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With the 2022 Gubernatorial Primary Election approaching, we invited all Democratic candidates in the City of Baltimore to participate in our 2022 Baltimore City Democratic Voter's Guide. We invite you to use this guide as a tool to learn about the Democratic candidates that will appear on Baltimore City ballots. Please note that the BCDSCC practices neutrality in primary campaigns, therefore, we do not endorse candidates for a primary election.

We hope you find this guide to be useful. Thank you and we'll see you at the polls! For additional information, please visit www.baltimorecitydems.org or find us on social media @BaltimoreDems.

Please note that as you view this guide, all candidate responses are submitted "as is." The Baltimore City Democratic State Central Committee did not edit or correct any spelling or grammatical errors. In addition, all names are presented as what is listed on the ballot.

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STATE OFFICES

GOVERNOR AND LT. GOVERNOR CANDIDATES

of Democratic Candidates: 9

Jon Baron, Peter Franchot, Douglas F. Gansler, Ralph W. Jaffe, Ashwani Jain, John King, Wes Moore, Tom Perez, Jerome M. Segal

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Running mate: NATALIE WILLIAMS

1. Tell us about yourself and why you should be elected as Governor.

My career has focused on government reform, and I've been able to drive real change from both inside and outside government. As a Congressional staffer, I created and worked with members of Congress to enact a new program that now awards \$450 million each year to small technology companies to create new products and jobs. As a Clinton Administration official, I headed a nearly billion-dollar technology program and won awards for reinventing government. Later, I founded and ran a nonprofit organization that sparked a movement to advance evidence-based policymaking throughout government, and worked with the Bush and Obama Administrations and Congress to enact major reforms in social spending programs. These reforms led to significant gains in worker earnings, student achievement, and other life outcomes. Most recently, as vice president of a national philanthropy, I headed the largest philanthropic initiative in the country that identifies and expands proven-effective social programs. I've been an appointee of both Democratic and Republican presidents, and have twice been confirmed by the Senate. I went to Yale Law School, Princeton for graduate school, and Rice for college.

2. Why are you running for Maryland Governor? If elected, what will be your priorities?

I'm running for governor because Maryland isn't making progress on issues that are damaging the lives of millions of people — and I'm offering a fundamentally different approach. In education, more than 1/4 of middle school students in our state can't read at basic level, and more than 1/3 can't do basic math — those numbers are no different than they were 20 years ago. The bottom 40 percent of Marylanders have seen stagnant wages since the 1980s, as income inequality has soared. More than half a million Marylanders are living in poverty, and we've made no progress lowering our state's poverty rate in more than 30 years. Racial inequities persist in all these areas. Fellow Marylanders, we can't just keep doing the same thing we've been doing for decades — rolling out one unproven government program after another — and expect a different result. That hasn't brought progress and it won't, for a simple reason: Many programs, no matter how well-intentioned they are, just don't work, as we've seen too often when the results are actually measured. To make

progress, we have to expand solutions that don't just sound like good ideas, but have been tested in the real world and shown to improve people's lives. So when I'm governor, we'll do what's proven to work — like providing high-quality tutoring to every struggling first and second grader in Maryland, because it's been shown to move them up toward grade level early, before their problems become serious in later grades, and it's the most effective tool we have to address COVID-related learning loss. We'll do this by raising an army of tutors from the community, including retirees and recent college graduates, to become tutors for a modest stipend as a public service. We'll also partner with Maryland businesses to provide effective job training to every young adult in our state who wants to advance. If done right, job training can be extremely effective — it's been shown to increase earnings as much as 40 percent. The key is to focus the training on fast-growing industries, like IT and healthcare, and to work closely with local employers who provide paid internships to the trainees. Under our plan, the state will pay for the training, businesses pay for the internships, the economy gets skilled workers, everyone benefits. These are just two examples of what I'd do as governor, but here's the bottom line — if we continue on our current path, we'll be here in 20 years and nothing will have changed. To make progress, we have to zero-in on solutions that have actually been tested and shown to be effective. That's why I'm running for governor: Let's do what works.

3. As it relates to public safety in Baltimore City, what policies do you plan to implement to reduce and/or prevent gun violence?

Baltimore has seen seven straight years with more than 300 homicides – levels not seen since the crime wave of the 1990s. Reducing violent crime in Baltimore and elsewhere will be a top priority of the Baron-Williams administration. We'll fund crime-fighting strategies that are shown to produce big reductions in violent crime while building community trust. As one example, we'll expand Focused Deterrence — an approach which recognizes that most violent crimes are committed by a relatively small number of individuals who are repeat violent offenders. These individuals are invited to meet with community leaders, social service agencies, and law enforcement. The meetings offer positive support, such as jobs and counseling, while also making clear that continued violence will prompt a strong, focused response from law enforcement. This strategy has been found extremely promising in other cities, including Oakland, California — where it was associated with a 50% reduction in homicides. As for gun violence specifically, Maryland has some of the strictest gun laws in the nation — including universal background checks, assault rifle bans, and the recent ban on ghost guns. There's no doubt that we need similar laws at the federal level to further protect Marylanders from gun violence. But, while it's critical that the next governor continues to call on the federal government to pass common-sense gun reform, there are additional, important steps we can proactively take here in Maryland to promote gun safety. For example, research has shown that more than half of all school shootings are committed by youth who get access to the unsecured guns of a parent or relative. Unsecured guns are also responsible for many other shootings and gun-related suicides. Maryland should follow Massachusetts and Oregon in requiring that all firearms be stored with a secure locking device when not actually in use. We should also invest in promoting the use of gun lockers, which have been found effective in other states, such as Alaska — where a program that offered and installed free gun lockers resulted in a major increase in the use of safe gun storage.

4. What is your vision for public school education in Baltimore City and what steps will you take to ensure that your vision is implemented?

Education is one of the main reasons I got into this race. More than ¼ of middle school students in our state can't read at basic level, and more than 1/3 can't do basic math. In Baltimore City, 25 percent of students don't graduate high school. We need to take immediate steps — focused on solutions that have been tested in the real world and proven to work — to get our K-12 students on track to succeed. That's why our administration will provide high-quality tutoring to every struggling first and second grader in Baltimore and across the state — addressing their problems early, before they get serious in later grades. We'll also fund a

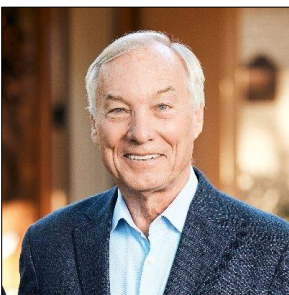
significant expansion of Career Academies, which are small learning communities within high schools that provide hands-on technical and career training to participating students, and have been shown to increase their long-term earnings by an average of \$3,000 per year. We'll also significantly expand certain proven-effective public charter schools, like KIPP. KIPP is a non-profit network of college-preparatory, public charter schools that serve a mainly low-income and minority population and have been shown to raise school wide reading and math achievement by as much as 10 percentile points.

5. How and why did you pick your Lt. Governor running mate? Be sure to include their name and any information about their background.

I'm fortunate to have a terrific running mate in Natalie Williams. Natalie is a proud daughter of Prince George's County who brings more than 20 years of experience in government, communications, and community engagement — serving most recently as Senior Director of Communications and Public Affairs for the Maryland Business Roundtable for Education. Natalie has held a number of prominent roles in journalism and in nonprofits, and she's also a longtime healthcare advocate and breast cancer survivor who launched a foundation to educate women of color on the importance of breast cancer screenings. I couldn't have asked for a better partner in this journey, and I'm certain Natalie will make a terrific lieutenant governor.

6. Share any additional information that you feel Baltimore City voters should know about you and/or the Governor's position.

All of the Democratic candidates in this race share similar goals. We all want to improve education, increase wages, and reduce poverty. But the other candidates' approach to achieving those goals misses a fundamental point: Many government programs, no matter how well-intentioned, don't actually work — they don't improve people's lives. So the other candidates' plans to roll out one unproven program after another is just not going to bring progress. That's what we've been doing — Democrats and Republicans — for decades. My approach is very different — it's focused like a laser beam on expanding solutions that don't just sound like good ideas, but have actually been tested in the real world and shown to make a big difference in people's lives. So my question for Maryland voters is this: Will our children look back 20 years from now and say that we faced all of these persistent problems — stagnant student achievement, stagnant wages, and stagnant poverty rates — and we just kept doing the same thing again and again? Or will they look back and say that, in this moment, Maryland did something extraordinary — that we pioneered a fundamentally new governing approach based on solutions that have actually been tested and shown to improve people's lives, and that we finally moved the needle on major issues affecting millions of people in our state. That's the future I want for Maryland, and I'm asking for your support to get us there. Let's do what works.



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Running Mate: MONIQUE ANDERSON-WALKER

1. Tell us about yourself and why you should be elected as Governor.

In this answer and throughout the questionnaire, I am committed to providing you with answers that I will hold to concretely as governor, rather than saying yes to everything only to backtrack once in office. I have

demonstrated a consistent and unequivocal candor in my public conduct for decades of public service, and that should give you the assurance that these answers are offered in good faith. My long record of service, as a veteran, a Delegate, and now Comptroller has been based in a constant presence in neighborhood main streets, faith communities, and small businesses across the state. My track record shows that I know the issues unique to Marylanders, and have implemented solutions to solve their problems. Simply, I know Maryland, and Maryland knows me. I have a unified and bold vision for the State and a coalition of supporters who are ready to improve the quality of life for ALL Marylanders. In Baltimore City, I was the top vote-getter in past elections, and have won all but 3 counties in Maryland's general election. My message is tailored to the average Marylander because they are who I spend most of my time in public office engaging. I am proven to be a public servant that gets results and follows through on my commitments.

2. Why are you running for Maryland Governor? If elected, what will be your priorities?

First, I am running for governor because I want to have greater agency to improve the quality of life for all Marylanders. Throughout my career in public service, and my role as the state's Comptroller, I have been guided by three pillars of customer service - respect, responsiveness, and results. As such the Maryland Comptroller's Office has become our nation's most effective and efficient tax administration agency. I want to bring that same insight into the Governor's Office so that Maryland can become the leading state in our nation- known by all as a bastion of economic and social fairness, as a state where all of its residents share in its prosperity. I have often said you cannot have a great state without a great city and I am committed to particularly investing in areas of the state such as Baltimore City that have historically lacked investments. Second, I want to level the playing field. I believe that all Marylanders should have an opportunity to share in the prosperity of the state. As the Chief Financial Officer of the state, I have seen the economic barriers that communities on the margins face and I want to make Maryland a more equitable state in which generational wealth and opportunity become hallmarks. Finally, I believe that I can win. I am a people and results-driven candidate and I am the only candidate in this race with a demonstrated ability to prevent Democratic voters from considering Republican candidates, and I also win a substantial percentage of unaffiliated voters. If I win the primary campaign, I will win the general election. All of my priorities are interconnected and have the goal of improving our State's economic and social outcomes. I will create opportunities for generational wealth and a pathway to the middle class. Within my first 100 weeks as Governor, I will create 100,000 jobs by making Maryland the place where young people want to establish roots with state-backed mortgages, and forgiving student loans to those individuals that live, work, and pay taxes in Maryland for 5 years after graduation. I will also work with our unions and the private sector to ensure that these jobs generate greater opportunities, especially for communities that have been historically left on the margins. I will also work to turn the large vacant housing in Baltimore City into safe and affordable housing by working with community banks. Economic success will also be dependent on our State's infrastructure. In the Baltimore region, for example, only 9 percent of jobs are accessible by public transit in an hour or less, and the system needs a generation's worth of sustained investment to catch up to its East Coast peers. Better connections between our state's two largest economic centers, Baltimore and the Washington region, will lead to greater economic growth. I will create a world-class transit system that is fast, safe, and reliable, to reduce time and cost to and from work by improving pedestrian/cycling roads, completing the Purple Line, and reviving the Red Line project to ensure that these jobs are accessible. Maryland's economy is poised to lead in the 21st century, but until world-class transit reaches every corner of the state, we lack a key driver for that economic growth and a means through which all communities can benefit from it. I recognize that Maryland's youth spend the majority of their time in school, home, or neighborhoods. Improving Maryland's educational outcomes is necessary to securing positive long-lasting changes in our State. I believe that curiosity in the classroom translates to contributions to our homes and society. I will ensure all of our classrooms are equipped with the proper infrastructure, such as climate control. I also will introduce experiential learning into our schools, allow teachers to control classroom size, require all public schools to have mental health professionals so that all

kids are supported cognitively and emotionally from cradle to career; and end the reliance on standardized tests that create unfair burdens on our students and teachers, without enriching the classroom experience for them. Health care is most Marylanders' largest unplanned expense over the course of their lives, and we cannot secure opportunities for wealth building without a concrete plan to tackle Maryland's health disparities. While Maryland is home to nation-leading health care providers, access to essential services that preserve health and provide pain-free living is not an option for the approximately 360,000 Marylanders living without health insurance or for the many more who are underinsured or unable to afford the cost of services even with insurance. I will center my health care policy on the principle that social determinants of health, such as poverty, access to transportation, good housing, and healthy food are the most significant inputs to the health outcomes for Marylanders. I will also prioritize funding for primary and preventative care that proactively improves Marylanders' health before conditions reach the much more costly and traumatic stages associated with hospitalization. This will be actualized, in part, by my expanding Medicare/Medicaid and my landmark healthcare policy, ensuring that by 2030, every Marylander is within a 15-minute commute of a Federally Qualified Health Center or a comparable primary care option that offers a controlled pricing structure modeled on existing community-based providers. Furthermore, the burden of medical debt for medically necessary procedures is one that can financially ruin families. Because Black and Brown communities experience disproportionate rates of ailments such as diabetes and heart disease, they also often experience the financial burden that comes from battling these conditions. We will protect these families from having their financial well-being upended by illness by: Preventing debt recovery lawsuits that zero out the patient's bank account. Prevent medical debt-related liens from being placed on any patient's primary home or car. Preventing wage garnishment stemming from a family's medically-necessary procedures. It is impossible to separate health outcomes from environmental factors like housing and transportation, but food deserts that prevent access to proper and affordable nutrition is one of the most pressing challenges to Black communities. My administration will be committed to drastically reducing Maryland's food deserts by facilitating an expansion of farmer's markets, urban farming, community-supported agriculture, and grocery providers in underserved communities via public-private partnerships and financial incentives to small businesses, particularly local Black-owned businesses.

3. As it relates to public safety in Baltimore City, what policies do you plan to implement to reduce and/or prevent gun violence?

I have an extensive track record of fighting for increased gun control. In 1988, I fought to ban the sale and manufacture of cheap handguns. This effort led Maryland to be the first state in the nation to take this step. I am not afraid to take the gun-lobby head-on, and like I said as a Delegate, gun control goes beyond party politics. Moreover, following the mass shooting that happened in Boulder Colorado, I called on Congress to pass gun control laws that will hold manufacturers responsible. However, we must address gun violence within the broader context of our public safety plan. We must broaden our understanding of crime not just in terms of the causes that lead to it, but also the impacts that it creates within a community. From stalling the economic vitality of a neighborhood main street to creating trauma for children who grow up proximate to violence, crime is both a product of and driver for the social context in which it exists. As Governor, I will have no tolerance for crime or police misconduct. I will approach public safety through a lens that situates it within this broader social context rather than seeking to treat it as a stand-alone challenge to be addressed. Lack of economic opportunity is paramount in this respect, not only for first-time offenders but also for returning citizens whose struggle to find steady, good-paying employment lends itself to an increased likelihood of recidivism. I am committed to treating addiction as a public health crisis and will seek to pilot a statewide, pre-arrest diversion program for arrestees who suffer from addiction and provide trauma-informed care. I will focus on violent repeat offenders, which will include approaches such as coordinating with elite units of the State Police and the US Marshall to clear arrest warrants, and better resourcing Parole and Probation to oversee those accused of violent crimes. I will also offer returning citizens temporary housing, training, and placement

in a competitive industry. I will also create a statewide version of D.C.'s Office of Returning Citizen Affairs, to streamline the navigation of essential state services like getting an ID or finding housing assistance. I will have no tolerance for crime or police misconduct and remain steadfast in my commitments to reducing crime and gun violence, and if elected, I will work with local governments and advocacy groups to secure a safer state and brighter future for ALL Marylanders. I am also proud to have received the Gun Sense Candidate certification from Mom's Demand.

4. What is your vision for public school education in Baltimore City and what steps will you take to ensure that your vision is implemented?

Throughout my tenure as Comptroller, I have voted for \$2.3 billion to expand and renovate schools, fought to better maintain our existing facilities, and led efforts to teach financial literacy in high school so that all of our kids can lead financially stable lives. For more than a decade, I have demanded answers and action on the absence of climate-controlled, healthy classrooms in Baltimore City and County. The vast majority of these classrooms were located in the region's poorest communities and neighborhoods, while modern, climate-controlled schools were enjoyed by more affluent communities in Baltimore County and Baltimore City. After hearing stories from students, teachers, and parents about the inhumane conditions in schools without air-conditioning and heat, I used my seat on the Board of Public Works to shed light on the issue. I worked with the Maryland State Chapter of the NAACP to write a joint letter to the U.S. Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division requesting an investigation. Thanks to our advocacy, Baltimore City accelerated the installation of air-conditioning units and heating units in public schools. I will continue to push for accountability, and ensure that taxpayer dollars provide our children with safe and healthy classrooms that are conducive to their learning and success. Just as I have been an education-oriented Comptroller, I will be an education-oriented Governor. I have visited over 400 public schools across the state and frequently engage with students, teachers, and administrators on how we can improve our education system. These visits and interactions with students and teachers have made me realize that the joy of teaching and learning has completely been taken away due to a lack of an engaging curriculum, adequate resources, and post-graduation opportunities. Particularly in Baltimore City, I have used my position on the Board of Public Works to vote and approve hundreds of millions of dollars to construct new public schools in Baltimore City under the \$1.1 billion initiative which began in 2017. Although a statewide initiative, I will focus significant attention on areas of the state that have been historically neglected. My goal will be to equip our classrooms with modern infrastructure and to be a place where students want to come to learn because they not only enjoy the content but they also can see how they will tangibly use the information they gain in the classroom to achieve economic opportunities. That means moving away from a dependence on standardized testing, and instead centering experiential learning that ties to skill training and immediate career opportunities both as students and upon graduation.

5. How and why did you pick your Lt. Governor running mate? Be sure to include their name and any information about their background.

I chose Monique Anderson Walker because like me she shares my commitment to excellence and the track record of translating our vision for Maryland into actionable policies. This was a necessary criterion, as politicians often make a lot of promises without getting results. I also chose Monique because she was in touch with the people of her community, which is important when addressing problems that are unique to Marylanders. Throughout her time on the Council, Monique was guided by the concerns of her constituents which I believe is critical to being an effective people-driven public servant. As a small business owner of a commercial real estate brokerage firm headquartered in National Harbor, and the first African-American woman elected to Prince George's County's 8th Council District, she is battle-tested and has a longstanding track record of improving the quality of life of her constituents through education and workforce initiatives, public safety and transportation investments, community resources and programs, as well as infrastructure

improvements. Additionally, Monique knows how to tackle issues holistically. As vice-chair of the Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment (TIEE) committee and a member of the Transportation Planning Board sub-committee at Council of Governments (2019-2020), Monique advocated for the prioritization of transit to connect National Landing in Arlington, Virginia (an Amazon HQ) to major travel arteries in Prince George's County – enabling business retention, growth, expansion and attraction. Her focus on regional connectivity – transporting commuters over the Woodrow Wilson Bridge into Prince George's County, and extending access to Oxon Hill and Allentown Roads – creates viability for transit-oriented live, work and play hubs. She also worked to alleviate the devastation stemming from roadway fatalities involving vehicles, pedestrians, and cyclists by developing the #DrivingItHome Campaign during her time on the Prince George's County Council. Launched in February 2019, #DrivingItHome focuses on changing driving culture and saving lives. The popularity of the program led to its expansion beyond Prince George's 8th District, growing regionally into Montgomery County, the District of Columbia, and Fairfax County, Virginia. Four months after the #DrivingItHome initiative was launched as a pilot program, and Prince George's County established its Vision Zero initiative to reduce roadway fatalities to zero by 2040. For her accomplishments in this arena, Monique received the Washington Area Bike Association Vision Zero Award in 2020. My administration will continue to build on the work Monique has started to implement a similar program in Baltimore City, and statewide. I know together Monique and I have the local and statewide executive experience to secure positive long-lasting changes in our State.

6. Share any additional information that you feel Baltimore City voters should know about you and/or the Governor's position.

All of my pledges, which can be located at Franchot.com, are integrative, respond to Marylander's needs, and produce tangible results that truly impact their well-being. I was also the first candidate to release a Black Agenda, titled "A Level Playing Field" which seeks to acknowledge and address our State's shortcomings by implementing institutional reforms to promote equity. As the first majority-minority state on the East Coast, it is vital for Maryland to set the example of how to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to share in the prosperity of the State. I remain steadfast in my commitment to bring significant investments and opportunities to Baltimore City and address violent crime and the lack of transparency and accountability in the school system. We need a Governor who is willing to keep their promises, rather than blame inaction and foot dragging on external circumstances. My administration will create a center of excellence in our State's government to restore Marylanders' faith in our ability to meet the challenges we face, and I look forward to working with the local government, the legislature and community partners to secure a more prosperous future for Baltimore City and the State.



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Running Mate: Mark Greben

1. Tell us about yourself and why you should be elected as Governor.

In 1992, I started a MOVEMENT to get rid of widespread corruption in Maryland politics and bring in real ethical reform in the political system. I developed a set of principles which I believe are essential for

accomplishing the objective. Putting this journey for justice into high gear, as a TEACHER, not a politician, I have run for political office in the last seven elections either for governor or senator, as part of my teaching strategy to demonstrate by action, not just words, what needs to be done to put an end to moral bankruptcy and bring in ethics - refuse campaign contributions, serve 1 term, no salary, tell the whole truth, avoid professional lobbyists. I not only talked the talk, but I walked the walk. Although I was not elected, I have “won” the campaigns because they were conducted based on the principles I believe are essential for ethical politicians.

2. Why are you running for Maryland Governor? If elected, what will be your priorities?

I AM FED UP WITH CROOKED POLITICS. My MOVEMENT - Journey for Justice - has met with success, but we need more. Ending the practice of career politicians, and getting money out of politics are means for accomplishing this. I’m proud of the results - between 2010 and 2018 I received over 42,000 votes on a budget by design of \$1700. I don’t take campaign contributions - they’re disguised bribes. Take the campaign contributions and distribute money to the poor and needy Because I practice what I preach, as a TEACHER, I’m again, running as a Democratic candidate for governor. Top priorities include the following: Implementation of Jaffe Tutor-Mentor TEAM Program throughout Maryland is a definite priority. Dealing with unrelenting surge in violence in Baltimore City is a top priority. Introduction of a bill, SIX TO ONE, in the state legislature - that is, no more than six patients receiving care from 1 nurse’s aide - is another top priority.

3. As it relates to public safety in Baltimore City, what policies do you plan to implement to reduce and/or prevent gun violence?

Formulation and implementation of a specific plan for dealing with the unrelenting surge in violence in Baltimore City is crucial. Among things I would consider is calling out the National Guard, on a temporary basis, but also an extended period of time Because it’s essential to listen to constituents I would work with community activist, Markida Walker, who has 20 years of police experience. Instead of using the National Guard, her plan calls for placing more of an authoritative presence of federal and state government agencies on to Baltimore City streets - Department of Justice, FBI, MD State Police, Sheriff’s Office of Baltimore City, etc. Although skeptical of the outcome, I would be willing to try her proposal for 3 months because again, listening to constituents is imperative. No question about it - there’s a severe shortage of police. Constituents assert more officers need to be patrolling the streets. The media are always claiming they are part of our community and are working for us. Therefore, I would ask all forms of media - TV and radio stations, newspapers, magazines, etc. - to participate in rotating annual telethons - with the money raised going toward the hiring of more police officers.

4. What is your vision for public school education in Baltimore City and what steps will you take to ensure that your vision is implemented? Implementation of the TUTOR MENTOR TEAM PROGRAM. This program is designed for students in all walks of life in need of help - special focus on students a step away from dropping out of school, turning to the streets, and resorting to criminal activity. Revolutionary, never been done before, the program has the potential for strengthening bonds between young and old alike, giving students attention, love, care and help that enable them to be productive citizens. The long term connection - from the first time the student and TEAM meet until the student graduates from high school and/or college and becomes gainfully employed - is a key factor in helping the student build up his/her self-esteem and feels like somebody instead of nobody.

5. How and why did you pick your Lt. Governor running mate? Be sure to include their name and any information about their background. Mark Greben, a paraplegic, is my running mate. I chose Mark because he is someone I can trust and has good character. He has grown intellectually in the last 20 years.

6. Share any additional information that you feel Baltimore City voters should know about you and/or the Governor's position. 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 (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.



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Running Mate: LaTrece Hawkins Lytes

1. Tell us about yourself and why you should be elected as Governor.

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. While I'd be the nation's youngest Governor, I have the experience and perspective needed. I've helped manage the political appointee process in the Obama White House; worked to get more than 400K Marylanders access to healthcare at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; worked on affordable housing at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and helped get the NIH and the FDA billions of dollars when I was then-Vice President Biden's Director of Outreach for the Cancer Moonshot. Equally important - I'm a product of Maryland public schools; a son of immigrants and small business owners; and a cancer survivor who knows what it feels like to have others make decisions for me, instead of with me.

2. Why are you running for Maryland Governor? If elected, what will be your priorities?

I'm running for Governor to make politics more inclusive and accessible. That's why I'm fully accessible (100% of our events are free; I don't take donations from developers, businesses, PACs or polluters; and I'm the only Governor candidate to personally meet voters in a different county each day of the week). That's why I'm fully accountable (we are the first statewide campaign in the U.S. to be 100% run by residents - from every age, background and all 24 counties). And that's why I'm fully transparent (we've shared the most detailed, comprehensive and fully paid-for policy agenda - each written by residents impacted by those policies - since last January 2021). Furthermore, each of the 150 policies detailed on our website (JainForGovernor.com) were created by residents (not consultants) who will be impacted by those policies. One of our signature programs that tackles issues comprehensively and will provide residents more disposable income and a decreased cost of living is called the "Maryland Now Plan", which will eliminate the state income tax for 95% of Maryland workers (anyone making less than \$400,000); make public transit free; create the nation's first guaranteed jobs program; legalize marijuana while expunging records; and get money out of politics. Full details can be found here: <https://jainforgov.medium.com/the-maryland-now-plan-eliminating-the-state-income-tax-and-a-guaranteed-jobs-program-8ed25788ec47> And while I would be the nation's youngest Governor, I have the experience, perspective and detailed policy solutions needed to serve you well. More at JainForGovernor.com

3. As it relates to public safety in Baltimore City, what policies do you plan to implement to reduce and/or prevent gun violence?

When black and brown kids are being disproportionately killed by public servants - then we have a severe problem with our criminal justice system. And since there is no singular solution to keep communities safe and improve community trust—I believe we need to tackle this issue in a comprehensive and sincere manner. It’s also important to note that increasing accountability and transparency in our systems does not negate the great community work and safety provided by a majority of our officers. Rather, it improves the system so it works better for everyone. That’s why my Criminal Justice plan - shared in full transparency and accountability since last January 2021 - includes everything from treating opioid/drug abuse as a disease not crime; removing SROs from public schools; banning ghost guns and requiring permits for Rifles/Shotguns; investing in more mental health professionals; ending the money bail system and for-profit prison contracts; ending extreme sentences for children; legalizing marijuana and expunging records; and preparing those in prison for life outside prison. Full details can be found here: <https://jainforgov.medium.com/criminal-justice-reform-42a0c6a91033>

4. What is your vision for public school education in Baltimore City and what steps will you take to ensure that your vision is implemented?

As a product of Maryland Public Schools — including a Title 1 Elementary School— I understand the importance of providing quality and accessible education for every student across this state. Even when I was battling cancer at the age of 13, I remember how the entire network of staff at my middle school - everyone from the bus driver, the food service staff, the custodians, my guidance counselor, my teachers, and even the building itself - became my safe place where I was able to find emotional support, push my worries from the hospital aside, and feel like I wasn’t alone. That’s why my education plan (full details at <https://jainforgov.medium.com/education-d7f9773dea75>) includes fully funding the Blueprint; ensuring parents, students and educators have a real seat at the table; investing in school maintenance and construction in lower-income, diverse and rural neighborhoods; expanding access to broadband; easing student debt for educators; reducing barriers to becoming an educator; protecting collective bargaining rights at our community colleges and universities; making community colleges more affordable and accessible; universal Pre-K; removing SROs from public schools; focus more on performance-based testing and not standardized testing; and opposing school privatization efforts.

5. How and why did you pick your Lt. Governor running mate? Be sure to include their name and any information about their background. LaTrece Hawkins Lytes is a healthcare advocate and community activist (juvenile type 1 diabetes survivor, transplant recipient, and product of Prince George's County public schools). I picked her because she - and her family - represent the typical Marylander. One who works hard, gives back to their community, understands the challenges of our healthcare system and the importance of public schools, and can elevate the voices of those who are marginalized, forgotten about or overlooked by our political system.

6. Share any additional information that you feel Baltimore City voters should know about you and/or the Governor’s position. I am not waiting until the election to prioritize and include residents from EVERY county in the process. Unlike other candidates, I’m fully accessible because 100% of our events are free. And I’m the only Governor candidate meeting voters at their homes - in a different county every day of the week. And I’m fully accountable because 100% of our campaign is run by residents from every age, background and county. We are the first statewide campaign in the U.S. that is entirely crowdsourced.



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Running Mate: MICHELLE DAUGHERTY SIRI

1. Tell us about yourself and why you should be elected as Governor.

As US Secretary of Education under President Obama, I managed a department with a budget over \$15 billion bigger than the state of Maryland's, and I will bring that executive leadership to the Governor's office. After the Obama administration, I continued working for the public good as the president of the Education Trust, an education civil rights organization. In 2020, I founded Strong Future Maryland to advocate for progressive policies in Maryland in our recovery from the pandemic and fought to pass progressive legislation in Annapolis across a wide range of areas including education, housing, the environment, and economic dignity. As a lifelong educator (high school teacher, middle school principal, leader of a school network, chief state schools officer), I have continued as an educator teaching education policy at University of Maryland College Park.

2. Why are you running for Maryland Governor? If elected, what will be your priorities?

As an educator, I have always been very conscious of how all the systems operating in kids and families' lives affect their outcomes from housing to healthcare, and from criminal justice to economic opportunity. The next governor of Maryland will be uniquely positioned to work across policy silos to make government a force for good in people's lives in much the same way public schools were such a powerful force for good in my life after both of my parents passed away by the time I was 12. My top priorities are education, climate, and bringing economic opportunity to everyone.

3. As it relates to public safety in Baltimore City, what policies do you plan to implement to reduce and/or prevent gun violence?

Effectively addressing gun violence in Baltimore requires a holistic approach and a genuine partnership between the State and the City. We must reimagine public safety. I will immediately invest more resources in the supervision of parole, probation, and home detention. Under my administration, the State and City will work together to focus the police on investigating violent crime and stopping the flow of illegal guns including ghost guns. However, policing alone is necessary but not sufficient. I will also dramatically increase investment in proven violence prevention programs, mental health services, addiction treatment, job training programs, re-entry supports for people returning home from incarceration, rec centers, and youth development. I will also make long-term investments in education, apprenticeship programs, public transportation (including building the Red Line and ensuring more frequent and reliable buses), and a neighborhood-based economic development strategy (e.g., leveraging a state bank to help small businesses start and grow, etc.)

4. What is your vision for public school education in Baltimore City and what steps will you take to ensure that your vision is implemented?

I have a detailed plan to fully implement and then expand upon the Blueprint for Maryland's Future education reforms. My administration will prepare all students for college and careers, and make sure all high schools offer advanced coursework opportunities like dual enrollment, AP courses and early college. We will work with employer partners and community colleges to develop more high-quality career and technical education

programs in Baltimore high schools that prepare students for in-demand jobs that provide family-sustaining wages and benefits. I will also invest in a statewide literacy initiative leveraging the best research on effective reading instruction to close the equity gap in reading and make sure all students are proficient in reading by 3rd grade. As governor, I will keep public funds in public schools by ending the BOOST program and pay teachers at best-in-the-nation levels, with a starting salary of \$60,000, to attract and retain top teaching talent. Baltimore City also faces specific challenges, like not having functioning air conditioning causing schools to close and an unreliable public bus system making it difficult for kids to get to school on time. I will invest in capital repairs in Baltimore City schools, including air conditioning and improved ventilation, so students can learn safely and do not have to stay home due to heat. I am also dedicated to building the Red Line, investing in more frequent and reliable bus service, and working with Baltimore to create a regional transit authority, so inadequate transportation does not stand in the way of student success or their families' access to economic opportunity.

5. How and why did you pick your Lt. Governor running mate? Be sure to include their name and any information about their background.

Michelle Siri has a career of fighting for women and families, which drew me to her as my running mate. She is the Executive Director of The Women's Law Center of Maryland, a non-profit that fights for the physical safety, economic security, and bodily autonomy of women through legal representation and legislative advocacy. In this role, Michelle has advocated for progressive policies like Paid Family Leave, equal pay for equal work, safety for victims of domestic violence, and bodily autonomy for Maryland women. She also previously served as the Board President of Planned Parenthood of Maryland and as an Assistant Maryland Attorney General. Michelle brings a unique perspective to our ticket as a first generation Iranian American and with her personal experience of having her career at a private law firm sidetracked by her bosses after becoming pregnant with her oldest son.

6. Share any additional information that you feel Baltimore City voters should know about you and/or the Governor's position.

When I am Governor, Baltimore City will get the partner it deserves. Governor Hogan has treated the city as a problem, not an asset, while stripping it of resources. My administration will build the all-rail Red Line to connect people to jobs, invest in Baltimore City schools so students there can have the same opportunities as other school districts, and implement a holistic, nuanced approach to ensuring public safety in Baltimore that rejects a return to the misguided policies of over-policing and mass incarceration.



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Running Mate: ARUNA MILLER

1. Tell us about yourself and why you should be elected as Governor.

Maryland is facing generational challenges that require future-facing leadership. Our ability to address them will determine the destiny of this city and this state. I have spent my career leading in every sector of American society. I volunteered to deploy to Afghanistan where I led soldiers in combat as a captain and a paratrooper. I built and ran a small business in Baltimore focused on helping first-generation college students succeed—

helping to improve retention rates by 20%. In my most recent role as CEO of one of the nation's largest poverty-fighting organizations, we invested over \$600 million into transportation, housing, education, food insecurity, and criminal justice. And in addition to that, we also created the first public policy wing in the 30-year-history of the organization and worked the halls of government advocating for the child tax credit, better pay for childcare providers, and fighting hospital networks that sued COVID patients. Creating opportunities for people to step into better jobs, earn higher wages, and build wealth that people can pass down to their children - especially for underserved communities - is the North Star that will guide my campaign and my administration when I'm governor. The economic inequalities that have plagued our state for generations have only gotten worse during the COVID-19 pandemic and we cannot go back. I will create opportunities for work by strengthening affordable pathways to higher education and fixing our broken child care system. I will secure better wages by raising the minimum wage to \$15 per hour by 2023 and addressing wage theft hurting Maryland workers. And I will ensure that every Marylander has opportunities to build wealth by making housing more affordable, ensuring procurement agencies reach their goals for awarding Minority Business Enterprise contracts and providing MBEs with supports around curriculum, capital, and customers. We must use this once in a generation opportunity to build a stronger, more inclusive economy for every Marylander and we need a governor who possesses the strong leadership and bold ideas to get us there. Leadership that ensures our communities feel safe. Leadership that ensures our children are educated for the future. Leadership that will ensure people are able to get to work. Together we will create a brighter future for Maryland.

2. Why are you running for Maryland Governor? If elected, what will be your priorities?

I'm running for governor because this is a moment when we are at an inflection point. We've been given a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to expand economic opportunity – to change the realities my mother lived through, my grandparents lived through, is a core part of why I'm running for governor. It's the North Star of my campaign – to create work, wages, and wealth, with a focus on equity, for every Marylander. I know firsthand what it's like to grow up struggling right here in Maryland and in a system that works well for some and leaves others behind. As governor, I'm going to build an economy where every family can thrive by accelerating the minimum wage increase to \$15 by 2023, creating strong pathways to the workforce with job training and apprenticeships, and I'm going to set students up for success by fully funding and implementing the Blueprint.

3. As it relates to public safety in Baltimore City, what policies do you plan to implement to reduce and/or prevent gun violence?

We cannot have a strong Maryland if we do not have a strong Baltimore. Baltimore is the city where I live, where I came of age, and where my wife and I are raising our children. I love this city, and as governor, I will be committed to its safety and future. Maryland deserves a leader who thinks holistically about the crime and violence plaguing our city and our state and who will take a proactive and serious approach to Marylander's safety. I'm proud to be the first candidate to release a comprehensive public safety plan, because I recognize keeping people safe is the first and highest responsibility of any chief executive. I believe in policing with maximum accountability and appropriate intensity, bringing together federal, state, and local resources together to prevent crime. Rising crime is a statewide problem and it will require statewide leadership to fix it. In 2020 alone, Maryland had 573 homicides and over half of them came from just one jurisdiction: the City of Baltimore. So it's essential that the state pays special attention and focuses on what's happening with the violence in Baltimore, and this is where the state needs to play a bigger role. Recently, I called on Governor Hogan to take immediate action to combat violent crime in Baltimore. In my letter to Hogan, I outlined six clear actions the governor can take now. That includes moving to immediately fill the more than 100 vacancies at the Department of Parole and Probation (DPP), providing support to Baltimore's new Firearm Intelligence Unit, support the immediate expansion of a City-wide shooting review board, develop and implement new risk

assessment tools, fund additional slots for youth to participate in afterschool and job programs, and increase support for crisis intervention teams.

4. What is your vision for public school education in Baltimore City and what steps will you take to ensure that your vision is implemented?

As your governor I am committed to the full funding and full implementation of the Blueprint because every child in Maryland deserves the opportunity to succeed. When I was at the table fighting to ensure the passage of the Blueprint, I testified that my situation growing up shouldn't have afforded me any opportunities. But it was my education that allowed me to get ahead. I know that failing to fully fund and implement the Blueprint is failing not only our children, but our future as well. As your governor, I will bring people to the table to make sure we do this and we do this right. I am going to invest in our educator workforce and fight to raise teacher salaries so that we can make the educator profession more attractive and appealing. I will also partner with our HBCUs to develop and retain diverse educators. But we must also invest in our school infrastructure to give our students a safe and effective learning environment. It is impossible to expect our students to succeed in the classroom if those classrooms are closed due to crumbling infrastructure. In a recent study of Baltimore City schools, only 17% of schools were found to be in good or better condition. As governor, I will invest in building 21st Century Schools and I will not leave a single dollar on the table to get it done.

5. How and why did you pick your Lt. Governor running mate? Be sure to include their name and any information about their background.

My running mate, Aruna Miller has devoted her life to public service and removing systemic barriers to opportunity. She spent over two decades working as a transportation engineer at the Department of Transportation in Montgomery County to improve the safety of the public, alleviate traffic, and create equitable transportation access to connect people to opportunities. From 2010 to 2018, She represented District 15 in the Maryland House of Delegates, where she worked with the constituents to create legislation to invest in STEM education, streamline the regulatory process for small businesses and was a champion for working families, survivors of domestic abuse, and the environment. I know Aruna will be a terrific partner in Annapolis and together we will create a brighter future for Maryland.

6. Share any additional information that you feel Baltimore City voters should know about you and/or the Governor's position.

I am proud of the broad coalition we're building. I've been endorsed by U.S. House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (MD-5), former Governor and former Prince George's County Executive Parris Glendening; former Democratic nominee for Governor Ben Jealous; Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks; Anne Arundel County Executive Steuart Pittman; Former Baltimore County Executive Don Mohler; Former Baltimore County Executive Jim Smith; Prince George's County State's Attorney Aisha Braveboy; Sen. Guy Guzzone (District 13); Sen. Antonio Hayes (District 40); Sen. Cheryl Kagan (District 17); Sen. Delores Kelley (District 10); Sen. Susan Lee (District 16); Sen. Obie Patterson (District 26); Former Sen. Nathaniel McFadden (District 45); Del. Marlon Amprey (District 40); Del. Vanessa Atterbeary (District 13); Del. Ben Barnes (District 21); Del. Kumar Barve (District 17); Del. Lisa Belcastro (District 11); Del. Regina Boyce (District 43); Del. Chanel Branch (District 45); Del. Ben Brooks (District 10); Del. Frank Conaway, Jr. (District 40); Del. Debra Davis (District 28); Del. Jessica Feldmark (District 13); Del. Terri Hill (District 12); Speaker Pro Tem Sheree Sample-Hughes Del. (District 37A); Speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates Adrienne Jones (District 10); Del. Rachel Jones (District 27B); Del. Anne Kaiser (District 14); Del. Cheryl Landis (District 23B); Majority Leader Del. Eric Luedtke (District 14); Del. Maggie McIntosh (District 43); Del. Edith Patterson (District 28); Del. Roxane Prettyman (District 44A); Del. Mike Rogers (District 32); Del. Sandy Rosenberg (District 41); Del. Emily Shetty (District 18); Del. Geraldine Valentino-Smith (District 23A); Del. and Baltimore City Delegation Chair Stephanie Smith (District 45); Del. Melissa Wells (District 40); Del.

Nicole Williams (District 22); Former Del. Gene Counihan (District 15); Baltimore County Councilmember Cathy Bevins (District 6); University Park Mayor-Elect Joel Biermann; Bowie Mayor Pro Tem & Councilmember Adrian Bofo; Baltimore City Councilmember John Bullock (District 9); Hagerstown City Councilmember Tiara Burnett; Morningside Mayor Bennard Cann; Charles County Commissioner Thomasina Coates (District 2); Baltimore City Councilmember Zeke Cohen (District 1); Baltimore City Councilmember Mark Conway (District 4); Baltimore City Councilmember Eric Costello (District 11); Bowie City Councilmember Michael Esteve (District 11); Gaithersburg Councilmember Lisa Henderson; Montgomery County Councilmember Will Jawando (At Large); Baltimore County Council Chair and Councilmember Julian Jones (District 4); Hagerstown Mayor Emily Keller; Hagerstown City Councilmember Tekesha Martinez; Prince George's County Councilmember Johnathan Medlock (District 6); Former Gaithersburg Councilmember Yvette Monroe; Pocomoke City Councilmember Todd Nock (District 4); Baltimore City Councilmember Phylcia Porter (District 10); Baltimore County Councilmember Tom Quirk (District 1); Baltimore City Councilmember Odette Ramos (District 14); Somerset Mayor Jeffrey Slavin; Riverdale Park Councilmember Richard Smith (Ward 1); Laurel Councilmember Brencis Smith (Ward 2); Baltimore City Councilmember Robert Stokes (District 12); Baltimore City Councilmember James Torrence (District 7); Forest Heights Mayor Calvin Washington; former Maryland Democratic Party chairs Michael Cryor and Susie Turnbull; Former Chair of the Montgomery County Planning Board Royce Hanson; The Baltimore Fire Officers Union Local 964; Collective PAC, one of the nation's largest organizations working to build Black representation in government; Impact, a leading national organization supporting the Indian American and South Asian community; Ironworkers Local #5, a progressive union representing over 1,000 ironworkers; The Maryland State Education Association; The Columbia Democratic Club; and VoteVetsPAC, one of the top veterans advocacy organizations in the country.



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Running Mate: SHANNON SNEED

1. Tell us about yourself and why you should be elected as Governor.

As the Washington Post acknowledged in their endorsement, my wide-ranging career makes me uniquely qualified to lead at this critical moment. I prosecuted police misconduct and hate crimes at the Justice Department. On the Montgomery County Council, I tackled education, housing, and health care challenges at the local level. As Maryland's labor secretary, I implemented the country's first statewide living wage law and helped combat housing insecurity. As head of President Obama's Civil Rights Division, I led police reform and protected reproductive health clinics. As U.S. Labor Secretary, I helped rebuild our economy and settled major national labor disputes. I am best qualified to be Maryland's next governor because I know what it takes to lead large organizations in times of uncertainty; I know what it takes to lead at the local, state, and federal level; And I know that it takes sustained executive leadership to deliver results that Marylanders need.

2. Why are you running for Maryland Governor? If elected, what will be your priorities?

I am running for governor to deliver jobs, justice, and opportunity for every Marylander in every community. Throughout my career in public service as a prosecutor at the Department of Justice, on the Montgomery County Council, as Maryland's Secretary of Labor, as head of the Civil Rights Division under President Obama, and as U.S. Labor Secretary, I have brought people together, effectively managed complex organizations, and delivered not just rhetoric — but results. We have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to move the needle on the core issues that define who we are. To meet that moment, Maryland's next governor must be a "multitasker-in-chief" with a proven track record of getting things done. Together we can ensure every student has a world-class education, ensure our neighborhoods are safe, continue the fight for racial justice, and transform Maryland into a clean energy leader so we can combat the existential challenge of climate change.

3. As it relates to public safety in Baltimore City, what policies do you plan to implement to reduce and/or prevent gun violence?

As a former federal prosecutor, I understand how to build meaningful partnerships between federal, state, and local officials to reduce violence. As the head of the DOJ's Civil Rights Division under President Obama, I know how to lead police reform because I've done it by recognizing that the most important tool officers have is the trust of the community. As Governor, I will put these skills to work and make the state a partner — not an adversary— to the City. I'll work closely with Mayor Scott, and others to get illegal guns off our streets, support Safe Streets and other community-based efforts to interrupt violence, and provide staffing and resources so parole or probation officers can prioritize efforts to address those shown to commit a significant portion of violent crime. And we will work upstream by investing in educational access, transportation, employment opportunities, housing security, mental health supports, and beyond.

4. What is your vision for public school education in Baltimore City and what steps will you take to ensure that your vision is implemented?

Education is the key to a successful, prosperous future, and tragically, far too many students across Maryland are missing out on a good education. My administration will spearhead efforts to integrate our classrooms, empower underserved students, and expand access to all the resources necessary to thrive. Our next Governor must fund and implement the Blueprint for Maryland's Future to ensure that resources are invested to eliminate the equity gap and redress decades of underfunding of Maryland's schools. My education policy will go far beyond the Blueprint to ensure students have a world class education from day one. I will reverse the current trend in declining pre-K and kindergarten enrollment by launching a comprehensive public engagement campaign to encourage families to enroll. My administration will also expand access to broadband to ensure all students have the resources and technology of the 21st century. As Governor, I will recruit Black and Brown educators, especially from HBCUs, increase teacher salaries, and improve teacher preparation programs to ensure that teachers that look like the students they serve.

5. How and why did you pick your Lt. Governor running mate? Be sure to include their name and any information about their background.

When it came to selecting a Lieutenant Governor to join the ticket, I knew that Marylanders deserve a leader who has dedicated their life to jobs and justice and has a proven track record of getting things done for working families. From our first conversation, I knew that that leader was Shannon Sneed. While serving on the Baltimore City Council, Shannon championed legislation to support city employees, lift up working families and neighborhoods across Baltimore City, and push for and ensure transparency and fairness in City government. She worked tirelessly to ensure that workers received a living wage, fought for the passage of paid leave laws, and worked to expand lactation accommodations. She understands the struggles of Marylanders because as someone who grew up in a single-parent family, she endured those struggles. She has

worked directly in her community to lift up those in need and expand access to opportunity, and I know she will be a tremendous partner as we work to create a Maryland that works for everyone.

6. Share any additional information that you feel Baltimore City voters should know about you and/or the Governor's position.

I am proud to have received the endorsement of Senator Cory McCray, Delegate Luke Clippinger, Delegate Robbyn Lewis, Councilmembers Danielle McCray, Kristerfer Burnett, Ryan Dorsey, Antonio Glover, as well as unprecedented support from the vast majority of unions across Maryland, including the Maryland State and D.C. AFL-CIO, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW), 32BJ SEIU, SEIU Local 500, Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU), International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), Communications Workers of America (CWA) many other leaders across Baltimore and across the state.

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1. Why are you running for Maryland Comptroller? If elected, what will be your priorities?

I believe Maryland has an opportunity to make greater strides toward true equity. We are leaving too many resources on the table, ultimately hurting Maryland taxpayers who have to pick up the tab. We must close corporate tax loopholes so wealthy corporations pay their fair share. And should voters legalize marijuana, we must be prepared to properly tax it, collect those taxes, and fight to invest those funds in education. Additionally, Maryland continues to fall woefully short in ensuring equitable opportunities for minority and women owned businesses. The next comptroller can play a tremendous role in ensuring that we make progress on these issues. As a Mayor who has governed during COVID and a CEO with more than 30 years of experience running one of the largest black owned companies in America, I know how to manage large, complex organizations to achieve the tax fairness and equity that Marylanders deserve.

2. What particular experiences or skills have prepared you to serve as the Comptroller?

Maryland is a portrait of inequality – the state with among the most dynamic economies in the nation also contains communities, particularly rural areas and black and brown neighborhoods, that do not share in the state's economic opportunity. My own success as a Black man in business was an outlier, obtained only with tremendous work overcoming adversity. Economic and social change will remain elusive without greater fiscal transparency and government accountability. The office of comptroller is an important piece of this puzzle. The comptroller can participate in direct interventions, like making tax collection simpler and fairer, making procurement more equitable, and advancing state capital investment in Black and Brown neighborhoods and rural areas. But the office's broad constitutional mandate provides an opportunity to make the government more accountable through investigations, audits, and reports on government spending. To achieve all this, the comptroller has to have a demonstrated track record in executive leadership and advocacy with deep experience managing budgets and complex organizations. I bring 30 years of that kind of executive leadership and experience in both the public and private sectors. I have rigorously evaluated capital investments, improved equity in services, and prioritized transparency, as both a CEO and Mayor. This is the experience needed to make our government more equitable and accountable so that we can better invest in top priorities like education.

3. Share any additional information that you feel Baltimore City voters should know about you and/or the Comptroller position.

I hope to accomplish a more fair, accountable and equitable government. There is a great deal more that can be done to level the playing field in Maryland, help poor and middle class families thrive, and ensure small businesses and women and minority owned businesses have the same opportunities to grow. I believe we can greatly enhance the ability of the comptroller's office to more efficiently prevent fraud, waste and abuse and in doing so identify savings that can be reinvested in our communities particularly in education. As comptroller, ensuring that we are not leaving any resources on the table and identifying more funds that can be invested in education will be a top priority. Now is not a time where rhetoric and campaign promises can carry more weight than executive experience and a track record of working across sectors to achieve real change. I believe that in order for us to rise to the moment and seize this opportunity, the Maryland's next comptroller will need strong executive experience to make a complicated bureaucracy become more fair and equitable while also possessing a track record of achieving more equitable outcomes from both lived and professional experiences. I hope to earn your support on July 19th and in the general election in November.



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1. Why are you running for Maryland Comptroller? If elected, what will be your priorities?

I'm running for State Comptroller because now is the time for us to be bold & do better in Maryland. We have a unique opportunity now to reimagine how the Comptroller's office can tackle our state's economic challenges, including the racial wealth divide, public school funding, and climate change, while also building more financially-resilient families and small businesses. I know that over the next four years, we can change Maryland for the better for the next forty: ensuring that we are using the power of the purse and procurement to build generational wealth and tackle economic inequality - building stronger and more stable communities and businesses.

2. What particular experiences or skills have prepared you to serve as the Comptroller?

As the elected chief financial officer for the state of Maryland, our Comptroller must be a leader who embraces creative ideas and has the ability to put those ideas into action – from big ideas on wealth-building policies to the little details that make it easier for families and businesses to pay taxes and access state programs and benefits. I've been an effective leader as a civil rights & disability rights attorney and as a state delegate - both in the communities I represent and passing landmark legislation for the past eight years. 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 - passing the largest MTA funding bill in history, the first-ever styrofoam ban, the state's first gun violence prevention program. 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.

3. Share any additional information that you feel Baltimore City voters should know about you and/or the Comptroller position.

As a Baltimore City resident, a public school mom, a community leader, and a State Delegate representing Southeast and South Baltimore for the past 8 years, I know and understand the challenges our City faces - and recognize our potential. I know that Maryland can never be a truly great state unless Baltimore reaches its full potential. I have brought funding to non-profits, helped lead efforts to pass the Blueprint for Maryland's Future to bring equitable funding to our public schools, I've been a champion for better transit and funding for better housing, especially in formerly-redlined neighborhoods. I will ensure that Baltimore City's communities always have an advocate. Now more than ever, our City needs a Statewide elected leader standing up for families, communities, and small businesses. I'm ready to help us meet this moment to be bold and do better.

STATE OFFICES

ATTORNEY GENERAL

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1. Who are you? Tell us about yourself.

I am a first-generation American, the son of immigrants raised in a home where my father was the first in our family to ever attend college. I was taught the value of service, and through my military and public service I have always been committed to serving my community and defending our nation. I was elected to my first term in Congress in 2016 and am currently in my third term. In 1998, I was first elected to the Maryland House of Delegates to represent Prince George's County, and in 2006 I was elected and served eight years as Lieutenant Governor, where I fought to increase investments in Maryland's schools so that every child could receive a world-class education, protected victims of domestic violence, expanded health coverage to over 391,000 Marylanders, and increased employment and health services to veterans. I am a retired Colonel in the United States Army Reserve, and my military career spanned three decades as an aviator and JAG officer, during which time I was awarded the Legion of Merit for distinguished military service. In 2004, I was deployed to Iraq and became one of the nation's highest-ranking elected officials at that time to serve a tour of duty in that conflict. I am a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School and am Karmen's devoted husband and the proud parent of three adult children.

2. Why are you running for Attorney General? If elected, what will be your priorities?

I am running because I believe Marylanders deserve an Attorney General who will be their advocate for change, with a record of progress on tough issues. Today, too many barriers exist for too many Marylanders—from health care and housing to the environment and education, in the workplace, policing, and the criminal justice system. I'm running to dismantle those barriers, to make government work again, and to fight for the

changes that will protect every person and empower every community. I'll be the people's lawyer—investigating problems, advocating for legislative change, and setting enforcement priorities that serve the people. I'll fight for justice and equity—whether addressing crime and public safety, the climate crisis and environmental justice, or attacks on women's reproductive freedom. I'll fight to protect consumers, veterans, and seniors, as well as voting rights, workers' rights, and the rights of the LGBTQIA+ communities. And I'll hold public officials accountable, including law enforcement.

3. What particular experiences or skills have prepared you to serve as the Attorney General?

As a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School, my legal education, training, and experience—along with my public sector experience—have prepared me to serve as Attorney General and lead the largest public interest law firm in the State of Maryland, consisting of more than 450 attorneys and 250 support professionals. My legal practice experience in state and federal courts, representing clients against big tobacco, small businesses against giant corporations, and defending the constitutionality of federal gun safety laws is broader than any other candidate for Attorney General. I've represented criminal defendants, children in need of assistance, and class action plaintiffs. I have experience in managing legal professionals, including commanding an Army Legal Support Organization of 80 lawyers and paralegals, equivalent to a medium-sized law firm, representing soldiers in criminal cases, providing legal assistance with estate planning, and educating and advocating for soldiers and their families on consumer protection matters. In Annapolis, I served as Vice Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee while serving in the General Assembly, and I led the O'Malley Brown Administration's efforts on several initiatives relevant to the responsibilities of the Attorney General, including enacting the Maryland False Health Claims Act, which has resulted in recovering more than \$160 million for Maryland taxpayers since 2011, repealing the death penalty, granting judges the power to order domestic abusers to surrender their firearms when issuing a protective order, establishing the criminal offense of intentional child neglect, and leading the public outreach effort that led to the ban on assault weapons, large capacity magazines and the broader, fingerprint-based background check now required in Maryland before purchasing a firearm. In Congress, I have been a leader on removing Confederate names from military installations and on military justice reform issues, addressing the racial disparities that have existed for decades.

4. Share any additional information that you feel Baltimore City voters should know about you and/or the Attorney General's position.

The Attorney General must address violence in Baltimore. My family lost my cousin Cathy to gun violence in Montgomery County, so I personally know of the suffering that too many families have experienced from violent crime not only in Baltimore but across our State. First, the Attorney General must actively partner with the State's Attorney, Mayor, and the Baltimore City Police Department. The Attorney General should dedicate the necessary criminal investigation and prosecution resources to implement a local crime fighting strategy, focusing first on our most violent crimes and offenders, as well as gun-trafficking. The Attorney General must enlist the support of the US Attorney and federal law enforcement. Second, the Attorney General must advocate for policy that will reduce the prevalence of guns, like banning ghost guns which I testified in support of and consider the efficacy and feasibility of a gun court. The Attorney General must be a juvenile justice reform advocate, so that children are steered toward productive lives and not hardened criminals. Finally, the Attorney General must promote police accountability, including seeking the authority from the General Assembly to conduct pattern or practice investigations where there are signs of persistent misconduct. Police accountability improves public confidence which improves policing. Most men and women who swear to protect and serve our communities in law enforcement are honorable and treat people of color equitably. However, the consequences of just one incident of racially motivated police misconduct can have a devastating impact on the community and a harmful or deadly outcome for the person involved. We must support police with the best training, resources, leadership, and public confidence that they need in order to do a very difficult

and often dangerous job that few are willing to do. However, like every profession—lawyers, doctors, educators, soldiers—we must hold all police officers accountable for fair treatment of all. There are far too many incidents of mistreatment against people of color—from Baltimore to NYC, from Minneapolis to Louisville—that can only be explained by race. Until we eliminate racial bias in the treatment of people of color, we cannot ignore the racial inequities in policing.



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1. Who are you? Tell us about yourself.

My name is Katie Curran O'Malley and I'm running for Attorney General. I was born and raised in Baltimore City, where I still live. I went to college at Towson University and to law school at University of Baltimore. I met my husband, Martin, in law school, and we have four great kids: Grace, Tara, William, and Jack. I have worked in Maryland's criminal justice system for the past 30 years. For the first 10 years, I served as an Assistant State's Attorney in Baltimore County, and for the past 20 years, I served as a District Court Judge in Baltimore City.

2. Why are you running for Attorney General? If elected, what will be your priorities?

I am running for Attorney General because, after 30 years working in Maryland courtrooms, I have the experience necessary to lead the 400+ lawyers in the office who advocate every day to protect Marylanders. During my 10 years as an Assistant State's Attorney in Baltimore County and 20 years as a District Court Judge in Baltimore City, I gained a deep knowledge of how laws actually affect Marylanders, and I want to use that experience to protect their interests. As Attorney General, I will advocate for legislation and for legal action to protect Marylanders, such as an equitable criminal justice system, protecting a woman's right to choose, and defending our environment and hold polluters accountable, among other important issues. I believe the most pressing issue facing our state is that too many Marylanders do not feel safe in their own homes and in their communities. We need to protect people against the rising crime that is plaguing our neighborhoods and that disproportionately impacts people of color. At the same time, we need to fight for real criminal justice reform so that everyone gets equal justice. That is why the first plan I released in my campaign detailed how I will fight for criminal justice reform as Attorney General. We are often faced with a false choice between safe communities or a fair and accountable criminal justice system. In truth, we can only achieve safer communities when there is fairness and equity in our criminal justice system. We can and must do both.

3. What particular experiences or skills have prepared you to serve as the Attorney General?

I have 30 years of experience working in our legal system as a prosecutor and a judge. My courtroom experience is important because the Attorney General and their team of 400 lawyers are in courtrooms around the state everyday fighting for the people on issues like criminal justice, public safety, consumer protection, and the environment. Through my experiences, I have seen firsthand how our criminal justice system works — and how it doesn't work.

4. Share any additional information that you feel Baltimore City voters should know about you and/or the Attorney General's position.

I have been endorsed by the Washington Post, Senator Barbara Mikulski, former Baltimore Mayor Jack Young, Baltimore City Councilman Mark Conway, Baltimore City Councilman Yitzy Schleifer, Delegate Maggie McIntosh, and Delegate Regina T. Boyce, along with many other Baltimore local and state elected officials. Additionally, I am a lifelong Baltimore-resident and care deeply about our city. Baltimore will only realize its full potential as a place to live, work, and grow businesses when it systemically and sustainably improves public safety. The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) must work closely with local, state, federal, and community partners across the public safety continuum to reduce violent crime through a series of appropriately intensive and escalating intervention strategies that focus on those most at risk of being a victim or perpetrator of violent crime, many of whom are already under the State's supervision. Further the OAG has a critical role to play in ensuring that these intensive and escalating intervention strategies are pursued with absolute integrity, particularly through the efforts of its Organized Crime, Fraud and Corruption Units, and its Independent Investigations Division.

STATE OFFICES

STATE SENATOR

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1. Who are you? Tell us about yourself.

For the last 12 years, I have approached my work in the Maryland General Assembly with pragmatic optimism, a commitment to progressive change, and a relentless pursuit of fairness, mutual responsibility, and community uplift. These values and approaches to elections have served as critical pillars addressing the needs of my constituents.

During my 8-year tenure as a member of the House of Delegates (2011-19), I served on the Appropriations and Ways and Means Committees, I distinguished myself as a leader in the fight for the community school model for addressing concentrated poverty, equitable education funding formula, and housing and support services for unaccompanied homeless youth. My legislation centered on a multitude of critical matters such as banning the practice of shackling pregnant incarcerated women, passing the nation's first digital and social media password privacy protection act, and promoting accessible and affordable water, and a moratorium on the sale of homes and places of worship for unpaid water bills in Baltimore City.

2. Why are you running for State Senator? If elected, what will be your priorities?

I'm looking for an opportunity to do more for the residents of the 43rd District and to have a greater impact on the policy and budget issues, I ran and was elected to the Maryland Senate in 2018. In the Senate I first served on the Judicial Proceedings Committee, where I championed safer communities, ending the school-to-prison pipeline, and criminal justice reform.

As a delegate and state senator, I have experience bringing agencies and advocates together to solve problems collaboratively and efficiently. A clear example of this is my work on tax-sales as a result of unpaid water bills. I worked with the Department of Public Works to address unpaid water bills for my constituents while also drafting and passing legislation that banned this practice. I built a coalition including DPW leadership and water advocates. Last year we passed a bill on the state level that prohibits this practice. Concurrently, I worked with our City Council to pass legislation helping low-income homeowners with financial assistance with the increasing cost of water and sewer services.

I know I can use this kind of creative and innovative leadership to represent the residents of Baltimore City and County very effectively.

3. What particular experiences or skills have prepared you to serve as a Senator?

For the last three years, I have served as the only Baltimore City/Baltimore County member of the Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee. In the Senate, I have also been a leader in working to develop the Blueprint for Maryland's Future to transform public education, win funding to provide homeless youths the housing and other services they need, authorize and fund pre-release services for Maryland women returning to our communities after incarceration, protect low-income Marylanders from predatory "energy choice" marketers, to defend the rights of immigrants and reform our policing practices to make them more transparent, more accountable, and more effective for communities across the state. In 2021, I also sponsored legislation that sought to improve the ability of police officers to serve effectively and honorably by requiring law enforcement agencies across the state to make mental health support services available to all officers. I was pleased to see that this bill was ultimately folded into the historic package of police accountability legislation the Assembly enacted that year.

4. Share any additional information that you feel Baltimore City voters should know.

Some of my other priorities include working to:

Convert every public school into a community school that serves as a resource for helping both children and adults get access not just to education but other critical services and supports they need.

Expand affordable housing and improve housing options available to low- and moderate-income Marylanders.

Decriminalize substance abuse and treat it as a medical problem rather than a criminal issue.

Help citizens returning from prison get the support and job opportunities they need to build healthy lives in our communities.

Enable youth struggling with homelessness or aging out of the foster care system to get better access to education, housing and other critical opportunities.

Invest more resources in communities that have suffered from decades of disinvestment, redlining, and racial discrimination.

Protect women's reproductive rights and expand access to abortion and other critical health services.

Welcome immigrants and new residents to our city and our state and protect them against unfair detention and harassment.

Protect LGBTQ+ citizens against discrimination and make sure they can get access to the health services they need.

District 45

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District 40

of Democratic Candidates: 8

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1. Who are you? Tell us about yourself.

I'm a dad, a first-generation college graduate, and an advocate for Baltimore youth and disadvantaged communities. Since matriculating at the former Northwestern High School I have listened to our families, small business owners, and faith leaders from neighborhoods across our City and we all can agree "Baltimore Deserves Better". I'm running because I believe through faith all things are possible and that our neighbors deserve someone that will be their trusted voice in Annapolis.

2. Why are you running for State Delegate? If elected, what will be your priorities?

Access, the 40th district is unique by geographical design, not all neighborhoods are alike however they all do share a lack of access to basic necessities such as healthy food options, job opportunities, or efficient transportation. In the immediate, we must work to close the digital divide and the achievement gap simultaneously. We must audit our educational ecosystem to measure critical needs early on and not in the middle of a pandemic. We must empower our families with access to resources and information which means meeting the needs of everyday people with effective and efficient systems. Our schools and communities must be equipped with broadband so considering municipal wifi, as well as creating an infrastructure that can support year-long learning both virtually and in person at the highest quality.

3. What particular experiences or skills have prepared you to serve as a Delegate?

I know the importance of education and building relationships. As an Educational Consultant, I have a niche for connecting dreams to reality through experiences, mentorship, and relationship building. Since graduating from Texas Southern University, I have advocated on behalf of families securing over \$20 million in scholarships, grants, and educational opportunities.

4. Share any additional information that you feel Baltimore City voters in your district should know.

The top priority would be infrastructure, we must create quality assurance measures that hold our agencies accountable. We must build stronger public transportation infrastructure so that they are more reliable and can

transport residents from a to b. Our State must support our city with capital funds for expanding roads, fixing our sidewalks, repaving decaying streets, and smart lights. These few examples I believe will address the priority of making transportation more efficient, and investing in our infrastructure.



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1. Who are you? Tell us about yourself.

I was born and raised in West Baltimore's 40th District where I desire to serve my family, neighbors, and community partners as your Delegate choice for 2022. I was raised by my maternal grandmother who taught me early how and why it is important to serve others. As a first-generation high school graduate, my success forged a legacy that is now a family norm! I graduated from The Baltimore City College High School. I continued in higher education and received a BA in sociology from Cornell University and a JD from the University of Baltimore Law school. During each stage of academic training, I became more entrenched in advocacy and social justice policy. My loyalty and sense of responsibility to my hometown compelled me at every level to return home and to continue to serve. I consider myself a Whole Communities' Collaborator. I believe that no sustainable community progress exists in individual organization solitude. You can find me serving food in Morrell Park, helping with Community Clean Up in Hampden, planting trees in Hanlon, mentoring and leading workshops in our schools, supporting our older adults, or walking the streets of Penn North, Coppin Heights, and Rosemont providing real time community health and social needs resources. I welcome any opportunity to sit at the feet of an elder and embrace foundational instruction. I believe a true People's agenda must embrace the wisdom (ELDERS) of our past and the hope (YOUTH) of our future. My strong allegiance to my family and my faith moves me forward to serve unselfishly. My most enjoyable moments are spending time with my four amazing (grandchildren) HEARTBEATS.

2. Why are you running for State Delegate? If elected, what will be your priorities?

I am running for state delegate to use my years of experience as a 'boots' on the ground advocate and organizer to move legislation and policy issues forward that is a clear expression of our communities' stated voice and needs. Once elected, I will prioritize public safety using a mental wellness and environmental equity model; I will advocate for better healthcare, financial, housing, and transportation services for Older Adults, Veterans, and Retirees. I will advocate for passage of a PreK through 12 education and all schools in Maryland be updated to 21st Century standard. I will continue to fight for a sustainable wage for all. I will continue my work to reduce our carbon footprint and meet our Climate goals.

3. What particular experiences or skills have prepared you to serve as a Delegate?

I will bring 30 years' legislative and advocacy experience to the 40th district. As an executive member of the Associated Student Congress of Baltimore City and the Vice President of the Maryland Association of Student Councils, I traveled throughout Maryland and the Eastcoast to network, advocate, and garner collective voices to push agendas for student rights. This included collaboration to author bills and testimony before the General Assembly. As Legislative Liaison and Constituent Services Coordinator for the previous 10th, 42nd, and 45th districts, I repeatedly resolved issues and provided sustainable solutions for the Citizens of Baltimore City and

the surrounding county. In 2018, I was elected to the Democratic State Central Committee for the 40th District. My personal pledge was to engage community leaders, organizations, and residents throughout the district and to provide advocacy support and information. I maintained my commitment throughout my term and forged invaluable relationships. As a core member of the Empowerment Team, we addressed the inequity of COVID vaccine and testing in West Baltimore, particularly amongst our Older Adult and other vulnerable residents. The first of many results was a one-day clinic where we vaccinated over 1000 people. As the current President for the North Avenue and Hilton Street Business and Community Task Force and the North Avenue Gateway I and II Tenant Council, I recently secured a \$95k award from the Maryland DHCD's Community Safety Works Grant to address safety and environmental concerns in this (one of many) volatile and neglected neighborhood. My continued service across the includes founding Board Member for the Agape Youth Center, mentor for the Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success' Youth Ambassador program advocating for the passage of Kirwan; Advisory Council for F.A.C.E-supporting returning citizens and C-4Ward (a Community Collaborative to Combat COVID-19) and subject matter facilitator for No Boundaries Coalition Civic Culture Committee. I serve on several environmental taskforces. I am a policy leader on the Progressive Maryland Drug Policy, Re-Entry, and Health Care taskforces.

4. Share any additional information that you feel Baltimore City voters in your district should know.

I am a progressive leader who believes in forward movement. I have the ability to motivate, organize, and activate the community voice for collective positive results.



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1. Who are you? Tell us about yourself.

I am a labor leader and financial security specialist who is passionate about advancing equity and ensuring access to economic security for all. For the last 7 years I have worked in the union construction industry to improve access to registered apprenticeships that help residents build economic security. I established and operated an apprenticeship readiness program that has helped prepare over 100 residents for registered apprenticeships. I serve as Deputy Majority Whip and 2nd Vice Chair of the Legislative Black Caucus of Maryland.

2. Why are you running for State Delegate? If elected, what will be your priorities?

In my first term I have been an effective voice for bold change, smart policies, and proven solutions, but there is so much more yet to be done. I am running for re-election because I want to continue to elevate the voice of neighbors in District 40 in the Maryland House of Delegates. If I am fortunate to serve a second term, I will continue fighting for investments in our children and youth, initiatives to increase public safety, workers rights, tenants and homeowners rights, our aging in place elders, and expansion of access to fresh and healthy food through urban-agro businesses. I will continue to work directly with neighbors, businesses, and community partners across the 40th District to advance real legislation to create real change for the 40th district, Baltimore City, and Maryland.

3. What particular experiences or skills have prepared you to serve as a Delegate?

I am currently representing the 40th district in the House of Delegates. Prior to office I spent over 15 years advocating for policies that help workers and families attain economic security over a lifetime. I did this by advocating for workers rights, consumer protection, and equity in financial lending at the state, local, and national levels. I have been fortunate to do this work in the private and public sectors and with labor unions, developers, and community based organizations.

4. Share any additional information that you feel Baltimore City voters in your district should know.

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District 41

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1. Who are you? Tell us about yourself.

I am a mother of an 8 year-old son and 9 year-old daughter, and was elected to the House of Delegates in Baltimore City's 41st Legislative District on November 6, 2018. I was raised in a working-class Baltimore City family by immigrant parents who came here for greater opportunities and I witnessed them struggle to overcome hardships. I am a native of the 41st District's Park Heights community. I obtained my undergraduate bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Baltimore, followed by my Juris Doctor degree from the University of Maryland. I serve as an Assistant State's Attorney in Baltimore City with a focus on prosecuting illegal guns.

2. Why are you running for State Delegate? If elected, what will be your priorities?

I believe my hands-on experience makes me an effective legislator who represents all of my constituents in Annapolis. In my first term, I brought a fresh voice to Annapolis with uncompromising boldness and enthusiasm, and I am unafraid to stand up and fight for what Baltimore needs and deserves. My priorities are strong schools for all children, safe and healthy neighborhoods for all and affordable living for all.

3. What particular experiences or skills have prepared you to serve as a Delegate?

I believe my hands-on experience as a prosecutor, mother, lawyer and delegate prepare me to be a great legislator.

4. Share any additional information that you feel Baltimore City voters in your district should know.



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1. Who are you? Tell us about yourself.

Long time Baltimore City resident, father of a Baltimore City Public School senior, community and justice reform advocate. Believer that education is an environment and not only a k-12 experience. A believer that continuing adult education improves opportunities but career paths improve family prospects. Small business owner (trucking company), reentry program founder and contractor with Baltimore City DPW providing drivers and labor for trash collection.

2. Why are you running for State Delegate? If elected, what will be your priorities?

Bring actual advocacy for crime reduction through a clearly created, sustained and funded model. After a quadruple shooting, triple homicide in my community (Howard Park), we called an emergency meeting that the mayor, police commissioner and every media outlet in Baltimore City showed up to. None of our three delegates showed up claiming because it was during session. The entire delegation was not testifying on the floor after 5pm. This was but a single example of a pattern of constituent neglect. I want to change that as well as offering actual legislative remedies and community initiative funding mechanisms.

3. What particular experiences or skills have prepared you to serve as a Delegate?

Studying criminal law at the University of Maryland College Park as an undergrad and gaining a particular interest in political science. Then beginning a radio show here in Baltimore City that quickly turned into direct advocacy both here in Baltimore City and Annapolis resulting in creating initiatives and advocating for what became the felons voting rights bill and first felony expungement provision in the history of the state. Fully understanding the roles of legislation and funding allocation that our legislators are responsible for and how it begins with listening to and engaging the constituents in order to drive community agenda.

4. Share any additional information that you feel Baltimore City voters in your district should know.

For six years now, I have led the very first in Baltimore City, non profit, free CDL (Commercial Drivers License) program, now federally certified, boasting graduates that have left incarceration behind and begun solid careers. Several have purchased homes and most are voting, tax paying citizens in this city.



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1. Who are you? Tell us about yourself.

I am a lifelong resident of Baltimore City and the 41st District. I graduated from City College and still run into people on the street whom I went to school with. My first job was working for the Housing Authority of Baltimore City. It was the beginning of my public service. As a State Delegate, I have continued that service, working on behalf of the people whom I represent for the last forty years.

2. Why are you running for State Delegate? If elected, what will be your priorities?

I have work to continue - from the Pimlico Race Track to the Red Line. I have begun the job, and working together we have to finish it. Because of the Supreme Court, I will have work to do protecting a woman's access to reproductive health care and keeping guns off the street.

3. What particular experiences or skills have prepared you to serve as a Delegate?

I know my district well because I have lived here all my life. My legal training and my experience in Annapolis have taught me how to solve a problem, whether it is a major policy question or an individual's problem with the government bureaucracy. Creating broad and diverse coalitions to solve a problem has been my most effective approach in Baltimore and Annapolis.

4. Share any additional information that you feel Baltimore City voters in your district should know.

In addition to working on the issues I highlighted above, no doubt there will be new problems confronting us over the next four years. I will address those issues with the same hard work and real results that I always do.

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District 43A

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1. Who are you? Tell us about yourself.

I am the daughter of Caribbean parents (Jamaica & Barbados), born in D.C., raised in Rockville, and completed my high school years in Baltimore County. I graduated from Towson University after attending community college for two years playing soccer and lacrosse. I began working in the city in 2000 two years after I graduated from college at Johns Hopkins University's Athletic & Recreation Department. I took the opportunity to purchase a home through Hopkins live near your work program in 2004 beginning my public service journey in Baltimore City. I received my master's in public administration at the University of Baltimore after 10 years of working in community, volunteering on various projects, and working for the city of Baltimore. I spent 8 years between my church and a nonprofit organization in adult education which was incredibly rewarding for those who achieved English proficiency or their high school diploma. I am the oldest of the three of my mother's daughters, my father is deceased. I have a niece, two nephews, and as of January a great-niece :0) I am an adjunct professor, during the fall semester, at the University of Baltimore teaching "The Legislative Process". I enjoy city life immensely! You can find me at the local farmers markets, city festivals and events, biking around the city and especially to Lake Montebello, enjoying great food in our area, and taking advantage of cultural, historical, and art amenities the district and city has to offer.

2. Why are you running for State Delegate? If elected, what will be your priorities?

I am seeking re-election to continue the work of the last 4 years, and to be an authentic and genuine representative for district 43A. Representation is critically important more than ever. Our challenges are increasingly complex. I want to ensure that there is an analyzed and critiqued budget; that the laws written, and the executive branch we hold accountable, are entirely accountable to the six million residents of Maryland. I want to work to meet the priorities and needs of every person no matter their zip code, socio economic background, immigration status, gender, religion, sexual orientation, or race; and I want to protect their rights to vote, provide adequate housing and access to healthcare, ensure educational opportunities and career security, and continue the fight for Maryland's environment. I have worked hard for district 43, and desire again to work on their behalf in the General Assembly. My priorities if re-elected are those of the residents, businesses, and institutions of 43A to include development in disinvested communities, addressing the socio-economic divide of Greenmount Ave/York Road that has existed for decades, and taking care of our seniors who desire to live in place and need estate planning. My overall priority for Baltimore City is growing the agriculture and farming industry, assisting with crime reduction and prevention, and lowering property tax. In 2018, the same as now, I am running for Our Families, Our City, and Our Future. When families are not strong, our communities, our city, and our state cannot be strong. I work to strengthen families.

3. What particular experiences or skills have prepared you to serve as a Delegate?

The particular experiences and skills that have prepared me to serve as delegate and continue to serve as delegate are my 20+ years of administrative skills, working and living in Baltimore for 22yrs, and gaining customer service skills at the at the university. Living in the city I know the true value and rich history of each community. Working at city hall I learned how complex government can be, how it must work for our residents, and learned the real meaning of public service, while earning my masters in public administration. Spending value time in the nonprofit realm providing educational services to adults taught me management & leadership skills while at the same time gained grant writing, fundraising and events, and budget oversight experience and skills. In my first term as delegate, I have provided over \$10 million dollars in legislative bond initiatives for 43rd capital projects, over \$200,000 in scholarship funds, led in my environment & transportation committee providing valuable input and defending environmental bills on the house floor. I am a member of the black caucus, women's caucus, associate member of the Latino caucus, and member of the transit caucus. I was assigned by the Speaker of the House, Adrienne Jones, to the Commission on Environmental Justice & Sustainable Communities as well as the State Park Investment Commission. I would

be honored to be re-elected by the residents of district 43A to continue the work of the General Assembly and the momentum we have in 43A.

4. Share any additional information that you feel Baltimore City voters in your district should know.

What Baltimore City voters in my district should know about me is that I am public servant who believes that we are the ones that we are looking for, and that WE have the solutions to our greatest challenges. We can meet those challenges if we work together. I LOVE my community of Waverly where I have lived the entire time that I have lived in the city purchasing my home at 27 years old . . . a monumental goal considering my past experience with homelessness while in middle and high school. I enjoy laughter, people telling great stories, uno card games, dancing, the comfort of family and friends, and the 11/11:30am deals at the farmers market because I always manage to get there late. Voters should know that I take my job as delegate seriously: every constituent need, every session and committee meeting, and every vote on their behalf. I hope to again earn their support.



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1. Who are you? Tell us about yourself.

We all have a unique story to tell, and I am no different. As many of you may know, I ran for Baltimore City Mayor in 2020. While this campaign did not give me my intended outcome, my desire to serve the people of Baltimore is unwavering. As I campaigned throughout the City and met with constituents, I became evermore motivated and encouraged to keep going. Just like me, Baltimore has a unique story to tell, and I am a part of that story. We face challenges together, and rejoice in victories just the same. This is exactly why I have decided to launch a campaign for Maryland State Delegate, representing the glorious 43rd district. In my previous campaign, my platform has been the same: I want to serve you. I come from a middle-class family in East Baltimore. Both of my parents worked hard to provide for their family, but who isn't all-knowing at 16? Despite my parents' efforts, I dropped out of High School and committed myself to working fulltime at McDonalds. By the time I was 18, I was promoted to a General Manager of a McDonald's franchise, and eventually became Vice President for Operations. Today, I am a proud Baltimore entrepreneur, with successful businesses throughout the City, the State, and along East Coast. Whether our challenges are self-inflicted or the result of our environments, my story illustrates how we can always create a better tomorrow through dedication and commitment. I truly believe that part of Baltimore Pride is no matter how dark the night may be, the sun still shines bright the next day. Our City is in desperate need of teamwork leadership, transparent representation, and real solutions. From crime to the economy, from much needed infrastructure investments to substantive resource commitments to education and our aging population, there is no obstacle or issue we cannot solve through collaboration, commitment, and consistent accountability from our elected leaders. This campaign will focus on real life issues Baltimoreans in the 43rd face daily, with a genuine commitment to bring real life solutions. While it is Rikki Vaughn running for Maryland Delegate in the 43rd district, all of us are on the ballot this next election. I am all in with you! Let's make some good trouble together!

2. Why are you running for State Delegate? If elected, what will be your priorities?

In order to change our city, we must first make changes and build foundations in our communities one neighborhood, at a time.

3. What particular experiences or skills have prepared you to serve as a Delegate?

Community advocate for 15 years. East Baltimore native. Multi restaurant business owner and mentor.

4. Share any additional information that you feel Baltimore City voters in your district should know.

From high school drop out to magna cum laude graduate, MBA and PhD, from homeless to homeowner, min wage worker at McDonald's to CEO and owner of 100+ restaurants, and bold outspoken individual who won't be silent when it comes to speaking up, standing up and fighting for the betterment of our community, city and state.

STATE OFFICES

HOUSE OF DELEGATES

District 45

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1. Who are you? Tell us about yourself.

Delegate Stephanie Smith is a wife, mother, attorney, public servant and represents the 45th State Legislative District. As a first-generation college graduate, Stephanie credits a strong public education as central to her nearly two decade career working in the public interest. A double HBCU alum, Stephanie knows the value of HBCUs to creating a more economically prosperous Baltimore. When not working, Stephanie enjoys the vibrant Baltimore arts scene, karaoke, eating at one of our city's amazing restaurants and spending time with her family.

2. Why are you running for State Delegate? If elected, what will be your priorities?

It's been said that if "you're not at the table, you're on the menu." That's why representation matters. As a working mother balancing professional and personal obligations, Stephanie firmly believes that if you want to get something done, give it to a busy person! Stephanie knows what it's like to face a mountain of student loans, worry about the safety of her husband and young sons and navigate the challenges of healthcare affordability with her retired mother. As a proud Baltimore City Public Schools parent, Stephanie knows that

our schools have significant promise and systemic challenges. It's important to have leaders with skin in the game to fight for our communities. Stephanie believes having these first-hand perspectives helps her craft more impactful legislation. Stephanie is seeking re-election to build upon her strong record of legislative achievement to advance the needs of the 45th District and Baltimore. As a respected leader in the House of Delegates, Stephanie's ability to forge alliances across Maryland helps advance priorities important to Baltimore. In her first term in office, Stephanie was unanimously elected Chair of the Baltimore City Delegation to the Maryland House of Delegates, served on the Ways & Means and now Appropriations Committee and successfully passed over two dozen laws focused on education reform, public safety, economic inclusion, clean energy and reducing racial discrimination. As Delegation Chair, she launched public hearings for Baltimore residents to share their policy priorities in advance of the 90-day session and established a Transportation Subcommittee. In a second term, Stephanie will continue to fight to: Reduce violent crime through stronger state investments in public safety, Improve education funding for programming and building safety, Support small businesses to strengthen commercial corridors, and Bring economic relief to our seniors.

3. What particular experiences or skills have prepared you to serve as a Delegate?

Stephanie has a BA in Political Science from Hampton University, MA in Urban Affairs and Public Policy from the University of Delaware and a JD from Howard University School of Law. Beyond her education focused on politics, policy and the law, Stephanie has experience working in government local, state and federal levels. A former Capitol Hill staffer, Stephanie worked on affordable housing issues at the height of the 2009 foreclosure crisis. Stephanie advocated for strong federal Clean Air Act regulations as Senior Legislative Counsel for the nonprofit law firm Earthjustice. Later, as the first Chief Advocacy Officer for the American College Health Association, Stephanie advocated on issues related to reproductive health and mental health access. When not serving in the Maryland House of Delegates, Stephanie currently works as an Assistant Director in the Baltimore Department of Planning.

4. Share any additional information that you feel Baltimore City voters in your district should know.

As Baltimore City Delegation Chair, Stephanie established streaming public hearings before COVID. She also heightened the visibility and accessibility of the Delegation through social media @citydelegation (Twitter, Facebook and Instagram) and a website: www.baltimorecitydelegation.com Stephanie has shown she can wear multiple hats in leadership and deliver for Baltimore.

STATE OFFICES

HOUSE OF DELEGATES

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1. Who are you? Tell us about yourself.

I am a public health attorney working in a non-profit whose mission is to provide healthcare to low income Marylanders. More specifically, I represent the doctors who are on faculty at the University of Maryland School of Medicine and are a part of the University of Maryland Academic Medical Center. In this capacity, I helped design the backend legal architecture which enabled the free CV-19 testing services at the Baltimore Convention Center and, on a daily basis, I manage the back-end legal and compliance work required to deliver high quality medical care throughout the state of Maryland.

2. Why are you running for State Delegate? If elected, what will be your priorities?

Baltimore is a vibrant community which I love to call home. The big issues that we face - - from crime, to addiction, to generational poverty - - are state level issues that require multi-jurisdictional solutions. My prior work on these issues guides my run for office. As a former teacher at Patterson High School, I am advocating for universal pre-K and enhanced after-school programming to increase access to educational opportunities for our children. As a non-profit public health attorney working in the University of Maryland system, I am advocating for universal health care coverage, increased access to primary care medical services, and enhanced addiction treatment services throughout Maryland. As a board member of my community association, I am advocating for focusing resources on rebuilding trust with the police department so that we can catch the small group of people who continue to perpetuate violent crime in our city.

3. What particular experiences or skills have prepared you to serve as a Delegate?

I have been involved in grassroots politics throughout my life and am proudly running a grassroots campaign. I am a Board Member of the Federal Hill Neighborhood Association and an active leader on education, public safety, health care, cleaning and greening and other initiatives in our community. While in law school, I worked on Scott Goldman's campaign for City Council in District 1 and worked in Senator Bill Ferguson's office as an Education Policy Fellow during the 2015 Legislative Session. In deciding to run in this election, I do believe the Baltimore political scene is too small and it often feels as if elections are decided before they have begun. This campaign represents a change from the usual political game. We are solely about advocating for Baltimore by working on the big issues.

4. Share any additional information that you feel Baltimore City voters in your district should know.

On a more personal note, I am proud to call Baltimore my home along with my wife Ilana, who is a resident in primary care at Bayview Medical Center, and our dog Linus, whom we adopted from BARCS. We are thrilled to be expecting our first child in the coming months! I am running to amplify the voices of those who work everyday to make this City better and to unapologetically demand that the State honor its duty to partner in Baltimore's success. We face serious systemic threats, from poverty and racism to public safety and inequity of opportunity. But we possess the capacity to overcome these challenges because of dedicated neighbors like you: those who've chosen to make Baltimore home.



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1. Who are you? Tell us about yourself.

I am an active community leader, civic-minded attorney, educator and organizer. My passion for service and commitment to inclusive policies that strengthen our collective spirit and success is rooted in his formative experiences as a foreign-born immigrant to the U.S. The resilience, grit, and fortitude modeled to me by my family – intent on providing every opportunity to succeed despite the struggle and sacrifice this often required on their part -- ingrained in me a great sense of purpose, duty, and responsibility.

2. Why are you running for State Delegate? If elected, what will be your priorities?

My parents sacrificed everything to bring my sister and me to America in search of a better future, based on the promise of a world class American education. For far too many of our young people, that promise no longer exists. My passion for service and commitment to inclusive policies that strengthen our collective spirit and success is rooted in my formative experiences as a foreign-born immigrant to the U.S. The resilience, grit, and fortitude modeled to me by my family – intent on providing every opportunity to succeed despite the struggle and sacrifice this often required on their part, ingrained in me a great sense of purpose, duty, and responsibility. I am running to ensure all Baltimoreans have the same opportunities I had to succeed. I am running to ensure that in the richest state in the richest country in the world, that every child has access to a world class American education. My top priorities for the district are - connectivity, safety, sustainability, and equity.

3. What particular experiences or skills have prepared you to serve as a Delegate?

I am an active community leader, civic-minded attorney, educator and organizer. Since 2018, I have served as the President of the Canton Community Association (CCA), one of the largest community associations in Baltimore City and as the Vice Chair of Democratic State Central Committee for District 46. Recently, I brought together a diverse group of community members, historians, elected officials, and anti-racism advocates to create the Canton anti-Racism Alliance. As a result of many community conversations, the Alliance successfully advocated for the removal of the statue of Captain John O'Donnell in Canton. I am originally from South Africa and immigrated with my family to Georgia at age fifteen. Life was difficult, I worked side jobs as a young man to help my family make ends meet. We struggled with economic insecurity, cultural adjustments, and social isolation, just like many immigrants experience upon their arrival. My experience as an immigrant helped to form my desire to serve others and eventually attend the University of Maryland Law School, here in Baltimore, so I could be an advocate for marginalized communities. Since completing my legal studies, I have represented the victims of lead paint poisoning, tenants in cases against unscrupulous landlords, and workers against unethical contractors on construction sites. I also successfully ran for a seat on the Democratic State Central Committee in 2018, and remain actively involved in my community, representing non-profits and local businesses in order to help them solve their legal challenges. My experience led both CASA in Action and Our Revolution endorsing our campaign for Delegate.

4. Share any additional information that you feel Baltimore City voters in your district should know.

FEDERAL OFFICES

U.S. SENATOR

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1. Why are you running for U.S. Senator? If elected, what will be your priorities?

I am running for the U.S. Senate to preserve our future and the rights of every American citizen according to the U.S. Constitution. While running for honesty, compassion, truth and hope, I want to help discuss and make people aware of the serious problems we are currently facing. As Americans, we have an obligation to seek justice for all mankind. By career trade, I am not a politician. However, I do have a heart. And on that note, that is why I decided to run for political office to effectively bring to light the concerns of our nation and propose ideas to help us deal with them on a level in which everyone can positively benefit from. My priorities include:

- Leading the effort to permanently dismantle systemic and structural racism at the highest level of government.
- Pushing the U.S. Congress to restore the United States' reputation as a solid world leader by strengthening bilateral relationships with its top ten allies. A seriously difficult time will come upon our country and we will need the support of our allies.
- I will push Congress to pass the Next Step Act of 2019, which was introduced by Senator Cory Booker, to reform sentencing, the prison system, recidivism and law enforcement practices and it is long overdue.
- Help low-income families come out of debt and enable them to build wealth by placing them in the position to gain decent and meaningful employment

2. What particular experiences or skills have prepared you to serve as a Senator?

I have worked in the federal government for more than 20 years at several different agencies. I know the ins and outs of how business is conducted. The qualities that I possess that will aid me in doing a phenomenal job as your Senator include:

- Adaptability - On any new job, I have the ability to adapt well to the environment and learn the processes/procedures for the job.
- Analysis - I have the ability to think critically and analytically. My written and verbal communications skills are impeccable.
- Integrity - My actions are aligned with the words that I speak. I am concerned with doing what is right. I have no interest in lying to the American people. I prefer to be transparent.

- Problem solving - I strive to resolve problems and get issues settled so that I can move forward. There is no going backwards in life.
- Resilience - I am neither easily intimidated nor can I be knocked down. I am not a scared/fearful person. I stand tall.
- Leadership - I have never been a follower. I lead with tact and poise. I have a mind of my own and I am not afraid to speak up for others.

3. Share any additional information that you feel Baltimore City voters should know about you and/or the U.S. Senator position.

As your Senator, one important thing that I will definitely do is to fight for all women and work to pass legislation to stop state and local governments from interfering in the healthcare of women, in particular, the bans on the rights for women to have an abortion. In addition, I have drafted comprehensive legislation in which my points will be borne in mind once others start to consider how damning the effects of those new laws will be if women are prohibited from having that critical piece of healthcare.



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1. Why are you running for U.S. Senator? If elected, what will be your priorities?

I am running for re-election to the U.S. Senate to continue delivering results for all Marylanders and uphold our values of justice, equality, and freedom. Over the last six years I've worked successfully to bring key investments to our state -- to support our schools, infrastructure, the Bay, access to affordable health care and housing, help for seniors and our veterans. And at this challenging moment in our history we must continue to work to protect and strengthen our democracy.

In many respects this election is about what kind of country we will be going forward. Will we protect the right to vote for every citizen? Will we take action to stem the epidemic of gun violence and increase safety in our communities? Will we protect a woman's right to reproductive freedom? Will we work to build a more inclusive country where all Americans, not just the wealthiest few, have access to good paying jobs, affordable health and childcare, quality education, prescription drugs, housing, and dignity in retirement? And will we act to protect the future of our planet, our environment, and the Chesapeake Bay? I have introduced legislation in the U.S. Senate to advance all of these goals and will continue working to turn them into a reality.

The work to assist those impacted by the health and financial outcomes of the pandemic is also not over and must continue until families, individuals, workers and small businesses hardest hit by the pandemic have bounced back. And we still have an enormous amount of work to do to ensure universal and affordable health care, lower our intolerably high prescription drug prices, and address the heavy burden of medical debt in our country.

I have been working actively on these and other priorities and will continue to do so if re-elected as your Senator.

2. What particular experiences or skills have prepared you to serve as a Senator?

I have been honored to represent Marylanders in the United States Senate these last six years — and in the U.S. Congress and the Maryland state legislature before that. I believe that my experience as a legislator, an appropriator, and a consensus builder ready to work with anyone to make progress for our state and country, as well as my deep knowledge of and love for our state, have prepared me well to serve as your Senator.

I have always worked closely with citizens, community organizations, businesses, faith leaders and a wide variety of other groups across our state to help meet the needs of our communities, provide additional federal resources to address the challenges we face, and create new opportunities for all Marylanders.

Since President Biden was sworn-in, we have taken bold steps to overcome the worst of the pandemic and help families, workers, small businesses, and others get back on their feet. We passed the American Rescue Plan, accelerated the deployment of vaccines to save lives, and extended a financial lifeline to millions of struggling Marylanders while spurring record job growth. We also passed an historic infrastructure modernization plan that is putting more Marylanders to work in good-paying jobs and building-out the physical backbone of our country for the 21st century. I am proud to have fought successfully to include many key initiatives that benefit all Marylanders in both of these historic bills, including funds to expand access to affordable high-speed internet; support our students and schools; help our small businesses; reduce the cost of health care; cut childhood poverty; upgrade our roads, bridges, ports, and transit systems; and protect the Chesapeake Bay.

Earlier, I fought to protect Marylanders from the poisonous policies of the Trump Administration, including their effort to strip health care coverage from millions of Americans by attempting to repeal the Affordable Care Act. Since winning the Senate majority in January 2021, we have faced a blockade of Republican obstruction to our efforts to strengthen our democracy and move America forward. Republicans have used the undemocratic filibuster rule to block progress on everything from voting rights to women's rights, from cutting the costs of prescription drugs to enacting common-sense gun safety measures; from ending secret money in elections to moving to a clean energy future to confront the climate crisis.

Despite this wall of opposition, I have not given up on the fight to expand opportunity and relieve pressures on family budgets by cutting the costs of quality childcare, giving Medicare the power to negotiate lower drug prices, providing universal early education, and rapidly accelerating the use of cheaper clean energy. We can pay for these investments by closing corporate tax breaks that allow the biggest multinational corporations to stash their profits in places like the Cayman Islands and by requiring big polluters to help pay to clean up their mess. I will continue to work to get these and other key provisions over the finish-line and into law.

3. Share any additional information that you feel Baltimore City voters should know about you and/or the U.S. Senator position.

We have a great and diverse state and as our most populous city, economic center, and northern hub of the Baltimore-Washington metropolitan corridor — as well as the birthplace of my father — I understand that the prosperity and success of the City of Baltimore is vital to the prosperity and success of our state. I have worked closely with Baltimore leaders and community activists to address Baltimore's needs and provide support and assistance. And as a member of the powerful Senate Appropriations Committee, the same Committee Senator Barbara Mikulski once served on, I am pleased to be well positioned to help secure federal resources to help the people of Baltimore and all Marylanders.

This past November, I was proud to join President Biden at the White House for the signing of the bipartisan Infrastructure modernization bill, which contains many provisions that I championed for our state. In addition to \$7 billion over the next five years to modernize Maryland's roads, bridges, tunnels, and transit systems, the Infrastructure bill includes a number of provision that will specifically benefit Baltimore, including: a provision that revives the possibility of building a new Red Line metro system; funding for a national program that I spearheaded to remove past infrastructure that divided communities, like the infamous 'Highway to Nowhere' in West Baltimore; and a provision I worked successfully to secure that provides a large pool of funds that can be used by the Port of Baltimore to dramatically increase its cargo capacity, making room for substantial job growth in the Baltimore area.

Addressing the urgent crisis of gun violence and improving the safety our neighborhoods requires all of us working together at every level of government, including non-government actors, across a number of areas — to get guns off the streets, to provide opportunities and interventions for struggling youth, to improve and enhance community policing, to provide alternatives to police responses where appropriate, and to work to revitalize and improve our neighborhoods. I have been, and will continue to be, committed to doing everything in my power to help end the terrible violence we see every day on our streets and to partner with state and local leaders to successfully address the challenges we face.

FEDERAL OFFICES

REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS

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1. Why are you running for Congress? If elected, what will be your priorities?

I believe that citizens in the new 2nd District need a congressman who will work towards policy that reflects their needs. Using my experience as an officer in the Army National Guard I will manage competing interests and find solutions that make progress. My priorities include: • Tax relief for small businesses and subsidies for states that remove roadblocks to creating and maintaining a small business • Reform the process of transitioning military service members to civilians • Incentivizing creation of affordable rentals and homes for purchase • Funding for non-profit state prisons focused on rehab & reintegration • Reduction of crime and drug use by addressing the conditions of poverty • Federal IEP standards for individuals with acute mental health needs • Social security reforms that ensure its solvency indefinitely

2. What particular experiences or skills have prepared you to serve in Congress?

I'm the son of two Army soldiers. I graduated from high school in a rural town where people wanted a fair share of resources and equal access to a growing global economy. I've lived in large metropolitan cities where my neighbors wanted safer streets, reliable jobs, and equitable education for their children. I've been a homeowner in suburban areas that wanted government policies to improve their lives without stifling growth. I am an Army National Guard officer who understands how to make tough decisions, informed by the needs of diverse and often competing groups of individuals. I've been prepared by life to deliver progress now for Marylanders in the new 2nd District on day one.

3. Share any additional information that you feel Baltimore City voters should know about you and/or the Representative in Congress position.

My website has a complete list of priorities. For more information about what I believe in please take a look at: <https://croomforcongress.com/policies>



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1. Why are you running for Congress? If elected, what will be your priorities?

Climate change, which continues to pose a tremendous threat to our state, has cost us \$10 billion over the past decade, and is expected to cost us \$19 billion in real estate damage alone this century. It is also causing increasingly severe storms, worsening pollution, poorer air quality, and more frequent extreme heat events, burdening low-income communities and communities of color the most. Once a national leader on climate change, Maryland continues to fall behind, putting our health, safety and economic future at risk. I do support investment in green space and phasing out of fossil fuels. As leaders align to tackle this issue a collaborative effort will ensure that the timeline is set in a responsible manner. With the urgency at the forefront of that conversation. Our ability to address climate change relies on the expertise and collaboration from a wide range of stakeholders, including Maryland's residents, nonprofits, philanthropic organizations, local and state governments, businesses, industry leaders and our university system. I recognize that we are stronger together and cannot be successful in our mission to combat climate change unless all these stakeholders are working together openly and earnestly. Last year, Maryland was named sixth in the nation and "most improved" by the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy. Although we have made progress, we cannot grow complacent. We need 43 synchronization and cohesion across government, nonprofit, and research institutions to create tomorrow's solutions for today's climate problems. We will bring together government agencies and offices like the Maryland Clean Energy Center to work with the state's leading universities—like the University System of Maryland's Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change Initiative and Morgan State University's (MSU) Patuxent Environmental Aquatic Research Laboratory. As part of our plan to support MSU ascension to R1 status, we will provide resources for the university's research on urban/shoreline impacts and climate change. My administration will provide a strong foundation for Maryland universities' continued work in developing innovative coursework, programs, and research in science and engineering that will drive forward the clean energy business sector. I have lost countless members of my family and friends and students

to gun violence. As an educator and coach, I have had bury far too many of my students and players due gun violence. I will support, advocate and enforce the regulation of firearms. Ultimately, all illegal firearms need to be removed from our streets. Neurodiversity describes the idea that people experience and interact with the world around them in many ways; there is no one "right" way of thinking, learning, and behaving, and differences are not viewed as deficits. Speaking directly with speech therapist and parents of Autistic children, it's clear the Diversity and Inclusion efforts must be extended. Understand that the biggest challenge of working with children with autism is the service professionals are unable to know what the needs due to lack of resources. Furthermore, the service professionals are unable to provide services in a timely matter especially if it's a child/children are non-verbal due lack support mechanisms. On the contrary, when the resources are available and the support for these professionals is provided, the most rewarding part of working with children with speech delays will always be when they start speaking back to you. As a nation we must have a responsible and caring response to undocumented immigrants. Gaining legal status would mean three things for people now living in the US illegally. First, they would no longer be subject to deportation solely because they're in the country illegally, if they are law abiding in other ways. Second, they would be authorized to work. Third, they would have the ability to travel in and out of the United States. At least 60 percent of the illegal population has been in the US for more than 10 years and are unable to return to their home countries to visit family or for other reason. A path to citizenship for illegal immigrants. As naturalized citizens, they would be eligible to receive government benefits, such as unemployment insurance and Social Security. They could vote. And they would be eligible for special immigration privileges.

2. What particular experiences or skills have prepared you to serve in Congress?

I served in the Air Force during one of the most volatile times in the nation's history. My missions included Operation Iraqi Freedom, The Gulf Oil Spill, the Syrian Crisis and the North Korean Crisis. In 2010, I began working at the Pentagon, where I supported the Chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff in the National Military Command Center. My duties included maintaining secure communication channels for the Chairman and serving as a Presidential courier- delivering in person top secret correspondence to the White House. After years of active service to my country, I concluded my military career in 2012, with the rank of Captain and as a decorated officer. I earned an Air Force Commendation Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal and a Most Outstanding Unit Medal. Throughout my military career, I had the goal of returning to my home, and helping serve our community by ensuring that everyone had adequate resources to achieve every opportunity for success. My life has been and will always be about service. I believe in the power of having a great role model for the youth, I am not only a coach for youth baseball, but I am the Chairman of the Board of Directors for both the Northwood Baseball League and National Association of Black Veterans. I regularly visit local schools as well as St. Paul's for Boys, to speak to the children about the importance of education. Annually, I coordinate the Stop the Violence PEACE initiatives in NE Baltimore City and Baltimore County, that have brought together various communities across the State to highlight the importance of stopping the violence and restoring community relations. I believe in building a better District 2 by strengthening the communities that make up this great District. I am prepared to be the voice for the voiceless, and work hand and hand with community leaders, local politicians and residents to ensure that every neighborhood has the same number of opportunities and resources to achieve success, feel safe, and thrive.

3. Share any additional information that you feel Baltimore City voters should know about you and/or the Representative in Congress position.



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1. Why are you running for Congress? If elected, what will be your priorities?

I want to continue providing first-rate constituent service. I have helped tens of thousands of constituents cut through government red tape and I believe my team of caseworkers is among the nation's best. My offices remained open throughout pandemic as we assisted constituents applying for unemployment, business owners accessing relief programs and citizens seeking their stimulus checks. In Washington, I serve on the House Appropriations Committee, which allocates hundreds of billions of dollars annually. I fight to ensure Maryland and the Second District gets its fair share of the pie, securing hundreds of millions of dollars for job-creating infrastructure projects, schools, the Chesapeake Bay, local police and fire departments. I have focused much of my time in Congress on our national security. New threats like cyber attacks, nuclear weapons and biological warfare are on the horizon. Domestic terrorism and mass shootings must be addressed. We need experienced, end-game leadership if we are to prevail. Russia's attack on Ukraine and competition from China will also continue to be pressing issues. Other priorities include addressing inflation, fighting crime and creating jobs and opportunity. We have seen tremendous job creation, unemployment is low and America's GDP was the first among major economies to return to pre-COVID levels. Still, pandemic-related supply chain backlogs, Putin's invasion of Ukraine and inflation – a global phenomenon – has meant higher prices that are straining family budgets. I have supported infrastructure funding to get products on shelves faster and efforts to make more goods here in America to avoid international supply chain logjams. I support efforts to lower the costs of prescriptions, childcare, utility bills and other everyday needs. To reduce pain at the pump, we should suspend gas taxes and compel oil companies to explore unused leases that are already federally-approved – of which there are many. We can also modernize our tax code to help the middle class. For too long, corporations and the ultra-rich have not paid their fair share. Finally, we have to continue to fight to protect rights that are under attack -- including voter rights and reproductive health rights.

2. What particular experiences or skills have prepared you to serve in Congress?

I was first elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2002 and have spent every day fighting for my constituents at home and in Washington. I am a skilled Appropriator who has secured hundreds of millions of dollars for Maryland and the Second District, including funds for community health centers, green jobs, the Chesapeake Bay, education and fighting crime. I have built an outstanding casework team that has resolved tens of thousands of complex cases involving federal agencies. I know the system and have leveraged my experience and expertise to the benefit of my constituents and state. Prior to assuming federal office, I served eight years as Baltimore County Executive, where I managed a workforce of 20,000 people, submitted balanced budgets and earned three AAA bond ratings for financial responsibility. I also served eight years as a Baltimore County Councilman. I began my career as a prosecutor and managed a payroll in my private law practice.

3. Share any additional information that you feel Baltimore City voters should know about you and/or the Representative in Congress position.

Please visit my website for additional information: www.dutchforcongress.com

FEDERAL OFFICES

Representatives in Congress

7th Congressional District

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1. Why are you running for Congress? If elected, what will be your priorities?

Our District and people remain among the hardest working members of this great State. With your trust and vote I will make it my priority to renew partnerships with industry and reestablish sound and trustworthy communications between our District, our State, and our Nation. I will tirelessly seek funding pipelines for our District’s infrastructures and communities. Hire me, and I’ll be so much more than just an elected official! I’ll be your voice and force in the Capital.

Education: Once again, the state of Maryland ranks 2nd, in the Nation, in education. However, once again our District fails to place a public High School in the top 10 (statewide) and in the top 600 (nationally). The COVID Pandemic, not only exposed our weaknesses in our (overall) general health, welfare, and healthcare industries, it also exposed the unmitigated flaws in our education system as well. Sadly, many of our Educators lacked the training and ability to countermand the COVID crisis, and the lasting effects of the past two years will reverberate through the many that will follow.

Even with a steady population decline through the decades, Baltimore remains the largest city in the state of Maryland. So, we should not be finding ourselves on the outside, looking in, when it comes to top-tier education. The COVID Pandemic, not only exposed our weaknesses in our (overall) general health, welfare, and healthcare industries, it also exposed the unmitigated flaws in our education system as well. Sadly, many of our Educators lacked the training and ability to countermand the COVID crisis, and the lasting effects of the past two years will reverberate through the many that will follow.

If elected, I will lend myself to any effort that involves better education for our Children and increased pay for our Educators. Efforts, such as universal Pre-K and the Rebuild America’s Schools Act will see my tireless efforts for their success. I will seek and support increased Federal spending for District’s Public-School modernizations, renovations, and repairs. Moreover, I will seek private partnerships to promote increased Trade and Technical study opportunities for our youth.

Gun Violence: Sadly, about 12 out of every 100K Marylanders die due to gun violence annually, with our city being on track to surpass 230 shooting deaths for the year of 2021. Moreover, with there being more guns than people in our Nation, the belief that we can bring a quick or easy end to gun violence is naïve (at best).

However, If elected, I will ardently pursue commonsense measures to keep our communities safe from gun violence, while still protecting the Second Amendment rights of our law-abiding citizens. As a Navy Veteran, I swore an oath to protect this nation and its people. And as a gun owner, I am prepared to do so with arms. However, also as a gun owner, I (and we) have to be more honest when addressing the relationship between the number of guns in our Nation and the tragically high level of gun violence. If elected, I will lend myself to gun-reform efforts like the requisite of Universal Background checks and other Red Flag laws that prevent an individual from purchasing or retaining their firearm if they are determined to be a danger to themselves or others.

2. What particular experiences or skills have prepared you to serve in Congress?

As a Baltimore native, U.S. Navy Veteran, Police Officer, and Program Manager, my journeyman service has more than prepared me for the responsibilities of Public Service. I see and understand the programmatic failures and requirements of our District, and know myself to be, not just capable of working with our District's leadership for resolution, but to also bring a dutiful mindset to the Capital. Where I will serve and represent the people of the Seventh Congressional.

Too often, we elect and send our leaders to our Capitals, with the hopes that they will be true champions and servants of the people! And more often than we should or deserve, we look to them and find them (only) serving themselves!

I have been in the service of this Nation and its great people for more than a quarter-century now! I serve still, and will continue to do so for our great District. If elected, know that I will take to Washington an understanding of what it takes and means to be a part of something bigger than yourself!

3. Share any additional information that you feel Baltimore City voters should know about you and/or the Representative in Congress position.

Below are a few of my views and positions for our upcoming election:

ELECTIONS: Recent events have shown numerous flaws and the potential for corruptibility, when it comes to our Nation's election process, when left to the respective States. This is a sad and inconvenient truth that needs swift mitigation. I believe an increased Federal oversight is required at this point. And not just to protect of the integrity of the Democratic process, but those executing it as well.

COURT REFORM: In addition to term limits, & with the understanding that Federal Judges are picked by our POTUS, I would like to see increased participation, in the selection process, at the State & Local levels. With almost twice as many Federal Courts as States to house them, many of these Judges end up residing over jurisdictions they came up in. Local leadership could assist with their selection (or non).

HEALTH CARE: It remains a travesty that, in the wealthiest and most technologically advanced country in the world, Health Care remains leading cause of financial distress. If elected, I will keep a sharp focus and press on lowering prescription drug prices while applying pressure to healthcare providers for better coverage of patients with pre-existing conditions, to include Mental Health as a pre-exister.

IMMIGRATION: As a nation descended from and built by immigrants, we must not forget the advantages of filling our cities and towns with those who risk so much to come here, and only because they see the greatness and opportunity our Nation offers. The only change I would propose, is that we focus more on the legalization of the immigrants who are already here and being productive in their communities.

ENVIRONMENT: We have long been in need of an increased focus and diligence towards Environmental preservation and betterment. These past years have seen an increase in catastrophic weather events, communities dealing with dilapidation, unclean water and air, and the financial strain they've put on our economy. If elected, I will align myself with any legislation (bipartisan or otherwise) geared towards the cleanliness and repair of our District, the Harbor, and the Bay.



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1. Why are you running for Congress? If elected, what will be your priorities?

Eli decided to run for Congress because the stakes are too high and we can no longer afford to hope that professional politicians or slick talking snake oil selling flim-flam artists are even capable of solving the wicked problems that harm us. He is NOT a career politician. Like most of you, Eli makes his money the hard way. He is well equipped to use his 30+ years of problem-solving to:

1. Revitalize decrepit communities using proven policies to improve the health and well-being of all while preventing unhealthy sprawl and gentrification;
2. End hunger in America;
3. Reform our progressive tax system to ensure retirement security by guaranteeing that 100% of the social security that each taxpayer deserves is available during retirement and make sure that the wealthiest Americans pay their fair share;
4. Study single-payer and "Medicare for All" type programs from throughout the world, adopt aspects that work, and enact a law that guarantees affordable healthcare options for all;
5. Clean and protect the environment. Commission experts to identify and mitigate Chemical Disaster Vulnerability Zones (CDVZs). He grew up in Arkansas eating the fish we caught. It is a crying shame that toxins existing in our waterways limit or prevent us from eating the fish we catch. This will ensure that we leave behind a healthy planet for our children by fighting for environment justice today; and,
6. Ensure equitable prosperity by applying scientifically-proven problem solving techniques and advocating for policies that meet the needs of all families and protect workers, because since slavery, career politicians continue to allow inequality, and structural racism to go unchecked.

2. What particular experiences or skills have prepared you to serve in Congress?

Elihu Eli El, known to most folks as Eli, is a candidate for Congress in Maryland's seventh congressional district. He is a Veteran, Rotarian {President-elect}, and humanitarian. Eli is a lifelong learner. He is pro-union and advocates for workers' rights and living wages. We so desperately need a humanitarian and servant leader fighting for us. Unfortunately, he is divorced; However, he has two great daughters. Eli is running for office to restore trust in politics, protect your livelihood, ensure that resources are properly allocated in a manner that supports equity, and get the government working for people. He is a former law enforcement officer who actually wants to reform our criminal justice system. He is the only candidate bringing solutions to the table. For instance, Eli is capable of ending hunger during his first term. He will enact a bill to either expand eligibility of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, also commonly known as food stamps) and Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) or create a new program. Congress will ensure that the benefits of the program are redeemable by vouchers. He plans to further enact that private citizens, civic organizations, and corporations may purchase vouchers to distribute locally. This solves most problems associated with food insecurities. Yes, he is an analytical person and problem-solver of socially wicked issues.

Since Eli is DAWIA (Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act) Level III in Systems Engineering, Scrum, SafeAgile, Security+, and ITIL (Information Technology Infrastructure Library) certified, earned a degree in Computer Science, and currently studying Policy with a concentration in Cyber Security, he is the best candidate for Congress to lead our global fight against cyber threats and ransomware. He is a graduate of the City of Little Rock's Healing Racism Institute, an alum of the City of Little Rock's Citizens Police Academy, former Teamster, former member of the Southern States Police Benevolent Association, former member of the National Tactical Officers Association (NTOA), and current professional with the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE).

Eli grew up in Arkansas and moved to the DC metro area in 2004. He serves my community, family, and nation with humility and a deep respect for my responsibility in helping others achieve their goals. He is an analytical person and strategist with a passion for meaningful change, saving lives, and protecting the American way-of-life. He is dedicated to reducing poverty and promoting socially sustainable innovation, cultural understanding, and building productive relationships.

3. Share any additional information that you feel Baltimore City voters should know about you and/or the Representative in Congress position.

Eli is enthusiastic about developing products and services that address complex mission-focused problems. He brings ingenuity, simplicity, and humanity to the industry of software and systems engineering. He enjoys working in organizations that strive to have a good balance between doing it right and moving quickly. Innovation is powered by perspective and that teamwork and respect for each other will lead to excellent results. He can take in a lot of disparate information and find common themes, recommend clear paths forward, and iterate along the engineering path. He does not form opinions and sell it as if it is gospel. Eli is all about structure, but well capable of being flexible, agile, dependable, and responsive in the face of many moving parts.

Eli's home music playlist includes songs like: • Anita Baker - Whatever it Takes • Bobby Caldwell - What You Won't Do for Love • H.E.R. ft. Bryson Tiller - Could've Been • Kem – Heaven • Sade - Siempre Hay Esperanza

Eli's dance and workout playlist includes song like: • Dennis Ferrer - Hey Hey • John Legend ft. Ludacris - Tonight (Best You Ever Had) • Mary Mary - Walking • Too Short - Blow the Whistle • Usher ft. Lil Jon, Ludacris - Yeah!

Eli's "goto" karaoke joint is "You're On My Mind" by Kem.

Other than fishing, dancing, and wine making, Eli is a casual carpenter performing residential renovations. He focuses on social injustice, mitigating family dysfunction, and promoting Social Transformation. My zeal for serving marginalized and underrepresented groups has been demonstrated by my progressive service and working with diverse populations. Through education, cultural awareness, and fervor to influence positive change within government entities, Eli brings knowledge of local cultural belief systems, values, and customs that define what solutions are most appropriate. Therefore, he is the best candidate to bring collaboration and openness to Congress.

Story of the Blacksmith: The king asked the blacksmith if he had any experience slaying dragons. If he did not have any experience, what made him think he could save the kingdom? The blacksmith had never killed any dragons, he had to admit. But, he insisted, he was an accomplished horseman and had already made an arsenal of many fine swords. Best of all, he was comfortable with fire. The Blacksmith got the job and saved the kingdom. Eli is the blacksmith within this election. His toolset and experience can be transferred to ensure prosperity for all people. After studying this website, you will realize that my skills, rare talents, and behaviors reveal more about my potential to lead. Hopefully, you are looking for a Congressman with these qualities. He is ready to bring added value, in a manner that ONLY my background could uniquely offer. By electing me, you avoid fiscal risks and create fiscal opportunities.

LOCAL OFFICES

STATE'S ATTORNEY

of Democratic Candidates: 3

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1. Who are you? Tell us about yourself and why you should be elected.

My name is Ivan Bates. As a father, the safety and well-being of my six-year-old daughter is my number one priority. I am running to build a safer Baltimore for her and all Baltimoreans, regardless of age, race, or zip code. More than 2300 lives have perished to gun violence in the last seven years and violence continues unabated. Having served as both a prosecutor and defense attorney, building my own successful law practice from scratch, I am uniquely situated to lead in this critical time.

I believe in the promise of our city and have the experience to build a functional and efficient prosecutor's office that will hold violent repeat offenders accountable by ensuring certainty of convictions. I have demonstrated the ability to collaborate and hold a strong relationship with both the community and law enforcement. The relationship between our State's Attorney's Office and the police is destroyed. When everyone is fighting, the criminal element is winning.

I understand the mission of a prosecutor and will prioritize public safety, work collaboratively with law enforcement and the community, hold violent repeat offenders accountable, and restore integrity to the State's Attorney's Office.

2. What do you see as the major issue(s) facing Baltimore City as it relates to public safety? If elected, how will you address these issues?

Two major issues facing Baltimore City as it relates to public safety include reducing violent crime and protecting witnesses. These are issues that are addressed in-depth in my "Plan For A Safer Baltimore." (see: www.batesforbaltimore.com/ivansplan)

To combat violent crime, my message is clear: If you have an illegal gun, you will go to jail. I will (1) restructure the office and redirect resources to recruiting, retaining, and training prosecutors; (2) reduce the constant cycle of multiple prosecutors for one case; (3) create a specialized unit that will only handle violent gun crimes and illegal gun possessions; (4) spearhead efforts to implement a homicide review program, like Milwaukee and Oakland, where prosecutors, law enforcement, and community partners collaborate on strategies to combat violent crime; and (5) hold lawbreakers accountable through swift prosecution and certainty of consequences.

For witness protection, I will: (1) increase information sharing and collaboration with law enforcement; (2) properly allocate and manage grant funds to increase staffing to victim and witness programs; (3) create prosecutor position(s) specifically designated to work with law enforcement to investigate and prosecute allegations of intimidation and retaliation; (4) utilize the Grand Jury process more effectively to strengthen cases; (5) increase use of protective orders to safeguard the identity and statements of victims before trial; and (6) work with legislative partners to align state statutes with federal protection standards offered under the 'Jencks Act,' which governs the timing of disclosure of witness statements in federal criminal trials.

By ensuring certainty of consequences and restoring integrity to the State's Attorney's Office, I will regain the community's trust and demonstrate my administration's commitment to their safety.

3. What do you see as the primary work of the State's Attorney office?

The primary work of the State's Attorney's Office is to serve as the Chief Law Enforcement officer for Baltimore City and ensure accountability.

It is important to note that prosecutors can play a key role in reducing gun violence by ensuring successful prosecutions lead to convictions and consequences for offenders. However, according to the JHU Center for Gun Violence Prevention and Policy, a review of available data (2015-2019) indicates that under the current administration, prosecutors failed to gain convictions and any consequences, in 44.9% of cases involving illegal gun possession, dismissing or opting not to prosecute 33.7% of those cases. All the while, more than 2300 lives have been lost to gun violence under this administration. As State's Attorney, I will prioritize data-driven focused prosecution of violent repeat offenders and illegal gun possessors, users, and traffickers.

Reducing gun violence will be my administration's top priority. I will rebuild and strengthen partnerships with law enforcement and our federal counterparts, protect victims and witnesses, and bring strong cases to trial, ensuring that gun offenders face consequences.

4. Share any additional information that you feel Baltimore City voters should know.

There is an incredible amount of turnover in the State's Attorney's Office ("SAO"). With how much experience is leaving on a daily basis, rebuilding this office is a long-term project. Voters can rest assured that I am committed to this position. I will not be running for mayor, for Congress, for Senate; I am running to be your State's Attorney for the long haul, to stabilize the office, fill vacancies, and put support systems in place to ensure successful prosecutions

Morale in the SAO is low. As an Army veteran and the only candidate in this race who has built a law practice up with my own two hands, I know how to implement solutions, manage resources, and set attorneys up for success. I have been blessed with a long and successful legal career, and have developed long-standing professional relationships, including with many former prosecutors and retired judges -- a number of whom have indicated their desire to work with me.

In addition, I would implement hiring practices that will include recruiting from local law schools; create intern and law clerk programs geared toward local law students; and devise career pathways to lead to full-time employment. Retaining staff and attracting talent requires restoring integrity in the State's Attorney's Office, and I will do so through experienced and transparent leadership, and my commitment to the community.

My commitment to transparency is why I am the only candidate who has publicly released their taxes. My leadership has been endorsed by Baltimore and for Baltimore, from local leaders including: former State's Attorney Gregg Bernstein, former Mayor Sheila Dixon, retired Chief Judge Wanda Heard, former BPD deputy commissioners Melvin Russell and Anthony Barksdale, and Register of Wills Belinda Conaway (full list of endorsements at: www.batesforbaltimore.com/endorsements).

LOCAL OFFICES

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

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1. Who are you? Tell us about yourself and why you should be elected.

I am a lifelong Baltimore resident, whose education is rooted in the community. I hold a Master's degree in Applied Psychology, Conflict Management and Negotiation from the University of Baltimore and a Bachelor's degree from Morgan State University. I have worked as a public administrator at the Baltimore City Circuit Courthouse for nearly 15 years.

I currently serve as Public Safety Chair for the NAACP MSC and as board member for the Justice Reinvestment Advisory board. I formerly served as Board Chair for No Boundaries Coalition, and as a board member for Advocates for Children and Youth.

I govern my personal life with integrity, transparency and accountability; these core beliefs shape my professional career as well. As noted above, I have a long history of commitment to community service. I firmly believe that the Clerk's Office can be governed and managed efficiently to provide the citizens of Baltimore City with the highest level of 21 century customer service.

If elected Clerk of the Court, I will create a culture where employees are supported, properly trained, valued, encouraged to grow if that is desired, and most importantly advocate to provide all employees with livable wages and healthy working conditions.

2. Why are you running for the Clerk of the Circuit Court? If elected, what will be your priorities?

I am running for Clerk of Court because I have personally witnessed how citizens lives are negatively impacted when the Clerk's Office is mismanaged. For example: An attorney filed a motion to seal a client's record. The motion was not recorded by the clerk nor forwarded to the judge. As a result, the attorney's client's social security number and personal tax information became public record for anyone to see.

My priorities will include but are not limited to improving customer service, establishing electronic payment options, improving operational efficiency to avoid postponements and delays, modernizing document management processes, improving the deed recordation turn around time, ensuring that land records are endorsed by the city's finance or treasurer's office and facilitating a seamless transition to the Maryland Electronic Courts Filing System.

3. What do you see as the primary work of the Clerk of the Circuit Court?

The Clerk of Court's primary function is to manage all Civil, Criminal and Juvenile actions (administrative processes of the circuit court). When this process is properly managed, justice can flow unimpeded. When these processes are mismanaged, justice can be delayed and or denied.

Additionally, the Clerk is responsible for Land Records, Licensing and providing the Jury Commissioner with funding and staff to properly discharge her duties.

4. Share any additional information that you feel Baltimore City voters should know about the Clerk of the Circuit Court.

Roughly 20% of voters do not vote for the Clerk of Court because many do not understand the importance of the job.

When the administrative processes are not accurate or managed properly, folks lives can be negatively impacted. If cases are delayed due to a clerical error or over sight, citizens can incur unnecessary expenses, violent defendants (out on bail) moving through the court process can remain out on the streets longer or folks awaiting civil judgements can experience unnecessary financial hardships.

LOCAL OFFICES

REGISTER OF WILLS

of Democratic Candidates: 1

Belinda K. Conaway

Judges of the Orphan's Court

of Democratic Candidates: 3

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1. Why are you running for Sheriff? If elected, what will be your priorities?

For 25 years, I worked my way through the ranks of the Sheriff's Office to become a top commander. We need to modernize the Sheriff's Office to 21-century standards and do more to make Baltimore safer. When I am elected, I know I can use the resources already in the office to make it run more efficiently, better serve the people, make housing safer and reduce crime.

My major priorities are to:

- Reduce violent crime, by increasing warrant service for violent offenders.
- Humanize the eviction processes, by offering services to those being evicted, ensuring that all evictions are being done legally by licensed landlords who have inspected for lead paint.
- Bring the office into the 21st century by using modern technologies
- Expand the protections of the office, by moving deputies into the downtown area to patrol outside of the court facility.
- Invest in our communities, by taking an active role in policing community events and festivals.
- Promote Accountability, by public leadership and having a transparent system that has been nonexistent in the office previously.

2. What do you see as the primary work of the Sheriff's office?

The primary work of the Sheriff's office is to serve the public as the enforcement arm of the Court. This includes court security services and enforcement work done by deputy sheriff throughout Baltimore. Deputies must serve warrants on repeat violent offenders who are continuing to harm the community. Deputies serve important civil documents for child support enforcement and to protect people from interpersonal violence (domestic violence orders). Deputies have full police powers and jurisdiction in the City and should conduct law enforcement services by patrolling outside of the court and providing security for community events, and festivals throughout the City. The eviction process needs to be humanized where deputies connect evicted families with available services. The Sheriff must train deputies to identify when unlicensed landlords are not providing safe housing or conducting required lead paint inspections. The primary work includes modernizing the Sheriff's Office and operating in a constitutional and transparent way.

3. What can be done to improve public safety in Baltimore City?

An effective and modernized Sheriff's office under my leadership will improve public safety. We must increase warrant service for repeat violent offenders who while on probation are committing additional crimes and harming the community. Currently, the number of deputies providing this service is too small. At the same time expanding

the foot deployment to the surrounding areas around the court facility will allow for police to assist in other areas of the central district and increase public safety throughout the district. When courts are closed on weekends deputies should provide law enforcement services to community events and city festivals. Finally, reducing lead paint poisoning by requiring landlords to be licensed to conduct an eviction with the Sheriff's Office, will reduce a root cause of crime.

4. Share any additional information that you feel Baltimore City voters should know about the Sheriff position.

The Baltimore City Sheriff is a position that for the last 33 years has been underutilized. Its an office that if managed properly can be a great asset to not only the safety of the courts, but the general safety and welfare of all Baltimore City residents.

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OFFICE

DEMOCRATIC STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

District 40 – Vote for up to 8. No more than half of the members can be elected from the same gender

of Democratic Candidates: 13

Dwayne Benbow, Robin D. Boston, Monica Cooper, Tia Hopkins, Kwame Kenyatta-Bey, Emanuel Moore, Roxane Prettyman, Dytonia L. Reed, Eric Stephenson, Braxton C. Street, Ronald Thomas-Bey, Derrick S. Whiting, Florence P. Wyatt-El



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1. Who are you? Tell us about yourself.

My name is Dwayne M. Benbow Jr. I'm a Baltimore native who is a Father and an active community member of Baltimore City. After being incarcerated from a young age, my goal has been to educate the youth so they have the job readiness skills to enable them to become active business members of the community. I want them to know that they don't have to become a statistic of their environment. I believe you can strive for greatness and actually become great!

2. Describe the role of a central committee member and explain why you want to be a member of the Democratic Party.

The role of the central committee is to work directly with the community to increase voter registration, help with introducing legislation to the community, and bring resources to help all democrats in there district.

3. What will you do specifically to increase Democratic voter turnout in Baltimore City?

My company Funnel Cake King is currently inside of 52 + schools in Baltimore City using funnel cakes to raise money for the youth. So I'd personally schedule meetings with the administration to host voting registration fairs starting with the parents inside of the 75,000+ households at the school .



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1. Who are you? Tell us about yourself.

I was appointed to central committee in 2019 and became a voting member in October 2021. During my time on central committee I have registered over 80 voters and volunteered on several campaigns. I volunteered at the Community Engagement Center January- April 2022, preparing taxes for low income residents. I was on the board of No Boundaries and PCAB(Parent Community

Advisory Board) with Baltimore City Public Schools . I have volunteered and National Nights Out and other community festivals throughout the city. I volunteered at Mt. Royal Elem/Middle School for 1991-2012, assisting with Math Night and Mt. Royal Day and serving as PTA president and treasurer.

2. Describe the role of a central committee member and explain why you want to be a member of the Democratic Party.

The role of the central committee is to register and educate voters, assist with campaigns and select a replacement for a delegate. I want to be a member of central committee to continue doing this work.

3. What will you do specifically to increase Democratic voter turnout in Baltimore City?

I will go in areas and events where there are large concentrations of people like festivals , outdoor concerts and have my clipboard and register voters.



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1. Who are you? Tell us about yourself.

I am the current Delegate for District 44A. Due to redistricting we will be in district 40. I have worked closely with the current team for that district and we have worked together well. I have been a community advocate for a number of years. Always advocating for my district and the needs and issues of my constituents. I am the volunteer Community Outreach Director at First Mount Calvary Baptist Church where we have serve our West Baltimore Community for many years. I saw to it that we kept our doors open during the entire pandemic to serve those in need. I found any and every resource I could to continue our service tot he public. I prepared hot meals three days a week and gave out produce boxes, ppe items, clothing, etc. Even during the legislative session I put together a committee that continued the service until I was finish session. I am now continuing my service along with running for the position on the State Central Committee.

2. Describe the role of a central committee member and explain why you want to be a member of the Democratic Party.

I believe the role of a central committee member is to first educate and register people to vote. Along with helping in building the Democratic Party, backing our democratic candidates for upcoming elections and being the foot soldiers for our democratic elected officials.

3. What will you do specifically to increase Democratic voter turnout in Baltimore City?

I have and will continue to hold numerous voter registration drives. Will encourage people to vote and offer to take them to the polls.



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1. Who are you? Tell us about yourself. I am Braxton C. Street, a native Baltimorean and graduate of area public schools. I earned an undergraduate degree in Economics from Morehouse College, a Master's degree in Education from Johns Hopkins University and I am currently pursuing a Doctoral degree in Urban Educational Leadership from Morgan State University. For the past 8 years, I have been employed with Baltimore City Schools as an elementary school teacher and now as a School Improvement Specialist. I serve on the Executive Board of Trash Free Maryland and the Baltimore Teachers Union. I am an engaged citizen, a willing worker and an advocate of Baltimore.

2. Describe the role of a central committee member and explain why you want to be a member of the Democratic Party. The role of a Central Committee member is to be the "boots on the ground" activists of the Democratic Party. This can include voter registration and education, community engagement, and community service, amongst other duties. The Central Committee also fills vacancy in local and state government when they occur. I want to become a Central Committee member because I care about the future of our City, State and Country. I am willing to do whatever it takes to increase engagement to secure better communities for all. I will continue to work tirelessly to support the local and national Democratic Party as I believe that engagement and organization is the first step to create a better future.

3. What will you do specifically to increase Democratic voter turnout in Baltimore City?

I will work directly with neighborhood associations to increase voter turnout. This will include developing a monthly newsletter to all members of local community associations, and I will knock doors in each community in my district to increase voter engagement. I believe that once you secure voter engagement, the turnout will increase. We must meet people where they are, in their communities and also through media to engage them. As a teacher, who taught and currently works with numerous schools in the 40th district, I will leverage my relationships with School Family & Community Councils and Parent Teacher Associations. I am a willing worker and I will work tireless to increase engagement as I believe that its my life's work to serve my community.

DEMOCRATIC STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

District 41 – Vote for up to 8. No more than half of the members can be elected from the same gender

of Democratic Candidates: 15

Haki Shakur Ammi, Lakesha Brown, Shaq Carbon, Brian K. Easley, Alex Friedman, Bassheva "Shevy" Friedman, Angela C. Gibson, Dayvon Love, Chris McSherry, Sandy Rosenbluth, Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, Evan L. Serpick, Tzvi Skaist, Tammy Stinnett, Tzvi Topper

LAKESHA BROWN

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1. Who are you? Tell us about yourself.

I am a mother of 3 girls. I have worked for the Department of Juvenile Services for the past 18 years. I am the Chief Shop Steward for AFSCME; as well as being the Secretary-Treasurer of my local. I believe in the principles

of justice and fairness for all and I believe that the Democratic Party and its host of candidates can deliver them to the people of Maryland.

2. Describe the role of a central committee member and explain why you want to be a member of the Democratic Party.

Central Committee Members are the foot soldiers for the Democratic Party and our district. Our role is to represent the people of our district, increase participation in the elections and the Legislative.

3. What will you do specifically to increase Democratic voter turnout in Baltimore City?

" I will knock on doors, host parties and talk to everyone I know about turning out the most important election in decades in Maryland."



ANGELA GIBSON

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1. Who are you? Tell us about yourself.

I am a lifelong resident of Baltimore City. Currently residing in Cross Keys. Attended Baltimore City Public schools, graduate of Morgan State University; retired from Baltimore City government as Government Relations Officer. Served as appointed delegate to District 41 to fill unexpired term. Served on State Central Committee for past 3 terms as vice chair and district chair.

2. Describe the role of a central committee member and explain why you want to be a member of the Democratic Party.

The central committee member is the worker bee of the Democratic Party. They are responsible for assisting with voter registration; voter education; getting out the vote and executing the Democratic party's platform and objectives. I wish to continue to serve on the central committee as an extension of my community concern. I believe in the values of the democratic party and think it is more important than ever that we are unified for the party.

3. What will you do specifically to increase Democratic voter turnout in Baltimore City?

I will work with the Central Committee to do outreach in my district for a greater voter turnout. In addition I will partner with the district officials to help create more awareness and the importance of voting.

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1. Who are you? Tell us about yourself.

I am a lawyer, a wife and mother, and a community activist. I love Baltimore and want to refresh the pride she once took in herself.

2. Describe the role of a central committee member and explain why you want to be a member of the Democratic Party.

I think we are basically party boosters, helping to get out the vote, support Democratic candidates and chip in wherever needed.

3. What will you do specifically to increase Democratic voter turnout in Baltimore City?

Canvas my district, promote voting on social media, and anything else I can think of.



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1. Who are you? Tell us about yourself.

My name is Tammy Stinnett and I live in the West Arlington community. Currently, I serve on the BCDSCC's Executive Committee as the Recording Secretary, Chair of the Communications Committee, and as a member of the Maryland Democratic Party's Executive Committee. By day, I work as a Legislative Assistant for a prominent law firm in Baltimore City that focuses on lobbying and government relations. In this role, I have gained over two decades of managerial, administrative and legislative experience. Over the past 10+ years, I have served the community by volunteering with certain organizations, served on the community association for West Arlington, served as the President for The Mount Washington School Parent Teacher Organization, and served as a Girl Scout Leader. In 2014, I was named One of Baltimore's Top Neighborhood Moms by then Mayor Stephanie Rawlings Blake. In addition, I have participated in canvassing activities for several elected officials and candidates over the last 10+ years. Overall, the most important thing about me is how much I cherish my family. I am a family person - I am a wife, daughter, sister, & aunt and have raised three wonderful children who are all in college now. In my spare time, I like to entertain, go bowling, play table tennis, travel (I love the beach), and do water aerobics. I consider myself to be caring, open-minded, down to earth, and easy to talk to.

2. Describe the role of a central committee member and explain why you want to be a member of the Democratic Party.

A central committee member should be 100% invested in building the Democratic party. With that said, members should encourage qualified Democrats to run for office, inform voters of issues, encourage voter turnout, raise funds for the party, and support Democratic nominees. Central Committee members are grassroots volunteers. I would like to be a member again because I am 100% invested as a Democrat and I believe in the mission of the BCDSCC. Furthermore, I believe that I have made significant contributions during my first term on the central committee. For the past four years as the Recording Secretary and Chair of the Communications Committee, I have organized and/or participated in almost every activity (ie, voter registration drives, Civic Saturdays, fundraisers, GOTV rallies, etc.) by the central committee. In addition, I have only missed three monthly meetings over a four-year period. I exhibit a strong work ethic and I am committed and dedicated to my position on the central committee.

3. What will you do specifically to increase Democratic voter turnout in Baltimore City?

If elected, I will continue to support and/or organize the current activities of the BCDSCC to increase voter turnout. Due to Covid, the last few elections have been challenging, but they have also resulted in some of the highest voter turnouts in the City. As the Communications Chair, I spearheaded a social media campaign targeting various underserved voter populations. While there are many people and organizations involved in increasing voter turnout, I do credit our presence on social media during Covid towards the increased turnout.

DEMOCRATIC STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

District 43A – Vote for up to 8. No more than half of the members can be elected from the same gender

of Democratic Candidates: 12

Karenthia A. Barber, Scherod Barnes, Warren Maurice Branch, Cindy R. Camp, Diana Emerson, Logan Endow, Warren Gatewood-Brooks, Keith Holt, Francesco Legaluppi, Sonja Merchant-Jones, Stevie Thompson, Angie Winder



KARENTHIA A. BARBER

1. Who are you? Tell us about yourself.

I am a longtime community servant with demonstrated leadership experience and impact throughout the city of Baltimore and the State of Maryland. I love my city/ my district and have devoted my talents, time and resources to help make my community/city stronger, safer and healthier for all. Committed to making a difference in the community, I volunteer thousands of hours annually. I have previously served as president of the Ednor Gardens-Lakeside Civic Association, Stadium Place Board, NECO Board, Weinberg YMCA Advisory Board Vice-Chair and the Committee to revitalize Lake Montebello. I was elected the first woman Board Chair of the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund. In 2016, I was honored to serve as the Maryland Delegation Whip at the Democratic National Convention. I currently serve as Chair, BCDSCC, Maryland Democratic Party Executive Committee member; on the boards of the Presidents Committee - Morgan State University Choir, and the Baltimore City Historical Society. Recognized for my business leadership and community service, the Maryland Daily Record named me a 2016 and 2022 Maryland Top 100 Women. I am a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and the Links, Inc. Baltimore (MD) chapter. A compassionate community servant who is committed to educating, empowering and ensuring that all members of our community are included in the electoral process...I endeavor to continue to positively impact the lives of others.

2. Describe the role of a central committee member and explain why you want to be a member of the Democratic Party.

The role of the central committee is to provide voter outreach, voter education, voter empowerment and voter registration initiatives. In addition, central committee members are expected to raise funds to support the work of the committee and party. Central committee members are the grassroots, community focused boots on the ground of the Democratic Party. The ultimate role/goal is for central committee members through their visibility and community engagement to work with the community to get Democrats elected.

3. What will you do specifically to increase Democratic voter turnout in Baltimore City?

I would build upon the major initiatives that (BCDSCC) has launched since I have been Chair of the BCDSCC ...including Civic Saturdays, Community Education Forums, Voter Registration certification trainings, enhanced social media presence, GOTV caravans and rallies. These efforts have allowed us to connect with more members of the community, educate and empower voters and register thousands of new voters. As a result of these efforts, we have been able to broaden our impact which increased voter turnout in Baltimore City during the last election cycle. In addition, I would continue to strengthen and build upon our relationships and strategic partnerships with individuals and organizations that align with our goals to enhance voter engagement and voter turnout.

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SCHEROD BARNES

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1. Who are you? Tell us about yourself.

I'm Scherod Barnes, Community Activist, Immediate Past Chair of the Baltimore City Democratic State Central Committee, Past 1st Vice Chair of the Maryland Democratic Party. A resident of the Loch Raven Community for over 40 years and Past President of NECO, Loch Raven Improvement Association. I'm a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. a member of Saint Matthews R.C. Church and a Founding member of The 100 Black Men of Maryland and a member of the NAACP

2. Describe the role of a central committee member and explain why you want to be a member of the Democratic Party.

A short answer is, a central committee member is a foot soldier for the Democratic Party, they assist in getting the vote out, voter registration, filling vacancies when requested and assist in getting Democrats elected across the board

3. What will you do specifically to increase Democratic voter turnout in Baltimore City?

As I have done in the past, assist in voter registration, rides to the polls and be a hands on participant wherever I can in assisting to carry Democrats to victory. I will also carry out the role of a Central Committee Member as outlined by the State Party



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1. Who are you? Tell us about yourself.

I am a former Two term State Central Committeemen (45th Dist. 2006-2014) who was later elected to Two full terms as a Baltimore City Councilmen (Council Djs. 13).

2. Describe the role of a central committee member and explain why you want to be a member of the Democratic Party.

As a foot soldier serving the Maryland Democratic Party, my duties are to register unregistered voters, raise funds for the party, and assist and facilitate constituencies concerns to the proper elected official.

3. What will you do specifically to increase Democratic voter turnout in Baltimore City?

In the past, I have went door to door in low voter turnout precincts to increase voter's registration and turnout.



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1. Who are you? Tell us about yourself.

I am mom, daughter, grandmother and a caregiver. I am a community activist. I fight to end gun violence. I am a humanitarian. I am passionate about my community as well as Baltimore City.

2. Describe the role of a central committee member and explain why you want to be a member of the Democratic Party.

Central Committee is the support system for the Democratic party. Central committee is responsible for, fundraising, organizing strengthen the party. I am running for Central Committee because I share the values of the party and I want to be able to support legislation for positive Change

3. What will you do specifically to increase Democratic voter turnout in Baltimore City?

I am going to canvas my community as well educate people on the importance of down ballot voting.



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1. Who are you? Tell us about yourself. Diana Emerson, a long time community advocate and leader. A resident of the Abell Community and appointed to the Baltimore City Democratic State Central Committee, October 2021. Diana has worked in the non profit sector for a little over 20 years serving the residents of north central Baltimore. She has worked on public safety initiatives, community block projects and lead opportunities to engage Baltimore City youth. The daughter of a retired Baltimore City Police Officer and Veteran as well as a retired Baltimore City Public School teacher. Service to community and dedication to the people runs in her blood. A recent recipient of the Baltimore Business Journal Leaders in Diversity award, The Daily Records 40 under 40 2017, The Daily Records Leading Ladies 2020 and the Governor's Award of Service.

2. Describe the role of a central committee member and explain why you want to be a member of the Democratic Party. Central Committee is the backbone of the Democratic Party. Working to ensure voters are aware of the issues. Central Committee members should be working to build the party within Baltimore City. As a past community organizer and nonprofit leader, I believe I have the skill set to bring new energy, party transparency and to create opportunities for all voices to be heard.

3. What will you do specifically to increase Democratic voter turnout in Baltimore City?

Central Committee should be working throughout the year to create voter engagement opportunities. I would partner with multiple organizations throughout Baltimore City, so that they are informed on The Who and the What of Central Committee. I would also work to organize voter registration events for both youth and our older adults in communities across the city. We know knowledge is power and knowledge should be shared not just with some communities but all communities throughout Baltimore City. The Democratic Party should be accessible to all voters.



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1. Who are you? Tell us about yourself.

I am a lifelong resident of Baltimore, Maryland; I have lived in District 43A most of my life, as a person of service I find being a part of the solutions that grow a better district fulfills my need to be connected to the community in a positive way that sets an example for future generations; I honor the legacy of my elders who took pride in being people who were in service to others; it is an honor to serve District 43A.

2. Describe the role of a central committee member and explain why you want to be a member of the Democratic Party.

As a member of the Democratic Party currently serving on the Central Committee, I understand the significant role of being a part of the foundation of the Democratic Party as an elected volunteer I have the distinct opportunity to grow the Democratic Party through fundraising, voter engagement and the registration of eligible new voters. The Committee also fills vacancies in the event an elected official cannot complete their term by interviewing new candidates and making recommendations to the Governor of Maryland.

3. What will you do specifically to increase Democratic voter turnout in Baltimore City?

I have understood from a very early age the importance of voting and how negative the consequences of not voting for representatives that have the best interest of people can have lasting effects that don't support the needs of working families, social programs and progressive ideas that include working families, when I engage with people about the issues that affect our quality of life, voting for people who are on the side of what moves us all forward is a great way to get people to vote and register to vote; it really is our voice.



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1. Who are you? Tell us about yourself.

In 2018, I ran a successful campaign and was sworn in as a Baltimore City Democratic State Central Committee (BCDSCC) elected member. Currently, I serve as the Chair for the 43rd Legislative District and the Vice Chair of the Communications Committee. In addition, I serve on the Parent and Community Advisory Board (PCAB). I am also a Certified Grief Facilitator, a Certified Mental Health Advocate and the Founder of Restoring The Village Project, LLC (RTV).

Moreover, I serve as the President of the Northeast Community Organization (NECO), an umbrella organization representing over 20 community associations and institutions in North and Northeast Baltimore City. After losing my husband to senseless violence, I knew that I wanted to be an instrument in helping others heal and thrive. I am trustworthy, committed, an independent thinker and a firm believer in being transparent. I have decided to run

for re-election because I know that there's more work to do. On day one, I will be ready to continue that work, while continuing to build trust, unity and partnerships across our city.

2. Describe the role of a central committee member and explain why you want to be a member of the Democratic Party.

The role of the Central Committee is to help Democrats get elected. In addition, we are to help register voters, raise money for the State and Local committees and encourage voter participation. This is a volunteer position that takes commitment; something that I have always displayed during my current term and will continue to do so, when re-elected.

As a current DCC member and the Vice Chair of the Communications Committee, I am pleased to say that during my term, we have seen an increase in voter turnout. Some of our strategies involved increasing visibility on social media as well as in the community. We have also hosted a multitude of virtual and in-person events throughout the city.

Lastly, the role of the DCC is also to fill vacancies of certain offices due to death or resignation of elected officials; and to recommend to the Governor appointments of local County Board of Elections.

Since being elected in 2018, I have exemplified my role by doing all of the above and more. I want to continue to be a member of the DCC and the Democratic Party because I believe in true democracy and representation. It is needed more than ever!

3. What will you do specifically to increase Democratic voter turnout in Baltimore City?

I will continue the work that's been done (such as canvassing for Democratic candidates, hosting voter registration events, etc.). In addition, I have so many other ideas that will increase Democratic voter turnout in Baltimore City that I wish to initiate in my second term.

One idea is to connect with our local high schools. When I was in school, we had Civic Engagement classes. I am looking forward to a time where we can bring civic engagement / Civic 101 back into our schools. It is important to educate our young people on the basics.

DEMOCRATIC STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

District 45 – Vote for up to 8. No more than half of the members can be elected from the same gender

of Democratic Candidates: 21

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1. Who are you? Tell us about yourself.

I am a life-long resident of East Baltimore and a Civil Rights Investigator and LGBTQ+ liaison for the City of Baltimore. I have spent the majority of my professional career working to help and educate others through communications and broadcast journalism. I am a proud graduate of Mergenthaler Vocational-Technical High School; Morgan State University, 2005 (BA); and the University of Baltimore, 2018 (MPA). Currently, I am pursuing my Ph.D. at the University of Maryland Baltimore County.

I have participated in a range of community activities and services over the years and I am committed to making life better and easier for our inner city neighborhoods and families.

I believe in Medicare for All; Education Reform; Community-Centered Public Safety; Trans, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Queer (TLGBQ+) anti-discrimination; and Universal Basic Income (UBI).

I ask for your support and vote in the Democratic Primary Election.

2. Describe the role of a central committee member and explain why you want to be a member of the Democratic Party.

The role of the central committee is to educate and register voters, fundraise, and fill vacancies for the Maryland Democratic Party. As a graduate of Emerge Maryland and The Maryland People's Leadership Institute (MPLI), I've gained experience in communication, fundraising, media, networking, campaign strategy, endorsements, technology, diversity and inclusion and ethical leadership.

I also promote voter engagement and registration while having volunteer experience in various democratic campaigns. With a background in journalism, I have dedicated majority of my professional career educating the public via television news. I recently hosted a virtual Candidate Forum for the 45th District Delegate candidates on my online show, The District.

As a daughter of Baltimore, I feel inspired to make a difference because of the many residents that I encounter and serve. I live a life of service personally and professionally.

I believe that an impact can't be made in our community unless we are educated voters. Hence, the reason why the education and outreach piece of this position is so very important.

I also want to inspire others like my daughter to live a life of service and understand that this position is one that is often overlooked but is very important to Maryland politics and our communities.

As a Central Committee member, I will continue to work tirelessly to elect Democrats. We need progressive leaders who share our vision for a safer, more prosperous, and more equitable Baltimore.

3. What will you do specifically to increase Democratic voter turnout in Baltimore City?

To increase Democratic voter turnout in Baltimore City, I will continue to engage with the community. Again, outreach and education plays a significant role in voter turnout. When canvassing, one thing I often hear is folks

saying that they don't "do" politics and don't get "involved" in politics. However, they have no idea how much politics play a role in their everyday life.

When you can't afford to pay for your insulin, that's politics. When you can't afford your education or daycare, that's politics. When you can't find fresh food markets in your community, that is politics. When the leading cause of death for children in your community is Homicide, that is politics. If you break this down to people and show them how politics impact their everyday life, you motivate them to not walk but run to the voting booth.

Further, I would like to engage our young people K-12 to increase voter turnout. As a Central Committee member, we should always seek fresh talent. We have incredibly smart, bright students in our schools. We should start early with engaging, mentoring and teaching our young people about service and policy.

Recently, the Maryland Democratic Party hosted a gala in Upper Marlboro, MD. That would have been a fantastic opportunity to invite some of our BCPSS students to engage with our leaders from across the state. The MDP should consistently organize, host field trips and provide transportation for our students to Annapolis and other political engagements so that our young people can gain exposure and policy making education before they are able to vote. We have to mold our students into educated voters before they are voters.

To increase Democratic voter turnout, we must also work to elect leaders that are effective and bring about change that people can see and feel. When some individuals, especially those in our inner city communities, walk outside of their front door everyday, their circumstances never change. They still see the same vacant homes, the same drug dealing and witness the same crimes. As a result, voting means nothing to some of them. They can't see how voting changes anything because they can't see the impact of their vote in their community. So, effective leadership matters.

As a Central Committee member, I will keep our communities in mind when filling vacancies and ensure that we are choosing individuals who have evidence of political and ethical leadership; effective and meaningful involvement in the community; ability to bring together disparate groups; ability to network and inspire others; and working knowledge of issues around the state, the city, and beyond. I will also seek candidates that have a servant leadership style.

DEMOCRATIC STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

District 46 – Vote for up to 8. No more than half of the members can be elected from the same gender

of Democratic Candidates: 6

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1. Who are you? Tell us about yourself.

I have been a community leader in Westport since 2009 and has worked tirelessly to promote neighborhood revitalization efforts while preserving its legacy, launching Westport Community Land Trust, hosting community

engagement events while working to eliminate air and land pollution and other hazardous environmental concerns that have plagued South Baltimore for decades. Specifically, I have been President of the Westport Neighborhood Association since 2011, Co-Founder & Board Chair of the Westport Community Economic Development Corporation (Harbor West Collaborative) since 2013, Civilian Review Board member 2013-2016, Horseshoe Casino LDC and South Baltimore Gateway Partnership board member, 2012-2019 and South Baltimore 7 (SB7) member since its formation in 2015. Also, I am a former Baltimore City Council candidate (2020).

2. Describe the role of a central committee member and explain why you want to be a member of the Democratic Party.

Our role is to encourage citizens to register to vote and vote on election day, help get Democratic candidates elected to office and when necessary, appoint an eligible citizen to fill a vacancy should a Senator or Delegate resigns from office or die before the end of the term.

3. What will you do specifically to increase Democratic voter turnout in Baltimore City?

I plan to 1) focus on communities with a historically low voter turnout in both gubernatorial and presidential election cycles 2) educate citizens on how to connect with elected officials -- local, state and congressional 3) educate citizens on how to hold elected officials accountable by ensuring that they are visible, accessible and responsive to the needs of their constituents. Too often elected officials, including some my district's legislators are less visible in communities with low voter turnout and make cheap cameo appearances only when obligated and during election season.



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Instagram: @NickBMB

1. Who are you? Tell us about yourself.

I'm a current full voting member of the 46th District Democratic State Central Committee. I'm also a community activist and Entertainment blogger.

2. Describe the role of a central committee member and explain why you want to be a member of the Democratic Party.

A central committee member must register voters, help fundraise, door knock for Democrats, and fill vacancies in the legislature.

3. What will you do specifically to increase Democratic voter turnout in Baltimore City?

As a current member, I would work with my colleagues on the Communications committee to create and upload social media posts for engagement. Registering New Democrats and door knocking for Democrats will help us win.



NANCY MEAD

Email: n.mead2011@gmail.com

Phone: 803-371-6872

Website: www.nancy4baltimore.com

1. Who are you? Tell us about yourself. Community leader in South Baltimore. Special Asst. to CM Costello in Baltimore's 11th District. Current member of Baltimore City Democratic State Central Committee

2. Describe the role of a central committee member and explain why you want to be a member of the Democratic Party. Our role is to increase voter registration and turnout through voter education activities and advocacy. We also support party candidates at all levels to secure Democratic wins.

3. What will you do specifically to increase Democratic voter turnout in Baltimore City?

I will be a fully engaged member of the Central Committee, especially working with seniors to ensure access to the electoral system.

GUBERNATORIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

IMPORTANT DATES

LAST DAY TO REGISTER, UPDATE REGISTRATION, OR CHANGE PARTY AFFILIATION

Tuesday, June 28, 2022

5:00 PM (Board of Elections office)

11:59 PM (online)

<https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/OnlineVoterRegistration/InstructionsStep1>

BALLOT REQUEST DEADLINE

(Ballot Delivered by Mail or Fax)

Tuesday, July 12, 2022

8:00 PM (mail)

11:59 PM (fax/email)

BALLOT REQUEST DEADLINE

(Ballot Delivered via Email)

Tuesday, July 15, 2022

5:00 PM (mail)

11:59 PM (fax/email)

IN-PERSON EARLY VOTING & SAME DAY VOTER REGISTRATION

Thursday, July 7, 2022 through Thursday, 14, 2022

7:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Election Day

Tuesday, July 19, 2022

7:00 AM – 8:00 PM

VOTER REGISTRATION

In order to vote, you must be registered:

You can register to vote, if you are:

A U.S. citizen;

- A Maryland resident; and
- At least 16 years old*.

You can register to vote, if you are:

- A returning citizen who has completed a court-ordered sentence

*You may register to vote if you are at least 16 years old but cannot vote unless you will be at least 18 years old by the next general election.



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For More Information:
www.baltimorecitydems.org/register tovot e

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**Deadline
Approaching:**

~Last Day to Register
~Update Registration



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To prove where you live, bring your MVA-issued license, ID card, or change of address card, or your paycheck, bank statement, utility bill, or other government document with your name and new address.

HOW TO VOTE - 3 WAYS (Choose One)

VOTE BY MAIL (Mail-in ballot)

REQUEST A MAIL-IN BALLOT - Last Day to Request Online is
Tuesday, July 12, 2022

<https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/OnlineMailinRequest/InstructionsStep1>

You will receive your ballot by mail or fax.

*After this deadline, you can visit the Baltimore City Board of Elections to pick up your ballot and either vote and return it then or take your ballot with you and return it by mail or at a ballot drop box.

RETURN YOUR BALLOT VIA MAIL OR DROP BOX

Ballots must be postmarked or placed in a designated ballot drop box by **8 pm on July 19, 2022**. (Hint: Be sure to put your ballot in the mailbox before the last pick-up time by the postal office if mailing on July 19th.)

Ballot drop box locations:

Baltimore City Community College - 2901 Liberty Heights Avenue, 21215
Baltimore Museum of Art - 10 Museum Drive, 21218
Barclay Elementary School (No. 54) - 2900 Barclay Street, 21218
Benjamin Franklin High School (No. 239) - 1201 Cambria Street, 21225
Board of Elections Office - 417 East Fayette Street, 21202
Board of Elections Warehouse - 301 N. Franklintown Road, 21223
Carver Vocational Technical High School (No. 454) - 2201 Presstman Street, 21216
Cross Country Elementary/Middle School at Northwestern 6900 Park Heights Avenue, 21215
Dickey Hill Elementary/Middle School (No. 201) 5025 Dickey Hill Road, 21207
Digital Harbor High School (No. 416) 1100 Covington Street, 21230
Enoch Pratt Free Library Herring Run Branch 3801 Erdman Avenue, 21213
Forest Park High School 3701 Eldorado Avenue, 21207
Frederick Douglass High School 2301 Gwynn Falls Parkway 21217
Hamilton Elementary Middle School (No. 236) 6101 Old Harford Road, 21214
Hampden Elementary/Middle School (No. 55) 3608 Chestnut Avenue, 21211
Holabird Academy 1500 Imla Street, 21224
League for People with Disabilities 1111 East Cold Spring Lane, 21239
Leith Walk Elementary Middle School 5915 Glennor Road, 21239
Morgan State University - Tyler Hall 1700 East Cold Spring Lane, 21251
Mount Pleasant Church & Ministries 6000 Radecke Avenue, 21206
Patapsco Elementary School 844 Roundview Road, 21225
Patterson High School (No. 405) 100 Kane Street, 21224
Paul Lawrence Dunbar High School (No. 414) 1400 Orleans Street, 21231
Pimlico Elementary School 4849 Pimlico Road, 21215
Public Safety Training Center 3500 W. Northern Parkway, 21215
Reach! Partnership 2555 Harford Road, 21218
Renaissance Academy 1301 McCulloh Street, 21217
Southeast Anchor Library 3601 Eastern Avenue, 21224
University of Maryland at Baltimore Community Engagement Center - 16 South Poppleton St, 21201
Violetteville Elementary/Middle School (No. 226) - 1207 Pine Heights Avenue, 21229
Western High School (No. 407) - 4600 Falls Road, 21209
Westside Skill Center - 4501 Edmondson Avenue, 21229



VOTE IN PERSON (Early Voting)

You can vote in person at an early voting site in Baltimore City from
Thursday, July 7, 2022 through Thursday, July 14, 2022
from 7:00 am until 8:00 pm.

Early Voting Sites:

The League for People with Disabilities
1111 E. Coldspring Lane
Baltimore, MD 21239

Mount Pleasant Church & Ministries
6000 Radecke Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21206

Patapsco Elementary School
844 Roundview Road
Baltimore, MD 21225

Public Safety Training Center
3500 W. Northern Parkway (Enter on Manhattan Ave)
Baltimore, MD 21215

Southeast Anchor Library
3601 Eastern Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21224

University of Maryland at Baltimore Community Engagement Center
16 South Poppleton Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

Westside Skill Center
4501 Edmondson Avenue (Enter on Athol Ave)
Baltimore, MD 21229

*If you are not registered to vote, you can register the same day during early voting.



VOTE IN PERSON (Election Day)

You can vote in person on Election Day at your assigned polling place. Election Day is **Tuesday, July 19, 2022 from 7:00 am until 8:00 pm.**

Find Your Polling Place:

<https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/PollingPlaceSearch>

REMEMBER

*If you are in line by 8:00 pm, you can still vote...do not get out of line.

*If you encounter any issues at the polling place, call the Voter Protection Line for assistance:

1-833-MDVOTES

1-833-638-6837





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