want the next generation to have that same chance. I spent two decades as an entrepreneur and business builder in Maryland and have real-world experience creating jobs and helping businesses grow.

**2. ECONOMY:** Investing in education is essential. We need to make college more affordable and establish pre-k for all, which is the goal of my Early Learning Act. We also need to raise the minimum wage, make sure that women receive equal pay for equal work and expand family and medical leave. Finally, we need to create more good-paying jobs with a big new infrastructure program.

**3. FOREIGN POLICY:** First, we need to defeat ISIS. We must take the fight to ISIS with additional air strikes, supporting our allies, strengthening intelligence and cutting off their resources. Second, we have to ensure that Iran does not violate the nuclear agreement and that their conventional weapons program is limited. I authored legislation to increase sanctions on Iran's weapons violations.

**4. IMMIGRATION:** We need comprehensive reform. We need to secure the border, crack down on employers who knowingly hire undocumented workers, expand the Visa program so that the best & brightest can work here and provide a path to citizenship for the millions of undocumented people already here and a part of our communities. The path to citizenship should include paying back taxes and a criminal background check.

**5. ENVIRONMENT:** Climate change is a threat to our national security, public health and natural resources. I have been a leader on this issue and have authored legislation to reduce carbon pollution.

My bill uses a carbon tax to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and directs the revenues to working families, impacted coal miners and reduces taxes on businesses.

**6. INEQUALITY:** We must ensure that every kid, no matter their race, economic background or zip code has access to a world-class education, from pre-k to college that is affordable. I also believe that we must combat inequality by ensuring equal pay for equal work, ending discrimination against LGBT Americans and making sure that civil rights and voting rights progress is not undone.

**7. TAX REFORM:** I believe that high-earners can and should pay a little bit more and support the Buffett Rule, which is designed to make sure that no CEO is paying lower taxes than their secretary. We also need to pass international tax reform to prevent inversions and bring back corporate profits that are trapped overseas. My legislation does this and uses these revenues to rebuild our infrastructure.

**8. OTHER PRIORITIES:** In Congress I have been a strong advocate for supporting veterans and military families and have fought to increase federal support for the Fisher House Foundation every year I've been in office. Fisher House provides free lodging near hospitals for the families of veterans and service-members and I believe that no veteran should spend time in the hospital alone.

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## MARYLAND'S SIXTH DISTRICT

**David L. Howser - Libertarian**

No response received by deadline.

**George Gluck - Green Party**

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

**1. QUALIFICATIONS:** According to the Congressional Research Service, "the duties ... include representation [I live in District 6], legislation [needing analytic ability and attention to detail], constituent service [my staff will include members of several parties or none, empathetic to constituent needs] and education [I will impart my recent economic and political education to my constituents]."



**2. ECONOMY:** Let's start with a "living wage," as suggested by President Theodore Roosevelt. Then, increasing expenditures for infrastructure improvements like repair of highways, bridges, and water, electricity (especially from renewable sources) and communications systems. and encouraging the manufacture of more products in the USA (I purchase clothing made here - New Balance running shoes, Red Wing shoes).

**3. FOREIGN POLICY:** The wars started in 2001 have cost the USA trillions, but more importantly, the lives and futures of thousands of young Americans and also the respect of much of the rest of the world. We need to do a better job of allocating our defense budget to areas that will reverse this trend.

**4. IMMIGRATION:** Being an immigrant, I agree with Rep. Gutierrez: "We need to have a system of legal immigration that employers and immigrants actually use so that we have control over who comes and who is here and... those people already here into the system if they are crime free and play by the rules. And we need enforcement that makes sure that [all] are playing by a clear set of rules that are evenly enforced."

**5. ENVIRONMENT:** Our significant environmental challenges can be traced to the use of fossil fuels. We should immediately price carbon to reflect its real cost to society. We should also begin a renewable energy "Manhattan Project," which produced the first atomic bomb in

about 5 years. This program would have the added benefit of producing thousands of new jobs and producing a sustainable energy infrastructure.

**6. INEQUALITY:** End the failed war on drugs. Legalize marijuana/hemp. Treat substance abuse as a health problem, not a criminal offense. Train officers in conflict resolution, demilitarize police, and end mass incarceration, institutional racism within our justice system and for-profit policing. Repair our communities rather than dump resources into the prison-industrial complex.

**7. TAX REFORM:** According to the GAO, although the maximum corporate tax rate is 35%, large, profitable U. S. corporations paid an average effective federal tax rate of 12.6% in 2010. In 1955 the tax rate as a share of GDP was 6%. In 2009 it was 1%. Legislation is required to lower tax credits and discourage the use of offshore tax havens that thus transfer the burden of tax payment to working citizens.

**8. OTHER PRIORITIES:** Electoral Reform: 1. An end to gerrymandering. 2. A constitutional right to vote for all citizens. 3. A Constitutional amendment that corporations are not "people" and money is not "speech." 4. Verifiable voting with a "paper trail". 5. Automatic registration at age 18. 6. Early voting days and possibly making Election Day a national holiday. 7. Ranked voting to encourage more choices for voters.

## MARYLAND'S EIGHTH DISTRICT

**Dan Cox - Republican**

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



**1. QUALIFICATIONS:** As a former elected official and Town Council president, I have worked hard for over 20 years in public interest and education advocacy, and in my legal practice, earning a 5.0AV rating with Martindale.com from the people I've served as an attorney. My experience is strong in standing up to fortune 500 corporations and refusing to back down against the largest law firms and overzealous officials.

**2. ECONOMY:** I will work to increase jobs and opportunity for economic upward mobility by reducing the rising costs of living through growing wages by eliminating payroll taxes and enacting a flat tax for incomes above \$36,000, providing student loan repayment opportunities for use of skills in low-income regions, and creating incentives for eliminating real estate taxes burdening homeowners.

**3. FOREIGN POLICY:** The international rise of extensive networks of ISIS terrorists and related nation-state sponsors of terrorism must be destroyed, and our military and national security strengthened while eliminating waste. I will also work to restore sanctions against Iran, and I will stand strong with Israel. The refugee disaster in Syria can be stopped by destroying ISIS and reversing Obama's failed

strategy.

**4. IMMIGRATION:** We can stop the Heroin and Cocaine epidemics cold in their tracks through comprehensive border security and public-private partnerships against poverty, drugs and crime - our faith-based organizations. Together we can envision a District that protects all our residents from international and domestic security threats under rule of law including ending sanctuary cities by funding mandates.

**5. ENVIRONMENT:** Every day thousands of people are stuck in traffic in District 8, increasing pollution and keeping us out of the health club. Together we can achieve a reduction in traffic congestion in our District by immediate funding - as a matter of national security - our light rail and purple line, bus rapid transit and by expanding necessary lanes and roads including on 495 and I-270. The time is now.

**6. INEQUALITY:** As an employment discrimination law attorney, I support ending color-based and gender-based promotions, while at the same time mandating equal pay for equal work. Whenever there is a question of equality in promotion or pay, an employee should have the right to obtain via the EEOC process documents demonstrating the pay levels of other similar redacted employees. Currently the EEOC decides.

**7. TAX REFORM:** Jobs and economic mobility are essential to our economy and a flat tax eases the burdens for all, putting instant money in the pockets of the working middle class, and freeing up investment and business capital for amazing job growth potential estimated by the Tax Foundation to produce 12.2% increase in wages in our pockets, and close to 5 million new jobs. I would also end the death tax.

**8. OTHER PRIORITIES:** I would end common core and increase education opportunities for families with tax credits and vouchers, while not reducing funding for public schools through additional set-asides to cover voucher programs. I would reduce deficit spending and begin paying down our national debt through systemic waste reduction of bloated federal agencies.

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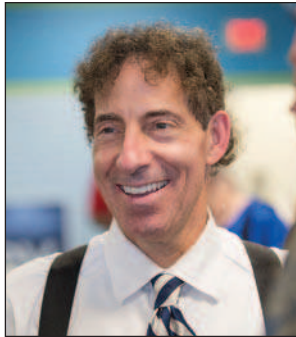
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## MARYLAND'S EIGHTH DISTRICT

### Jamie Raskin - Democrat

Campaign Website: [jamieraskin.com](http://jamieraskin.com)

**1. QUALIFICATIONS:** I've been State Senator for a decade and a constitutional law professor at AU for 25 years. I've led successful fights to pass marriage equality and end the death penalty, to pass the Lily Ledbetter Act and ban assault weapons, and enact campaign finance reform. I've built breakthrough legislative strategies and cross-party coalitions to achieve victory on the most intractable problems.



**2. ECONOMY:** I fought successfully to increase the minimum wage in Maryland and would in Congress back an increase to \$12 an hour. I have a 5-point plan to revitalize the right to organize and am pushing bills in Annapolis for equal pay and paid sick and family leave. I'm a proven champion of consumer and civil rights and will champion reinvestment in the infrastructure for a "green deal for America."

**3. FOREIGN POLICY:** The frightening dynamics of climate change are the context within which we must lead on the global stage. I will continue to fight for dramatic global reductions in greenhouse gas emissions & a shift to renewable energy. As we face failed states, terrorist death cults like ISIS, & resurgent theocracy from Iran to Saudi Arabia, we must stand strong for human rights, democracy & the rule of law.

**4. IMMIGRATION:** I strongly favor comprehensive immigration reform. I was an outspoken supporter of the Maryland DREAM Act and other legislation to improve the prospects of new immigrants. In Congress, I would work to provide immigrants a pathway to earned citizenship and to protect the workplace rights of all workers, including immigrants.

**5. ENVIRONMENT:** We must break from our reliance on the carbon barons & usher in the age of renewable energy through a tax & dividend policy, which is why I refuse contributions from Big Oil, Gas & Coal. Toxic fracking is a pressing dan-

ger, which is why I led the fight for a ban on toxic fracking in Maryland and have introduced a bill to impose strict liability on drilling companies for any damages they cause.

**6. INEQUALITY:** Sharp inequality damages people's health and undermines social cohesion. We need to increase the minimum wage; revitalize the right to organize and bargain collectively; reform criminal justice and restore former prisoners to the job market through laws like the Second Chance Act, which I introduced here; and end special interest legislation. Democracy requires equality!

**7. TAX REFORM:** We need to restore progressivity to the federal income tax structure, eliminate special interest loopholes, and stop corporate tax inversion. Corporations should not be allowed to pay lower taxes on foreign income than they otherwise pay on domestic profits. Ending corporate tax evasion is critical to fighting the drastic income inequality that is undermining democracy in America today.

**8. OTHER PRIORITIES:** I am a passionate critic of our gun laws and the obscene violence engulfing us. Brian Frosh and I steered to passage one of the best gun safety laws in America. In Congress, I would use my knowledge of gun policy and the 2nd Amendment to ban assault weapons and impose universal background checks. I am a strong champion of small-donor campaign finance reform and a relentless foe of Citizens United.

### Jasen Wunder - Libertarian

**1. QUALIFICATIONS:** As a middle class citizen all issues that affect you affect me. As a Pediatric Critical Care Paramedic, I am used to making high stress level decisions. I also document all of my actions and why I do them for review, unlike most politicians.

**2. ECONOMY:** Elimination of the majority of taxes. Gas tax, sales tax, entertainment tax... These are examples of taxes that hurt middle and lower income families. The rich are not bothered by a few dollars here or there, but if you are on a tight budget, a few dollars can make or break you.

**3. FOREIGN POLICY:** The constant wars waged by the US are too costly. We cannot force democracy on people who do not want it. We are sending our children to fight and die for a cause that is not working. We should bring all of our troops home, secure our borders, and only involve ourselves with other countries when it involves us.

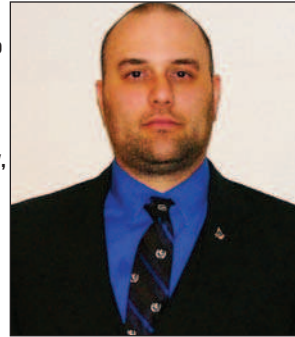
**4. IMMIGRATION:** I am for a secure border but with a fair immigration policy. Allow immigration with a quicker and easier application process and a background check. The United States is a place where one can come to be free and work hard. If you are willing to do that and have no criminal history then you are welcome with open arms.

**5. ENVIRONMENT:** Government is the biggest problem on eliminating pollution. You cannot tax your way to a better environment. If we eliminate public property then the people who own the property will care for it and thus naturally curb pollution. People care for things better when they own it versus share it. Nobody washes their rental car.

**6. INEQUALITY:** Get the Government out of it. Business's want to hire good employees and keep them with high pay and great benefits. You cannot regulate equality.

**7. TAX REFORM:** Eliminate it. The states would pay a yearly tax to the Federal Government to operate the military and other vital Federal agencies. The states would collect it however they want based on their own beliefs.

**8. OTHER PRIORITIES:** - Eliminate all Government spying. The US has no business collecting your phone records or emails without a specific warrant for YOU! -Term Limits are crucial. No more career politicians. I support only being allowed to serve one term and I will only serve, if elected, one term.



### Nancy Wallace - Green Party

Campaign Website: [nancywallace.us](http://nancywallace.us)

**1. QUALIFICATIONS:** I worked 14 years lobbying Congress for environmental movement-stopping commercial whaling, stopping clubbing seals, founded International Entanglement Network to reduce marine debris. Created strategies, testified, ran national coalitions. Was Sierra Club's Washington Director, International Population Program, winning major funding for reproductive health care for women in developing countries.



**2. ECONOMY:** I support Community Based Economics and Economic Justice. 1% of the US owns 40% of our wealth. I propose: Minimum wage of \$17.07/hour; Free health care through single payer program; Free college; Employee ownership of businesses; Promote local small businesses; Reestablish capital gains tax and inheritance tax; Award federal contracts to lowest 'wage gap' bidders; Promote steady state economy.

**3. FOREIGN POLICY:** My top foreign policy issue is survival of women and girls, millions dying every year from lack of family planning, discrimination in food supply, killings and torture for choosing a husband, genital mutilation, and inadequate education. I will increase aid to women's NGOs. Second, true sustainable development - renewable energy, tree planting to restore ecosystems, local crops not cash exports.

**4. IMMIGRATION:** The U.S. needs a complete overhaul of our immigration laws, and to stop supporting corrupt governments, harmful trade policies, and unsustainable development in sending countries. Undocumented immigrants should be granted a legal status which includes the chance to become U.S. citizens, the horrific human sex trafficking stopped, and indigenous peoples allowed to cross borders on their own land.

**5. ENVIRONMENT:** Climate change is the largest crisis in human history. I call for an emergency, national economic transformation to 100% renewable electricity by 2020, and renewable transportation by 2025. We need an all-out emergency transformation similar to our World War II switch to wartime industrial production. Every second, every breath, every penny we spend must support this reversal. Please see website.

**6. INEQUALITY:** We must solve inequality in this country by solving structural racism and gender inequality. We should "ban the box" on job applications and ensure free access to a college education or job training. We should raise the minimum wage to \$17.07 to ensure self-sufficiency for full time workers. I support Black Lives Matter, and the Voting Rights Advancement Act to restore election protections.

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# 2016 LOCAL ELECTIONS

## JUDGE, COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS (AT-LARGE)

**DUTIES:** Judges preside in the Court of Special Appeals, the intermediate appellate court in Maryland. The Court reviews the actions and decisions of the Circuit Court and of the Orphans' Court in cases brought before it. The Court, usually sitting in panels of three judges, decides if the trial judge followed the law and legal precedent.

**SALARY:** 163,633 annual base

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

**HOW ELECTED:** When there is a vacancy on the Court of Special Appeals, the governor appoints a qualified person to fill the office, with the consent of the State Senate. Once appointed, the appellate judge holds the office until the first election that occurs at least one year after the vacancy happened. At that time, the judge runs for an uncontested election for a ten-year term on their record (yes or no for continuance in office). No one is permitted to file against them. If the incumbent judge is approved, the judge faces another "retention election" every ten years to continue in office. If the incumbent judge is rejected by the voters, the post becomes vacant, and the governor makes a new appointment. The Court is composed of 15 judges: eight at large and one each from seven appellate judicial districts.

Questions

**1. COURT NEEDS:** What are the areas of greatest need in Maryland's judicial system?

**2. ACCESS TO JUSTICE:** What actions would you support to provide individuals with more access to the judicial system and legal assistance?

**3. EQUALITY:** What steps can the courts take to reduce the risk that prejudices may influence the outcome of legal proceedings?

Candidates

Vote to confirm or not to confirm each candidate.

**Dan Friedman**

No response received by deadline.

**Wallace**

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**7. TAX REFORM:** Redistribute our over-concentration of wealth from the top 1% and large, multi-national corporations: Reinstate estate and capital gains taxes at 1970s rates; Increase subsidies for solar, wind, geothermal, tidal energy; Stop subsidies for the petroleum, natural gas, and nuclear industries; All corporations should pay income taxes; End farm bill subsidies; Enact Tobin tax on currency speculation.

**8. OTHER PRIORITIES:** Stopping child sex abuse must be top priority—98% of teens trafficked into prostitution were abused. We should withdraw from NAFTA, CAFTA, Trans-Pacific Partnership, Fast Track, to restore US sovereignty. We must radically transform our approach to freedom and privacy to stop the electronic invasion of our lives. I oppose torture, period. Transform our economy to community, cooperative businesses.

## FREDERICK COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

**DUTIES:** Judges preside in the Circuit Court, which is a trial court of general jurisdiction covering major civil cases and more serious criminal matters. Circuit Courts also may decide appeals from the District Court and certain administrative agencies.

**SALARY:** \$154,433

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

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

without party designation

Questions

**1. QUALIFICATIONS:** How does your experience prepare you for the duties of a Judge of the Circuit Court?

**2. COURT NEEDS:** What are the areas of greatest need in Maryland's judicial system?

**3. ACCESS TO JUSTICE:** What actions would you propose to provide individuals with more access to the judicial system and legal assistance?

**4. EQUALITY:** What steps can the courts take to reduce the risk that prejudices may influence the outcome of legal proceedings?

Candidates

Vote for no more than 1.

**Julie Stevenson Solt**

No response received by deadline.

## FREDERICK COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

**TERM:** Four years; no term limit.

**HOW ELECTED:** Elected Countywide in a nonpartisan election.

Questions

What are Frederick County's two most pressing education issues and how would you address them?

How does diversity enrich and challenge the FCPS and how would ensure successful outcomes for all students?

How should FCPS address the needs of students not college bound?

What background and experience do you bring to this position?

Candidates

Vote for no more than 3.

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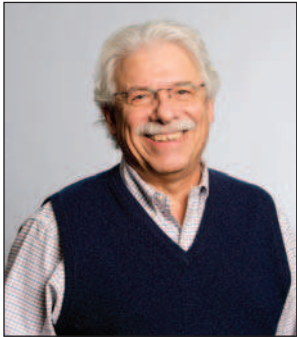
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## FREDERICK COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION



**Michael G Bunitsky**

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

**What are Frederick County's two most pressing education issues and how would you address them?** The two most pressing issues are adequate funding and closing the achievement gap. The two are closely related. Allocating more money to hiring and retaining the best teachers is the first step. Lowering class size in order to give teachers and students a chance for success is next. It is the job of the BoE to educate the public and advocate with elected officials to provide excellent teachers.

**How does diversity enrich and challenge the FCPS and how would ensure successful outcomes for all students?** Every student deserves to be treated with respect and offered appropriate learning and assessment that fits his or her background and ability. We learn through exposure to new ideas, different people and novel experiences. A diversity of methods, ways of thinking and problem solving makes learning varied and full. One size does not fit all. A lower student-teacher ratio would assist.

**How should FCPS address the needs of students not college bound?** With vigor. When we say "preparation for College and Careers" we don't emphasize "Careers" enough. The Career Tech Center offers a variety of activities that may be a more viable option. Not every student is college bound when they leave high school. Many students need to be made aware of the options available to them while in high school and then determine if college is right for them.

**What background and experience do you bring to this position?** MD educator since 1975, Curriculum Specialist 1994-2016, FCC adjunct, FCASA president/negotiator 2010-2015. Student activities coordinator: MD General Assembly Student Page Program; mock trial; Civics and Law Academy; Frederick County Association of Student Councils; Model UN with Hood College/UNESCO Center for Peace. I am very familiar with the academic, instructional, and staffing needs of FCPS.



**Ken Kerr**

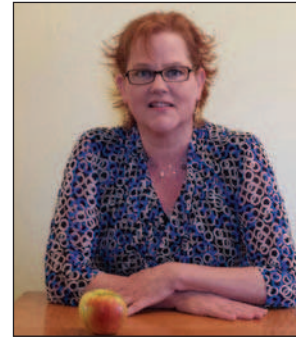
**Campaign Website:** [kerr4boe.com](http://kerr4boe.com)

**What are Frederick County's two most pressing education issues and how would you address them?** First is the negative perception of public education. To address this we need to elect leaders who find solutions—not candidates who only want to point out problems without offering anything positive. Second is the excessive high-stakes testing. Because much of this is tied to state and federal funding, we need to work through state and federal legislators to affect significant change.

**How does diversity enrich and challenge the FCPS and how would ensure successful outcomes for all students?** High school graduates will compete for college and career on a global stage where American culture and values may not be the norm. Accepting, cultivating, and embracing diversity will be of great value in helping our students compete and live successful and fulfilling lives.

**How should FCPS address the needs of students not college bound?** Frederick Community College offers one-year career training programs in building trades, hospitality, allied health, and technical fields. Expanding the exiting FCC/FCPS Dual-Enrollment program would allow high school seniors to begin these career programs at FCC in addition to the programs offered at the CTC where 760 students currently complete one of 24 career programs.

**What background and experience do you bring to this position?** I had a 10 year career in the computer field and also taught elementary school and was briefly a school bus driver. I have a doctorate in education, twenty years in higher education with experience in program and curriculum development, assessing programs and student learning, budget and planning, and recently completed a two-year study of FCC's operations in preparation for reaccreditation.



**Cindy Rose**

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

**What are Frederick County's two most pressing education issues and how would you address them?** The most pressing issues are local control and autonomy. Outsiders dictate the terms of local education. Boards of Education have autonomy, including writing our own standards and curriculum. We have been constrained by the limits put on us by the creators of the Common Core Standards. We lose enrichment like sports, because of the dictates of outsiders. It's time to say "no" to mandates.

**How does diversity enrich and challenge the FCPS and how would ensure successful outcomes for all students?** You need to define "diversity"? Diversity of thought, programs, resources, cultures, etc.? We can't "ensure" successful outcomes based on "diversity". How you treat individuals creates successful people. Treat people with respect and kindness, make them believe they can succeed and they will. Treat everyone like a victim and you'll create more victims.

**How should FCPS address the needs of students not college bound?** College retention rates suffer because we have some unknown need to push everyone toward college; often before they are ready. We need to stop vilifying blue collar workers as if they are "less than". I know very wealthy plumbers, carpenters and mechanics. We need to know what "success" and "happiness" mean to the individual before pushing them to college or career. They need to explore jobs.

**What background and experience do you bring to this position?** I have the unique perspective of having a child in public school since the mid 1980's. I've seen it all. My oldest knew how and why America works. My two middle weren't taught any of that from school, I had to teach them. My youngest are being taught "what" to think, not "how" to interpret the world around them. My parental voice has been silenced over the decades. I'm bringing change.



**Joy Schaefer**

**Campaign Website:** [strongschools.info](http://strongschools.info)

**What are Frederick County's two most pressing education issues and how would you address them?** Adequate investment in our public schools and our ability to attract, support and develop, and retain high quality teachers and staff are our two biggest challenges. It is time for a focused local, statewide and federal reinvestment in our schools. In addition to keeping an eye on cost-savings and efficient operations, I have and will continue to work hard to advocate for adequate funding.

**How does diversity enrich and challenge the FCPS and how would ensure successful outcomes for all students?** Diversity of our students brings a breadth of perspectives and strengths that enrich learning and awareness. The challenges come from our inability in meeting all our students' diverse needs. Ensuring that teachers and staff, as well as instructional materials, reflect the diversity of our students is one way to meet that challenge. Cultural awareness and competency is also key for our employees.

**How should FCPS address the needs of students not college bound?** There are a variety of opportunities available to our students after graduation. Our responsibility is to prepare them to be successful in whatever they may choose. FCPS must build on existing programs offered to non-college bound students. Expansion and an eye towards new growth areas must be continuous. FCPS should also be addressing where and how we deliver these programs to maximize access.

**What background and experience do you bring to this position?** I am currently in my fourth year of service on the Board of Education. In addition to my work locally, I have worked closely with Board members and other leaders across Maryland. I am able to bring that depth and breadth of knowledge back to Frederick County. In my professional life I developed curriculum and managed budgets and programs. I have years of PTA experience at schools and county-wide.

# 2016 STATE ELECTIONS

## MARYLAND BALLOT QUESTIONS

### Maryland Constitutional Amendment (Question 1)

**Constitutional Amendment:** Process to Fill Vacancy in the Office of Attorney General or Comptroller of Maryland

(Amending Article V, Section 5 and Article VI, Section 1 of the Maryland Constitution)

**Ballot Language:** Changes the way the Governor fills a vacancy of the Attorney General or the Comptroller and requires a special election for vacancies that occur on or before a certain date. Under current law, the Governor fills a vacancy by appointing an individual to serve for the remainder of the term. Under the amended law, if the vacating Attorney General or Comptroller was a member of a political party, the Governor must fill the vacancy from a list of three names provided by the political party of the vacating official, and if no names are provided by the political party within a set time period, then the Governor must select a successor from the political party of the vacating official. If the vacating Attorney General or Comptroller was not a member of a political party, then the amended law requires the Governor to appoint any qualified individual. The Governor must make the appointment within a set time period following the vacancy. The amended law requires a special election to replace the successor if the vacancy occurs early enough in the term to allow for candidates to participate in the regular elections held in the second year of the vacating official's term.

**Origin of the ballot question:** The 2016 session of the General Assembly passed legislation (HB 260) proposing a constitutional amendment to change how vacancies in the offices of Attorney General and Comptroller will be filled. A bill that amends the Maryland Constitution requires a three-fifth vote in each chamber (Maryland Senate and House of Delegates) and approval by the voters at the next general election.

**Present Practice:** Under the Maryland Constitution, when a vacancy occurs in the office of the Attorney General or Comptroller, the Governor appoints a person to serve for the rest of that term. Appointment of the Comptroller also requires the approval of the Maryland Senate. The Governor is not required to choose someone of the same political affiliation as the person being replaced. There also is no provision for the voters to choose someone to fill a vacancy in either office through a special election, no matter how much time is left in the term of office.

**Proposed Change:** The Governor would be required to appoint a replacement Attorney General or Comptroller within 30 days of the vacancy, with someone from a list of three persons submitted by the State Central Committee of the political party of the previous office holder. (If the person being replaced was not affiliated with a political party, the Governor could appoint any qualified person.) The appointed person would serve for the rest of the original term if the vacancy occurs in the last two years of the term. However, if the vacancy occurs six weeks before a scheduled presidential primary (that is, there are more than two years remaining in the term) a special election would be held as part of the presidential election process.

#### Arguments FOR the amendment:

The person appointed by the Governor must be of the same political affiliation as the person being replaced. This reflects the preferences of the voters when they chose the Attorney General or Comptroller at the last election.

If there are more than two years left in the term, the voters are able to choose who will fill the office at special elections held at the same time as the next presidential primary and general elections.

By choosing the new official at the same time as the scheduled elections, there would be no additional costs for conducting separate special elections.

It is likely that many more voters would participate if the vacancy is filled at a regularly scheduled election, than if the special elections were held at a separate time.

#### Arguments AGAINST the amendment:

Requiring the Governor to appoint someone recommended by a political party central committee gives power to a small group of people elected only by members of that political party.

Under current rules, the Governor may appoint a qualified person of any political affiliation.

Holding a special election to choose someone to fill the last two years of a term when the Governor has already appointed a replacement may result in frequent changes in leadership.

A vote FOR the constitutional amendment means the Maryland Constitution would be amended to

(1) require the Governor to fill a vacancy for Attorney General or Comptroller with someone from the same political affiliation as the person being replaced; and

(2) require that a replacement be elected at the same time as the presidential election if more than two years are left in the term.

A vote AGAINST the constitutional amendment means the Maryland Constitution would not be amended. When a vacancy occurs, the Governor may appoint someone of any political affiliation to fill the rest of the term of Attorney General or Comptroller.

## 2016 LOCAL ELECTIONS

### FREDERICK COUNTY BALLOT QUESTIONS

#### QUESTION A

This Charter Amendment would amend the Frederick County Charter to require that the County Council provide at least four days advance public notice on the County website before holding a public hearing on a bill amendment that constitutes a change of substance.

#### QUESTION B

This Charter Amendment would amend the Frederick County Charter to extend the time for the County Council to adopt the County Budget until May 31 and would require that the County Council provide at least two days advance public notice on the County website before holding a public hearing on a budget amendment that constitutes a change of substance.

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