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Voters' Guide

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U. S. SENATE
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Federal Offices

UNITED STATES SENATOR

DUTIES: Senators share the responsibility with Representatives for enactment of the nation's laws as provided for in the U.S. Constitution. They may also conduct investigations on issues of national importance. The Senate is charged with ratifying treaties established by the President and confirms Presidential appointments of Cabinet members, federal judges and foreign ambassadors.

SALARY: 2010 annual base salary is \$174,000

TERM: Six years

HOW ELECTED: The Senate consists of 100 members, two from each state. They are elected by the states at large and serve for 6 years. One-third of the Senate is up for election every two years. A Senator must be at least 30 years of age and must have been a citizen of the United States for at least 9 years.

THE ISSUES:

QUALIFICATIONS: What are your qualifications for this office?

BUDGET: What methods would you support to address the federal budget deficit?

FOSSIL FUELS: What should be done at the federal level to reduce our use of and dependence on fossil fuels?

Vote for one candidate from your party.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

CHRISTOPHER J. GARNER

Campaign Website:

www.GarnerforSenate.com

QUALIFICATIONS: 35 years of problem solving in industry and government. To include Business Management, Pollution Control, Energy Management, Production Management, Process Control. See Website for a more complete Bio and candidate information.

BUDGET: A rebalancing of the United States economic structure by reducing government, reducing taxes, controlling illegal and legal immigration, and the reindustrialization of the United States brought on by unfettered imports and the lost of technology due to the lost of industry.

FOSSIL FUELS: Reduction of national population increase due to immigration. Increase in the use of solar, nuclear, tidal, and wind power. Concentration on the development of fusion power sources.

A. BILLY BOB JAWORSKI

No response received by deadline.

BARBARA A. MIKULSKI

Campaign Website:

www.senatorbarb.com
QUALIFICATIONS: I have proudly served the people of Maryland in the U.S. Senate since 1986. I meet the day to day needs of my constituents and the long term needs of the nation; a leader in health care, promoting innovation, creating opportunity and bringing jobs in Maryland. I am seeking re-election.

BUDGET: Tough choices must be made. The bipartisan debt commission is developing proposals to balance

the budget. In the mean time, I have supported efforts to reduce waste, fraud and abuse in the federal budget. I have supported the Pay as You Go Law, which requires new spending to be offset by spending

FOSSIL FUELS: It is essential that we decrease our reliance on fossil fuels. I support a sensible energy plan that promotes alternative energy efficiency and reduces global warming. Energy independence is important for our national security and future job creation. I absolutely oppose drilling off coast.

THERESA C. SCALDA-FERRI

QUALIFICATIONS: I have been a U.S. citizen living under American laws for over 60 years. I am concerned we are not leading our country in the right direction nor helping the public as we should. I feel confident my work experience will help.

BUDGET: No outsourcing of social security, IRS, or our country's security. Have an independent study on waste spending in the Federal budget. Provide a vehicle in which we may receive a small percentage of taxes for all off shore havens. We need a true picture of the budget before we proceed.

FOSSIL FUELS: Energy turns a turbine that turns a generator to produce power. It is essential we use natural continuous power, such as the sun, water, wind, and nuclear power, to help the environment. The Federal level should have already been using some natural

resources in its agencies.

BLAINE TAYLOR

QUALIFICATIONS: Common sense, decisive, courage. Congressional press secretary, 1991-92. Press secretary for US Presidential primary, MD House of Delegates and State Senate, and Baltimore County Executive campaigns, all WON.

BUDGET: Cut Defense. End ALL foreign aid to Israel. Tax the rich to pay their FAIR share, national flat rate tax. End ALL the wars. Ban Federal Reserve Bank.

FOSSIL FUELS: Outlaw them all, plus the internal combustion engine. Build electric, solar, and water-fueled cars, all mass transit modes, especially trains.

SANQUETTA TAYLOR

Campaign Website: www.sanquettataylor4senate.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I have a diverse background which includes ten years in health care, a combination of twelve years in banking, finance and public relations and currently I am a criminal intelligence analyst in addition to having owned a business. I have the necessary skills and experience to combat current issues.

BUDGET: A tax reform bill that is in line with the current census count and that meets a sustainable economy over time. Also I would look at the social welfare system to ensure that any/all fraud practices were addressed and prosecuted at the highest level. Tackle both the social security and medicare issues.

FOSSIL FUELS: Investing in more friendly environmental

practices via wind energy transformation and using solar energy in a more cost efficient / effective manner.

LIH YOUNG

Campaign Website: vote-md.org/intro.aspx?id=mdy-ounglih

QUALIFICATIONS: Reformer, advocate, activist, TV programs producer/host/speaker. Ph.D. econ. expertise, commitment; public interest. Promote freedom, justice, peace, accountability, cost-effectiveness; fair election, legislation. Identified/ testified/ petitioned often on "socio-political-election-media-budget pr

BUDGET: Eliminate abuse, waste, official misconduct, Murder-fraud-crime-injustice networks". Restore the essence of "capitalism": fairness, good principle, concepts, merits, justification, productivity, priorities, cost-benefit, social needs, budget constraints, etc. Rigorous review by academically very w

FOSSIL FUELS: End: dependence/subsidies for fossil fuels, nuclear energy, offshore oil drilling, spills. Improve regulation/oversight on energy related activities. Implement the Clean Air Act. Protect public health, environment. Curb carbon pollution. Invest in clean renewable energy, efficiency technology, infra

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

JOSEPH ALEXANDER

No response received by deadline.

BARRY STEVE ASBURY

QUALIFICATIONS: Degrees in Philosophy and Business Administration, 30 years small business experience, 38 years writing and journalistic experience, 26 years non profit executive director, 20 years President Taxpayers of the United States, Inc.

BUDGET: We're not going to be able to borrow more money from China to pay for things much longer. We need to use the STIMULUS money for unemployment benefits and good permanent jobs and not wait to release the money right before election like President Obama has planned.

FOSSIL FUELS: Fossil fuels are likely to be depleted in 150 years or so and, to be ready, we must begin now. We don't need fundamental transformation, but do need financial encouragement for business to develop. We have 150 years to do something and our choices are something and change with no good answers.

NEIL H COHEN

Campaign Website: cohenforsenate.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I am a successful dentist for 32 years. This demands that I be a good listener, observe, recognize problems and solve them. As a small business owner I experience and I must resolve all the issues that face business owners plus the regulations specific to health care.

BUDGET: Require a review of all agencies as to their functional effectiveness. Increase the retirement age to 70 for social security.

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This Voters' Guide is published by the League of Women Voters Education Fund. The League has a long tradition of publishing the verbatim response of candidates to questions important to voters.

The League offers this Voters' Guide

to assist citizens in their decision making process as they prepare for participation in the 2010 elections. The League of Women Voters does not support or oppose any candidate or political party.

The League of Women Voters works to increase understanding of major public policy issues and to influence public policy through education and advocacy.

Due to the large number of candidates and limited funds, it has not been possible to publish all candidate responses in this pre-Primary Guide. Each candidate's responses were cut similarly.

Complete responses for all candidates appear on the LWVMS website at <http://midshore.lwvmd.org/> and all responses will appear in the Guide to be published prior to the General Election.

to 70 for social security. Reduce or eliminate most subsidies.

FOSSIL FUELS: Subsidize the accelerated development of alternative fuels. Eliminate the oil and gas subsidies to allow the real cost of oil to be seen by the consumer.

STEPHENS DEMPSEY

Campaign Website: www.dempsey4ussenate.com
QUALIFICATIONS: "No person shall be a Senator who shall not have attained to the Age of thirty Years, and been nine Years a Citizen of the United States, and who shall not, when elected, be an Inhabitant of that State for which he shall be chosen." I have met or exceeded all of these qualifications.

BUDGET: Simplify and generally reduce taxes. Open Constitutionality debate examining each existing agency and their stated missions. Based on outcome, bring forward legislation, where necessary, to defund, repeal, prepare amendment or redefine missions based on www.dempsey4ussenate.com defined process.

FOSSIL FUELS: Remove federal impediments for developing and leveraging Nuclear power. Expand and improve the national electric power grid. Research existing Patents at PTO for potential fossil-free fuel design solutions; identify the holder then assist them in "promoting the progress of science" with Grants. .

SAMUEL R. GRAHAM SR.

No response received by deadline.

JOHN B. KIMBLE

Campaign Website: www.kimbleforcongress.com
QUALIFICATIONS: Member, National Rifle Association, American Civil Liberties Union, Southern Poverty Law Center Leadership Council, Defenders of Wildlife, American Association for Justice, The Sierra Club. I have successfully challenged our government for redress of numerous civil rights violations against citizens

BUDGET: We have to raise

taxes on the rich and taxes on money sent out of the US so that people who are here illegally will still put money into the tax base for social services, etc. We also have to cut waste and stop giving the country away in the wrongful propaganda which has driven the US to ruin.

FOSSIL FUELS: We must remove corn from use as a source of ethanol as it has caused food prices to skyrocket worldwide and the cost of fuel has also skyrocketed because of the improper use of food as fuel. We must make more efficient engines and use alternatives like methane which are plentiful for our future uses

GREGORY L. KUMP

QUALIFICATIONS: My story begins with the marine uniform. I served proudly in some of the roughest times in the marine corp, with 2/6 battalion, 1/8 battalion, and special ops recon battalion 1st and 2nd battalion recon. I have the ability to read the situation, in a timely fashion to put Maryland #1 by Marylanders

BUDGET: The federal budget came from the auto industry, insurance companies, and the housing market. I will ask you did the government ever bail you out when owing money, or being late on any payment. no they keep track of us by fico, and credit scores, who is watching congress? My job is to track the money!

FOSSIL FUELS: As everyone knows the oil companies have been in charge of fuel since the first car. I believe in education in colleges around Maryland need to be more involved, in solar power, wind power, nuclear power, new types of lighting like i.e.d. lighting, is a start, other ideals, lower cost to Marylanders!!

DANIEL W. MCANDREW

Campaign Website: danielmcandrew.com
QUALIFICATIONS: I am 58, married for 33 years. A Maryland resident since 1974, my career as an electrical engineer is both technical and managerial. In design, support, forecasting, budget-

ing complex systems for defense. I bring my experiences and love of country & Constitution for Maryland's benefit.

BUDGET: It 's necessary to completely stop frivolous spending. Equally important is to defund & repeal recent bills passed - healthcare, financial reform, etc. Freeze pay for Congress, Executive, Judicial and DOD personnel. Slow Congress legislation attempts. Eliminate earmarks. Reduce/eliminate agencies.

FOSSIL FUELS: Provide business incentives for R&D of alternative energy. Allow domestic oil exploration in federally-protected areas. Strengthen fuel efficiency standards on all gas & diesel-powered engines, including cars, trucks and sport utility vehicles.

JIM RUTLEDGE

Campaign Website: www.rutledgeforussenate.com
QUALIFICATIONS: I am an attorney with 25 years of broad experience representing small businesses, individuals, health providers, farmers, and schools. I have handled federal and state business, property, tax, and constitutional matters. I bring the perspective of an entrepreneur and defender of the constitution.

BUDGET: Sound fiscal policy is based on lower taxes, limited government, and strong national security. Lower taxes produce private sector jobs that generate tax revenues and reduce safety net spending. Limiting the scope of federal government to its constitutional job description will cut federal spending.

FOSSIL FUELS: Energy independence is a national security matter. Nuclear power is an essential step towards energy independence that does not involve fossil fuels. Expanded use of solar, wind, and biomass technologies should be encouraged by reducing the layers of red tape and taxes on entrepreneurs.

EDDIE VENDETTI

Campaign Website: eddievendetti.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I am deeply concerned about the unborn in America. It is a scientific, biological fact that human life begins at conception. Therefore, abortion is murder of the innocent. I am firmly committed to ending legalized abortion in America. Please vote for me.

BUDGET: Stop spending money we don't have. Reduce the size of the government. Stop paying farmers not to farm. Reconsider government run health care.

FOSSIL FUELS: Create incentives that increase research and development on reusable sources. Increase nuclear energy capabilities.

ERIC WARGOTZ

Campaign Website: www.wargotz.com

QUALIFICATIONS: As a commissioner and a doctor, I have learned that listening and being accountable is of paramount importance. As an elected official I kept the promises I made. I am the only U.S. Senate candidate who has actually cut taxes, cut the budget, cut government, and increased accountability and transparency.

BUDGET: Government waste, abuse, incompetence, and fraud are threatening our future. I will work to institute fiscal discipline, vote against deficit spending and bailouts and against pork-barrel earmarks. I support a balanced budget amendment and increased accountability. We must lower taxes and create jobs.

FOSSIL FUELS: We need to continue to develop more energy sources and find innovative ways to use less energy. We should continue to invest in wind, solar, clean coal, biofuels, nuclear energy, as well as oil and natural gas. This will reduce dependence on Middle Eastern oil and create thousands of jobs here at home.

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 1

DUTIES Representatives

share responsibility with Senators for enactment of the nation's laws as provided for in the U.S. Constitution. They may also conduct investigations on issues of national importance. Laws that require payment of taxes are initiated in the House of Representatives. Representatives have the responsibility for determining whether a public official should be tried if accused of a crime.

SALARY: 2010 annual base salary is \$174,000

TERM: Two years, no term limit

HOW ELECTED: The United States is divided into 435 Congressional districts that are reapportioned after each decennial census. All seats in the House of Representatives are up for election in every even-numbered year. A Representative must be at least 25 years of age and must have been a citizen for at least 7 years.

QUESTIONS

QUALIFICATIONS: What are your qualifications for this office?

BUDGET: What methods would you support to address the federal budget deficit?

FOSSIL FUELS: What should be done at the federal level to reduce our use of and dependence on fossil fuels?

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Vote for 1 candidate from your party.

FRANK M. KRATOVIL JR.

Campaign Website: www.kratovil.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I've seen why Washington is broken. Too many care more about politics than about common sense solutions. To fix Washington, we need more independent leaders. I'm proud to be one of the most independent members of Congress. I've opposed \$6 trillion in wasteful spending and fought to crack down on Wall Street. I'll always put the 1st district first.

BUDGET: As a member of the Blue Dog Coalition, cutting spending and getting control of the deficit have been my top priorities. My

first act in Congress was to work to block a Congressional pay increase. I wrote a bill to mandate 2% reductions in spending and voted against \$6 trillion in spending, while backing a Pay-Go law and a balanced budget amendment.

FOSSIL FUELS: I support investing in new domestic energy sources like solar and wind technology to end our dependence on foreign oil. We must also protect the Chesapeake Bay, which is one of Maryland's treasures and is critical to our economy. It supports thousands of jobs and preserves our way of life. That is why I've secured \$33 million to clean up the Bay.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Vote for 1 candidate from your party.

ROB FISHER

Campaign Website: www.robfisherforcongress.com
QUALIFICATIONS: I am a small business owner, not a career politician. I understand how to create jobs, balance a budget and make tough fiscal decisions.

BUDGET: Our country is bankrupt, yet Congress is intent on ballooning the deficit even higher while proposing massive tax increases to pay for health care and climate bills the majority of Americans don't want. As your representative, I pledge to vote against any bill that increases the deficit without real and immediate benefits to Maryland taxpayers.

FOSSIL FUELS: We need to increase production of American-made energy in an environmentally sound manner and promote new, clean and renewable sources of energy. Encourage greater efficiency and conservation by extending tax incentives for energy efficiency and rewarding development of greater conservation techniques and new energy sources.

ANDY HARRIS

Campaign Website: www.andyharris.com

No response received by deadline.

State Offices

GOVERNOR

DUTIES: The Governor is the Chief Executive Officer of the State of Maryland and appoints the heads of statewide departments and judges to the state courts. The Governor also makes other appointments as provided by the Maryland Constitution or by law and proposes the annual operating and capital budgets to the legislature. The Governor may veto legislation passed by the legislature.

SALARY: 2010 and 2011 annual salary of \$150,000 (same as current salary as proposed by Governor's Salary Commission)

TERM: Four years, limit of two consecutive terms

HOW ELECTED: Elected statewide as a team with the Lt. Gov.

LT. GOVERNOR

DUTIES: The Lieutenant Governor assists the Governor and is elected jointly on a ballot with the gubernatorial candidate. The Lieutenant Governor fills the office of Governor in case of death, resignation, or disability and carries out specific duties assigned by the Governor.

SALARY: 2010 and 2011 annual salary of \$125,000 (same as current salary as proposed by Governor's Salary Commission)

THE ISSUES:

QUALIFICATIONS: What are your qualifications for the office of Governor?

RUNNING MATE'S QUALIFICATIONS: What are your running mate's qualifications for the office of Lt. Governor?

ENERGY: How should Maryland address its future energy needs?

EDUCATION: How should state government work with local governments to solve the crisis in funding for public K-12 education?

ECONOMY: What measures to stimulate Maryland's economy would you propose?

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Vote for one set of candidates from your party.

J. P. CUSICK | MICHAEL W. LANG JR.

Campaign Website: www.VoteJPWebs.com

QUALIFICATIONS: No one else has the fortitude and determination nor the understanding of the Child Support and Custody law reform issues as I will bring to the office of Governor which makes me as the best candidate for the job. The reforms needs to be done right and I am the best one to do it.

RUNNING MATE'S QUALIFICATIONS: Class President and Valedictorian Great Mills High School, MD. University of Maryland 3 masters degrees in Computer Science, Psychology and in Advanced Mathematics. 6 years US Marine Corp, served in Korean conflict. Retired civil service. Naval Aviation Logistics, Pax NAS, Computer Analyst GM 17.

ENERGY: To increase the use of nuclear power and wind power generation and decrease petroleum fuel usage. We could try to start getting our Maryland petroleum fuels from other American States.

EDUCATION: I would be open to new ideas and new strategies. The State could allocate resources by the individual Counties criteria. We can gain school funding by the reforms for the Child Support and Custody laws and by releasing such non violent prisoners throughout Maryland.

ECONOMY: Maryland economy is already stimulated plenty, and the latest reports show Baltimore as the #15 in ranking of American cities which is well placed for our largest city. So we could create new legislation requiring employers to hire more and to lay off less as that is the bottom line.

RALPH JAFFE | FRED A JAFFE

QUALIFICATIONS: I'm a political science teacher involved in a movement to end corruption in Maryland politics and replace it with ETHICS. Ethical politicians shouldn't deal with corrupt lobbyists and shouldn't accept campaign contributions because they're disguised bribes. I'll

serve free, one term only.

RUNNING MATE'S QUALIFICATIONS: My running mate has been a teacher and library media specialist since 1966. Her ethics and principles are the same as mine.

ENERGY: We must encourage our corporations to explore new energy resources throughout the U.S. This means more government cooperation and less government interference. We have to stop being prisoners of the Middle East dictatorships and become energy independent.

EDUCATION: The best thing that government can do (whether it's federal, state, local) is let parents or guardians assume major responsibility for their children's education. The less interference from government, the better off we'll be. What we need is moral leadership, not government interference.

ECONOMY: The General Assembly should butt out and go on vacation for the next 3 years. Let private enterprise take its natural course.

MARTIN O'MALLEY | ANTHONY G. BROWN

Campaign Website: www.martinomalley.com

QUALIFICATIONS: Martin O'Malley is a fearless, intelligent public servant who always puts people before politics. As Governor, Martin O'Malley has a proven record of delivering results for our small businesses and families. And with him in office, we will Move Maryland forward.

RUNNING MATE'S QUALIFICATIONS: Anthony Brown has a distinguished career in public service. After serving our country as an Army Colonel, he was elected to the state house and served as House Majority Whip. Now, Anthony is the highest ranking elected official in the nation ever to have served a tour of duty in Iraq.

ENERGY: To move forward, we must conserve our existing resources while investing in alternative energy. That's why I set a goal for energy savings of 15% by 2015, implemented a tax exemption for residential solar installations and asked the feder-

al government to remove barriers to off-shore wind production.

EDUCATION: Education is key to moving us forward and that's why my administration has fully funded Thornton, investing \$5.7 billion this year alone and a record \$1.3 billion for school construction. We need to build on this progress with smart investments and reforms to keep our schools ranked #1 in the nation.

ECONOMY: Our focus is on creating, saving and maintaining jobs. With strategic tax cuts for small businesses, public-private partnerships and investments in the new economy, we will emerge from the national recession faster than most states. But we must continue to move forward by investing to create jobs.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

ROBERT EHRLICH JR. | MARY KANE

Campaign Website: bobehrlich.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I led Maryland out of a recession and a budget deficit once and I will do it again. I have 3 simple priorities: more jobs, lower taxes, and less spending. As a state lawmaker, U.S. Congressman, and Governor, I have always believed in being honest with the citizens I serve.

RUNNING MATE'S QUALIFICATIONS: Mary Kane is a working mother, a small business advocate, and a former prosecutor. As the daughter of immigrants, she has a unique understanding of the unlimited possibilities available to families if government serves the interests of the people.

ENERGY: I have three goals. First, ensure that energy supplies are affordable and reliable. Second, diversify energy supplies so that we are less dependent on foreign oil. Third, enact policies that encourage local energy companies to create jobs, including in our wind, solar, and nuclear energy sectors.

EDUCATION: As Governor, I increased public school funds by a record \$1.4 billion. As a result, high school AP scores were 2nd best in the U.S. and the achievement gap continued to close

among African-American & Hispanic students, and students living in poverty. I will continue fully funding public schools.

ECONOMY: I will treat small businesses as a source of new jobs, not a source of new taxes. I will repeal my opponent's 20% sales tax hike, which hurts low and middle income families. I will improve Maryland's business climate, which currently ranks 45th in the nation, according to the Tax Foundation.

BRIAN MURPHY | MIKE RYMAN

Campaign Website: brianmurphy2010.com

No response received by deadline.

COMPTROLLER

DUTIES: The Comptroller is the general fiscal officer of the state, responsible for collecting, managing and planning for revenue to support the state budget. The Comptroller collects and administers the following taxes: income tax (both personal and corporate), retail sales and use taxes; motor vehicle fuel tax, road tax on motor carriers; state tobacco tax, Maryland estate tax and excise taxes on beer, wine and liquor. The Comptroller serves on the Board of Public Works along with the Governor and the State Treasurer, who is appointed by the General Assembly.

SALARY: \$125,000 annual base (This is the current salary. A proposal by the Governor's Salary Commission to raise the salary in 2013 and 2014 was rejected by the legislature in 2010)

TERM: Four years, no term limit

HOW ELECTED: Elected statewide

The Issues:

QUALIFICATIONS: What are your qualifications for the office of Comptroller?

IMPROVEMENTS: What improvements would you recommend for the Maryland revenue system?

Vote for one candidate from your party.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE

PETER FRANCHOT

Campaign Website: www.franchot.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I've kept my promise to be an independent, fiscal watchdog and to make my office a model for efficiency. I reward those who pay their fair share and collect from those who cheat. I've used my position to oppose wasteful spending and have promoted fairness towards women and minority-owned businesses.

IMPROVEMENTS: We can build upon cost-saving measures to become more efficient. We need to develop an economic vision that emphasizes Maryland's strengths. We also need a bipartisan top-to-bottom review of state spending inclusive of the private sector and we must not raise or enact new taxes during the recession.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

WILLIAM HENRY CAMPBELL

Campaign Website: www.whcambpell2010.com

QUALIFICATIONS: Two decades of successful senior financial executive experience in public and private entities that were experiencing financial distress. I was the Assistant Secretary & Chief Financial Officer(CFO) for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, CFO for the U.S. Coast Guard, and CFO for Amtrak.

IMPROVEMENTS: We have done an inadequate job of enforcing our tax laws and regulations for many years. I am skeptical that the \$240 million (M) MITS project to enhance revenue collection and enforcement is being adequately managed. I have successfully implemented similar large, complex software solutions.

ARMAND F. GIRARD

QUALIFICATIONS: Income tax payer - 50 years. Property tax payer - 40 years.

IMPROVEMENTS: Over 2 years ago voters decided to have slots for education. The MD Democratic monopoly has

refused to do the will of the people. I proposed to implement their will and provide revenues for education.

BRENDAN MADIGAN

Campaign Website: www.brendanmadigan.com
QUALIFICATIONS: As a young person, I am deeply concerned about the burden that my generation will carry due to the tax-and-spend mentality of those in Annapolis. I am not part of the Annapolis establishment. I am not a career bureaucrat. I am not a

career politician. I am passionate about making Maryland better.

IMPROVEMENTS: By expanding and enhancing the transparency of the State's financial dealings, I will ensure that the citizens of Maryland are fully informed, and thus are able to hold our elected officials accountable for the State's financial situation.

ATTORNEY GENERAL

DUTIES: The Attorney General represents the State of Maryland in all legal proceedings. The Attorney General serves as legal counsel to the Governor, the legislature, and all State departments, boards and most commissions.

SALARY: \$125,000 annual base (This is the current salary. A proposal by the Governor's Salary Commission to raise the salary in 2013 and 2014 was rejected by the legislature in 2010)

TERM: Four years, no term limit

HOW ELECTED: Elected statewide.

THE ISSUES:

QUALIFICATIONS: What are your qualifications for the office of Attorney General?

IMPROVEMENTS: What improvements would you recommend for the Maryland judicial system?

Vote for one candidate from your party.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE

DOUGLAS F. GANSLER
 Campaign Website: www.ganslerformaryland.com
QUALIFICATIONS: For nearly two decades, I have fought crime and gang violence, safeguarded our children from Internet predators, targeted corporate corruption, prosecuted polluters, and protected Maryland consumers. MD Attorney General, 2006-Present; State's Attorney, 1998-2006; Assistant U.S.

Attorney 1992-1998.

IMPROVEMENTS: I support eliminating judicial elections for circuit court judges. Judges selected by a nominating commission and gubernatorial appointment would stand for retention election, eliminating the need to raise campaign funds and the potential for judicial contests that turn on party, race or gender.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

None

State Senate and State House of Delegates

THE MARYLAND STATE SENATE

ABOUT THE MARYLAND STATE SENATE

State Senators share responsibility with Delegates for enactment of the State's laws as provided for in the Constitution of the State of Maryland.

SALARY: \$43,500 annual base (This is the current salary. A proposal by the Governor's Salary Commission to raise the salary in 2013 and 2014 was rejected by the legislature in 2010)

TERM: Four years, no term limit

HOW ELECTED: The State of Maryland is divided into 47 Legislative districts that are redrawn every ten years after each census. Each district elects one State Senator.

QUESTIONS FOR CANDIDATES

BACKGROUND: What educational and professional background and interest areas do you bring to this position?

PRIORITIES: What are your legislative priorities?

TRANSPORTATION: What are your transportation priorities and how should they be funded?

BUSINESS TAXES: Do you support any changes in Maryland's business tax structure? If so, what changes would you endorse?

Vote for one in your party.

MARYLAND SENATE DISTRICT 36

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Vote for 1 candidate

ROBERT J. ALT

QUALIFICATIONS: I served the Town of Elkton for 8 years as Town Commissioner and then as Mayor. The Town of Elkton population is over 10,000 residents. I understand local government and how it affects us. We need a voice that will listen to our towns and counties.

PRIORITIES: My #1 priority is to give a voice back to us at the local level. Communication must improve between our municipalities and counties with Annapolis.

TRANSPORTATION: We need to always look at ways to improve traffic flow. Nobody enjoys being caught in heavy traffic.

BUSINESS TAXES: We as Marylanders are being taxed way too much. Anything I can do to eliminate taxes on the 36th District would be a priority.

STEVEN A. MUMFORD

QUALIFICATIONS: I care and I know the people! A native of the Eastern Shore. Growing up and being educated in the public and private institutions here on the Eastern Shore.. Having worked in Caroline, Cecil, Queen Anne's and Kent Counties, I have established relationships with government and government officials in all Districts on the Shore.

PRIORITIES: Quality JOBS! Increase funding for fire & rescue. Increase Highway User Fund. Increase funding for the ARTS! Protection for our farm-

ers! Continued Cleanup of our Chesapeake Bay and tributaries. Horse racing incentives. Md. Film Tax Incentive increase! Restore Health Dept. Funding for Services

TRANSPORTATION: Increase public transportation from Kent Island to Annapolis, Baltimore and Washington D.C. Restore Highway User Fund. Funded by Public Service Fee.

BUSINESS TAXES: NO INCREASE

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Vote for 1 candidate

DONALD ALCORN

QUALIFICATIONS: I have been a Maryland resident since 1968. I served my country in the United States Marine Corps; my employment history consists of thirty years of government service (Auditing Security and Intelligence). I have also spent ten years in the private sector specializing in infrastructure security.

PRIORITIES: MAKE MARYLAND JOB-FRIENDLY DEVELOP TAX RELATED INCENTIVE PROGRAMS FOR SMALL BUSINESS CREATE JOBS AND LOWER TAXES ENFORCEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS AND POLICIES DEFEND AGAINST CRIME AND DRUGS STRONGER PENALTIES POLICING PROBLEM AREAS MAKE MARYLAND AN ENVIRONMENTAL LEADER DEVELOP EDUCATION

TRANSPORTATION: Our Eastern Shore Families lack the

opportunity of transportation choice. Traditionally the state invests a majority of the transportation funds into the infrastructure of the highways roads. We need to plan for transit programs such as Metro, light rail and advanced bus systems.

BUSINESS TAXES: I plan on reviewing the tax table and assessments to better plan our business tax structure. My plan will include lower taxes and less state regulation on controls in business. I plan to develop a task force of community businesses and Chamber of Commerce members in my decision process.

E. J. PIPKIN

No response received by deadline.

SENATE DISTRICT 37

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

CHRISTOPHER N. JAKUBIAK

WEBSITE: www.JakubiakForMDSenate.com
BACKGROUND: I am a professional regional and urban planner with 20 years career experience. I have a Masters Degree in the field and executive training in public sector negotiation. My main focus has been on building the capabilities of small towns and rural areas to manage the impact of growth and development. . . .

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES: Promoting economic development that brings jobs, increas-

es household income, and educational attainment, and reduces unemployment and poverty in District 37. Bringing world-class K-12 educational opportunities to the children of District 37. Restoring the health of the Bay so the Bay and our rivers are swimmable and productive again. . . .

TRANSPORTATION: Dover Bridge replacement, Maryland Route 404 expansion, and local aviation investment tied to economic development. Transportation priorities should be funded by protecting the Transportation Trust Fund so the fees and gas taxes we pay for roads and bridges are used for that purpose. Also, fuel taxes should be indexed . . .

BUSINESS TAXES: In principle I support combined reporting. It is complex and changes the way corporate incomes are taxed here in Maryland, but on balance, it is fairer than the current way corporate income is taxed. Studies show it will raise well over \$100 million per year which I believe should be used to plug the gaps in our investments in highways, bridges and the infrastructure. . . .

TIM QUINN

WEBSITE: www.citizensfortimquinn.net
BACKGROUND: BS in Political Science from Northeastern University, Boston, MA. Co-owner, Legal Spittits Restaurant, Easton, Md. Legislative Chairman, Maryland Rural Health

Association, created MedB, a medical spelling bee providing scholarships for middle school students – to date \$20,000 in scholarships. Member, NAACP, Knights of Columbus, Talbot Chamber of Commerce.

PRIORITIES: To bring (1) business investment and job growth to our mid-shore community; (2) proactive leadership to Chesapeake Bay and farm land use issues, including watermen, farmers and scientists, and (3) the necessary leadership to maintain education budgets for teachers and maintenance of effort; plus seek out designated funds for early childhood education.

TRANSPORTATION: Replace and/or repair the Dover Bridge. Federal funds have been set aside for design work and State funding was designated but not released because of State budget constraints. If the State can spend millions of dollars on the ICC, then it can afford to fund our Dover Bridge.

BUSINESS TAXES: Additional taxes on business during this recession would discourage business growth and possibly put many businesses out of business; however, targeted tax incentives by the State, designed to encourage entrepreneurs to invest in new businesses, would create an economic environment encouraging growth and stability.

CHRIS ROBINSON

BACKGROUND: Small busi-

ness owner-lawyer, Cambridge, Maryland (1994-present). Chief of Staff to Member of U. S. Congress representing Maryland's Eastern Shore (1981-1990). Honors: Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence, Mid-Shore Pro Bono Project; past President Dorchester County Bar Association, former counsel Dorchester County Board of Elections and Board of License Commissioners

PRIORITIES: Preserving the quality of life on Maryland's Eastern Shore while balancing the needs of agriculture and growth is the most important challenge facing the Mid-Shore. I will advocate policies that embrace traditional Eastern Shore values that reward hard work, respect our relationship with the land and water and our commitment

TRANSPORTATION: Here on the Mid-Shore we must ensure our basic infrastructure needs are met and provide rural communities with basic public transportation services that connect outlying areas with access to our towns and cities. Funding these basic needs is a responsibility of state, federal and local government.

BUSINESS TAXES: I support limited government and lower taxes. As a small business owner and lawyer, I strongly support tax policies that lower the tax burden on business. We need to provide incentives to business owners who provide vitally needed services in our communities and create good jobs for our citizens.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

RICHARD F. COLBURN

BACKGROUND: I represent Caroline, Dorchester, Talbot and Wicomico counties and serve on the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental committee. Agriculture and Seafood are the two most important industries on the Eastern Shore. Most legislation related to these job providers goes before the EHEA committee where I am the ranking minority member.

PRIORITIES: Continuation of job creation and retention efforts. Examples: bipartisan effort to keep hospital in Easton (Emergency services and 1,100 jobs for Mid-Shore area); strong

advocate for Shore businesses, particularly agriculture and seafood; labored to preserve \$2 billion Delmarva poultry industry (15,000 jobs); pushed for Shore broadband and downtown revitalization.

TRANSPORTATION: Dualization of Maryland Route 404 and a new Dover Bridge are my priorities and should be funded through the gas tax. Maryland needs a dedicated funding source for its two major mass transit systems so that important projects are not subsidized via the gas tax and cut from the budget.

BUSINESS TAX: The raising of the sales tax passed during the 2007 Special Session and the downturn of the economy have devastated businesses in Maryland—particularly those businesses on the Shore. I believe that the sales tax needs to be returned to 5%; therefore, I support former Governor Ehrlich's repeal.

PAUL GALANEK

BACKGROUND: B.S., Environmental Science, 1980, Univ. of Massachusetts. I have worked for 23 years at the Dorchester County Health Department in environmental health. I have worked with farmers, watermen, businesses, developers, and land owners. Their complaints and concerns have been noted and I plan on providing a strong voice for them.

PRIORITIES: Repeal carbon cap and trade, nitrogen cap and trade, current critical area legislation. Refocus "flush taxes" on combined sewer overflow elimination. Billions of gallons of raw sewage flow into the Chesapeake Bay drainage basin from them. Balance state budgets with across the board cuts. There must be shared pain.

TRANSPORTATION: Replace Dover Bridge and pay for it with President Obama's stimulus money.

BUSINESS TAXES: All taxes should be competitive to less than adjoining states. This will encourage businesses to move to Maryland as opposed to moving out.

THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES

ABOUT THE OFFICE

SALARY: \$43,500 annual base (This is the current salary. A proposal by the Governor's Salary Commission to raise the salary in 2013 and 2014 was rejected by the legislature in 2010)

TERM: Four years, no term limit

HOW ELECTED: The State of Maryland is divided into 47 Legislative districts which are redrawn every ten years after each decennial census. Each district elects three members to the House of Delegates, for a state total of 141 Delegates.

DUTIES: Delegates share responsibility with State Senators for enactment of the State's laws as provided for in the Constitution of the State of Maryland.

QUESTIONS

QUALIFICATIONS: What are your qualifications for this office?

PRIORITIES: What are your legislative priorities?

TRANSPORTATION: What are your transportation priorities, and how should they be funded?

BUSINESS TAXES: Do you support any changes in Maryland's business tax structure? If so, what changes would you endorse?

Vote for 3 candidate(s) from your party. Select no more than one from each county.

MARYLAND HOUSE DISTRICT 36

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

ARTHUR HOCK

Campaign Website: arthurhock.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I am a native of the 36th District. With forty-four years as a successful independent businessman and several decades of public service on local boards and volunteer organizations, I bring that knowledge, experience and perspective. I will represent the 36th district effectively, independently and with a common sense approach.

PRIORITIES: If elected I will: promote jobs and economic growth, focus on funding education, infrastructure and public safety, work to clean up the envi-

ronment and protect the viability of agriculture, promote fiscal responsibility, and provide common sense, bipartisan leadership.

TRANSPORTATION: As a fundamental responsibility of State government, transportation infrastructure should be funded with dedicated revenue kept separate from the General Fund. I will support investment in our existing road systems and construction of improvements that will result in safer travel.

BUSINESS TAXES: Any change in Maryland's business tax structure should be designed to encourage job growth and allow Maryland businesses to compete fairly with those based in other states. The value of jobs in tough economic times outweighs the limited revenue generated by over-taxing growing businesses.

WILLIAM C. MANLOVE

QUALIFICATIONS: 4 terms County Commissioner Cecil Co. Lifetime farmer Several years industrial management

PRIORITIES: Jobs, Education, Transportation

TRANSPORTATION: Maintain roads and bridges. Continue mass transit efforts by user fees.

BUSINESS TAXES: Make Maryland more business friendly by reviewing all present taxes.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

STEPHEN S. HERSHEY JR.

Campaign Website: www.hersheyfordelegate.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I am a fiscal and social conservative who stands for preserving our Constitution, the principles of an economy based on free enterprise, smaller limited government and individual responsibilities. I am an experienced proactive business person. I am not a career politician concerned with calculated votes. I am not the status quo.

PRIORITIES: My priorities are to: reduce wasteful government spending through consolidation and refocusing priorities, lower taxes for Maryland families by being the fiscal conservative voice to fight the democrat controlled Annapolis and help create and attract jobs

through economic development, tax cuts and decreasing regulations on our farmers and small businesses.

TRANSPORTATION: Priorities are to reduce commuting problems and ensure the safety of the Bay Bridge. Mass transportation systems should be self supporting. Subsidizing inefficient public transit systems with revenues from gas taxes and tolls while bridges and infrastructure supporting statewide travel are needed or are in need of repair is unacceptable.

BUSINESS TAXES: There are 23 business tax credits opportunities. These credits are cumbersome and do not solve the over regulation of small businesses. Cut the 8.25% corporate income tax which hurts Maryland's ability to attract and retain businesses. Lower taxes and more money in the hands of businesses will stimulate economic growth.

JAY A. JACOBS

Campaign Website: jacobsfordelegate.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I am a fiscal conservative. I bring proven, effective fiscal leadership at local, county and state levels to the table. I have been Mayor of Rock Hall for 11 years. I am a 4th generation, Eastern Shore resident. I have been a small business owner my entire career.

PRIORITIES: Reduce taxes – Reduce government spending – Reduce regulations - Reduce state debt – Re-establish Maryland as a business friendly state - Increase employment – Expand tourism – Support bay restoration and its industries – Support long term viability of farming industry.

TRANSPORTATION: I support the public/private partnership operations already in existence in all four counties of District 36. I encourage regional solutions to reduce costs and increase effectiveness. I am sensitive to the unique requirements of rural communities. I am opposed to a Bay span connecting the Upper Shore to Baltimore.

BUSINESS TAXES: Business taxes MUST be reduced. Bring corporate registration

fees and income tax rates down. Bring state capital investment tax credit in line with federal tax structure and not sunset credit in 2011. Reduce sales tax. Restructure unemployment insurance rates. Eliminate punitive business regulations and associated fees.

MICHAEL D. SMIGIEL SR.

Campaign Website: delegatemike.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I have a Juris Doctorate and a Bachelor of Arts in political science. I'm a member of the Judiciary Committee leadership and serve as Republican Parliamentarian. I've kept my promises to uphold the Constitution, vote against tax increases, cut spending and create private sector jobs.

PRIORITIES: To continue to keep my promises to uphold the Constitution, vote against tax increases, cut spending and create private sector jobs. I will also continue leading the charge for recognition of our Second Amendment rights and to pass legislation to protect our children from dangerous predators.

TRANSPORTATION: Route 404 safety issues are still a priority for the 36th District. Otherwise, returning the Counties' highway funding will be a priority. We need to be able to maintain our roads and bridges. The State needs to return the funding to local government

BUSINESS TAXES: I support lowering all taxes in order to make Maryland more competitive with neighboring states. We need to lower taxes for businesses so they have more capital to invest in expansion and inventory which will lead to more Maryland private sector jobs.

RICHARD SOSSI

QUALIFICATIONS: I have successfully served two terms and while I am proud of good legislation that I've sponsored, I am equally proud of bad legislation that I helped to stop. Even more importantly, I am proud of my record of constituent service and the many awards that I received in recognition of that service.

PRIORITIES: I will continue to sponsor legislation to enhance the quality of life for my constituents. Whether it's tax credits for retirees pensions or establishing safe zones to protect our children from "child predators" or to fight against job killing bills.

TRANSPORTATION: The elimination of "at grade" crossings on Rts 301 and 50. Continuing the widening of Rt 404 and the replacement of the Dover Bridge. There is more than enough tax money raised from gas sales and auto fees to pay for our Eastern Shore priorities.

BUSINESS TAXES: I would lower business taxes, especially the sales tax, to spur small business activity. Allow business the capital to re-invest in their businesses and hire new employees.

HOUSE DISTRICT 37A

Vote for one.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

RUDOLPH C. CANE
(no response)

LAVONELLA "VON" SIGGERS

BACKGROUND: Salisbury University, BS, Interdisciplinary Studies, Social Work/Political Science, 2005, legislative intern. Salisbury City Council member

and President, 1994-2005, crafted and enacted policy, balanced budget, and exercised oversight over city affairs. Woodridge Business Institute, business office automation, former member of national League of Cities, Maryland Municipal League . . .

PRIORITIES: We need to be innovative in creating jobs and employment opportunities with wages sufficient to sustain a family. Move beyond the mundane status and stimulate our economy with entrepreneurs having fresh ideas. Education is critical at every level. It needs to be strengthened at many levels and affordable. . . .

TRANSPORTATION: A viable public transit system is necessary for the Eastern Shore Community to thrive. This system will stimulate the economy when employers, employees and the general populace can utilize reliable transportation. It should be funded by public and private sectors which include user fees.

BUSINESS TAXES: I will take a closer, more intricate look at the structure and support possible changes that will make the State more functional.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

DUSTIN MILLS
(no response)

HOUSE DISTRICT 37B

Vote for no more than two; select no more than one from each county

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

PATRICE L. STANLEY

BACKGROUND: B. A. in political science from Washington College. State and federal policy experience. Former member, White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs; worked with nation's governors, mayors, state legislators, and other elected and appointed officials. Work experience: government affairs, civil rights, coalition building, human resources, procurement and contracting. MBE/WBE programs.

PRIORITIES: Strengthening cooperative agreements, public/private partnerships and incubator programs in rural and underserved areas to attract diverse industries (i.e. hi-tech, bio-tech and green jobs). Investing in our public schools, vocational training, and community colleges to produce a well educated and trained workforce. Protecting the Chesapeake Bay while keeping our . . .

TRANSPORTATION: Priorities: A ranking system to

fund transportation projects by priority and/or need. Extending Metro bus services to Anne Arundel County and Kent Island. Improving local bus services in small rural cities. Encouraging the Department of Transportation to increase its use of LED for traffic and highway lights.

BUSINESS TAXES: Yes. I would support measures to provide tax incentives and tax breaks to business owners setting up shop within an existing industrial footprint, attract more sustainable industries like hi-tech, bio-tech and green jobs, and increase cooperative agreements, public/private partnerships and incubator programs in rural and underserved areas.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

ADELAIDE "ADDIE" ECKARDT

BACKGROUND: Advanced practice clinical nurse specialist - psychiatric - for 38 years within the psychiatric mental health facility. Understanding of health and state government personnel issues, budget implications, pension and health benefit issues. Two sons in the military and one self-employed provide understanding about both government and small business in

Maryland.

PRIORITIES: (1) Improving Maryland's business climate - reducing both tax and regulatory burdens on existing businesses on the shore and providing incentives for new business.

(2) Fiscal responsibility and transparency in government. (3) Assure access to health care for all citizens. Assure an adequate supply of health care providers as our Eastern Shore population ages in place. . . .

TRANSPORTATION: Transportation Trust Fund should provide for roads and bridges and not focus on mass transit or used for the General Fund. Funding for mid-Shore Projects - Dover Bridge and Route 404. Review local highway user revenues and determine with local jurisdictions how to restore, if so determined.

BUSINESS TAXES: Immediate repeal of the corporate tax increase and the sales tax increase would provide partial incentives for business and for millionaires to return to Maryland and open or expand business. Review implications of the unemployment issues and implications not only on private business but not-for-profits as well. . .

JEANNIE HADDAWAY

Web Site: www.votehaddaway.com
BACKGROUND: Delegate Jeannie Haddaway is a Talbot County native and has served in the Maryland House of Delegates since 2003. She has a bachelor's degree in Political Science from Salisbury University and has had work experience in the private, public and non-profit sectors. She is the owner of a graphic design company called Dragonfly Designs.

PRIORITIES: My four top priorities are the economy, education, the environment and the Eastern Shore. These four E's were my platform in the last campaign and have been my focus during my tenure in the Maryland House of Delegates.

TRANSPORTATION: I believe that building a new Dover bridge and completing the dualization of Route 404 are important projects for our district. I also believe that as a rural area, we face challenges in public transportation that need to be addressed.

BUSINESS TAXES: The current tax and regulatory environment in Maryland have made it difficult for small businesses to survive and flourish. I believe that we need to remain competitive with our neighboring states in order to attract and retain jobs.

County Offices

CAROLINE COUNTY OFFICES

CAROLINE COUNTY COMMISSION QUESTIONS

BACKGROUND: What educational and professional background and interest areas do you bring to the position of County Commissioner, and what would you most like to accomplish as a Commissioner?

COMMISSION STRUCTURE: What are your views on restructuring the Commission representation?

BUDGET: In an era of decreased public revenues, how would you prioritize spending and what services and infrastructure needs would you deem critical to fund?

Vote for no more than three.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

JAMES BROWN

BACKGROUND: Bowie State Graduate. Employed as a probation officer, Domestic Violence, Anger Management, and Drug Counselor for Latinos and adolescents. Served on the Democratic Central Committee for 24 years. This background provides a broader perspective on the needs of the people and to bring a more civil approach to government.

COMMISSION STRUCTURE: Have supported five commissioners in the 2002 and 2006 elections. Continue to endorse the concept and appli-

cation of five commissioners.

BUDGET: Priorities—Public safety—more deputies on the road per shift, increased support for EMTs and the fire departments. Change the emphasis from "Maintenance of Effort" to "Excellence of Effort" in public education..

MARTY GANGEMI

BACKGROUND: It is my opinion that I bring the best experience possible to the role of Commissioner. Not only did I grow up, attend Caroline County schools, 35 years an employee of Choptank Electric, and farmed. I will draw upon those experiences and those of my previous 4 years as Commissioner.

COMMISSION STRUCTURE: Frankly, the biggest

restructuring I propose is the elimination of political parties for commissioner candidates. We need people who will do the best for Caroline County. There should be no party considerations in county commissioner decisions.

BUDGET: I will prioritize the expenditures against anticipated revenues. My top priorities include education and economic development. We need to have quality education, but we also need a place for those educated folks to work right here in Caroline County so they can "Live here, work here and play here!"

TERENDA V. THOMAS

BACKGROUND: My background includes: Bachelor's degree in Business

Administration; 48 total master's degree credits in Public Administration and Human Resources Management; a trained mediator; and over 20 years human resources management experience. I want to contribute to building/maintaining a workforce equipped to appropriately meet the needs and challenges of the County.

COMMISSION STRUCTURE: I believe the current structure of three commissioners is problematic for two reasons: the impact absences could have on the conduct of business and the lack of geographically diverse representation. I would like to see an increase to five commissioners, with a combination of geographically specific and at-

large representation.

BUDGET: When developing the budget, the first priority would be those activities and items mandated by law and debt retirement; next would be areas involving public safety, education, county services, and health; and then other areas of interest. Infrastructure needs deemed critical are roads and bridges, solid waste management, and telecommunications.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

JOHN W. "JACK" COLE
BACKGROUND: 14 years service on the Commission, 12 as President. 30 years industrial sales experience. Operated my own distribution business in Caroline County for 7 years.

COMMISSION STRUCTURE: The current 3-member structure of the Commission works well and has always appeared to give balanced consideration to issues throughout the County. Expansion to a 5-member body has some advantages, but does not seem necessary at this time.

BUDGET: Public safety, public health and public education are the areas that the Commission must consider. Maintaining aid to fire companies and EMS service is critical, as is police protection for our citizens. Funding for our public schools must be maintained at a responsible level.

BOB FRIDAY

BACKGROUND: My educational background is in business. My professional background is much more extensive. I was in the financial industry for 30+ years, having managed a \$500 million region with 120+ employees. This gives me a great deal of experience working with multi-million dollar budgets, income/expenses, revenues, projections, etc., as well as personnel management. . . .

COMMISSION STRUCTURE: I have heard pros and cons on this issue. I believe honest, ongoing communication between the Commissioners and the towns around the County could remove the necessity to increase overhead with a governmental restructuring. For that to happen, it would take a board or at least one Commissioner with outstanding communication and facilitation skills. . . .

BUDGET: Without question, spending priorities would be public safety and well-being, i.e., police, fire, EMS, etc., and education. The government works for the citizens, therefore it is our responsibility to make certain the citizens are protected and can be responded to quickly in the event of an emergency. As for education, it is essential that we educate our children to the best of their ability. . . .

JEFF GHRIST

BACKGROUND: Jeff Ghrist is your conservative commissioner! Jeff is a graduate of NCHS and earned his B.A. in Economics from Salisbury University. Jeff's strong business management and economics background have served Caroline County well. Jeff

would like to continue to provide great public service while maintaining our strong financial standing.

COMMISSION STRUCTURE: Jeff strongly supports a 5 Commissioner board for many reasons, the most important being the elimination of a de facto partnership of 2 members dominating all decision making. Unfortunately, until revenues improve, Jeff is not prepared to make additional budget cuts or raise taxes to add more Commissioner seats.

BUDGET: Jeff Ghrist expects County revenues to continue to decline for several more years as property values continue to erode. Future spending must be capped. Tax rate increases should not be an option. Emergency services, education, infrastructure maintenance and economic development will be Jeff's priorities.

WILBUR LEVENGOOD, JR.
(NO RESPONSE)

LARRY C. PORTER

BACKGROUND: Graduated North Carolina High School 1970, AA Degree, Chesapeake College, further studies, Salisbury State University. President - Cabell Corporation, life member, Denton fire company, former Mayor and Commissioner of Denton, treasurer and member of the Caroline County Board of Library Trustees. My goal would be to operate the County as a business.

COMMISSION STRUCTURE: The goal of the County Commissioners should be to represent ALL citizens. I would support the retention of 3 Commissioners or the change to 5. Compensation for 3 Commissioners could be spread among 5, if that is the will of the people.

BUDGET: My priorities would be public safety, education, maintenance of roads and County structures. As a member of a Volunteer Fire Company for close to 30 years, I understand the importance of supporting our volunteers to make sure they have the proper funding to save OUR lives and property.

FRANK PRETTYMAN
(no response)

STATE'S ATTORNEY
Vote for one.

REPUBLICAN

JONATHAN G. NEWELL
(no response)

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

Vote for one.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

SAMUEL STERLING WOODS

BACKGROUND: A native of Wilmington, DE, Sam grew up in the tri-State area along the borders of Delaware, Pennsylvania and Maryland. Sam graduated from the University of Delaware in 2004 with a major in Criminal Justice and a minor in Sociology. He has worked with the Maryland State Police as a civilian crime technician since 2006. . . .

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

DALE MINNER

BACKGROUND: I was first elected Clerk of Court in 1982 and have served as President of the Maryland Circuit Court Clerk's Association. I have a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration and have worked to modernize many aspects of the Clerk's office including land records, computerized indexes and case management systems.

REGISTER OF WILLS

Vote for one.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

CHARLES O. DAVIS, JR.

BACKGROUND: Charlie Davis is seeking a 5th term as Register of Wills. Charlie has served on many probate committees and was Past President of the State Association. Prior, he was a County Commissioner and is a graduate of North Carolina High School, Goldey Beacom College, and the University of Baltimore.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

JIM PHELPS
(no response)

GENE A. ROBBINS

(no response)

JUDGE OF THE ORPHANS' COURT

Vote for no more than three.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

BEVERLY S. BLADES

BACKGROUND: Graduate Beacom Business College, major, Accounting. 42 years at Preston Trucking Co., Inc. in a number of capacities, including Director of Data Processing, retired February 1, 1991.

QUALIFICATIONS: I feel that I am experienced in probate law for the past 19 years and can benefit the people of Caroline County.

FORDIE BROWN

BACKGROUND: NCHS graduate, worked as a med-management supervisor for Preston Trucking Co. for 38 years and 10 years as Office Manager of a local excavating contractor. Born, raised and lived in Caroline County all my life. I am an honest, fair, and truthful person, who can apply common sense decision-making to most issues.

BEVERLY HIGNUTT

BACKGROUND: I have lived in Caroline County since I was 3 years old. I have worked in banking for the past 26 ½ years and recently retired from PNC Bank. I have attended Caroline High School. Have constantly attended classes on regulation, policy, product knowledge. Have worked as teller, head teller and assistant bank manager in Denton and Ridgley and retired as Financial Sales Consultant.

QUALIFICATIONS: I have always worked with the public providing customer service. I have worked with estate accounts. After all these years I will miss working with the public and I feel this would be an opportunity to still work with the public and my past job knowledge would be an asset in this position.

MARY LOU PARSONS

BACKGROUND: Caroline County resident since 1969. Parent of Wendy Palmer and Parker Parsons. B.S. in Economics, College of Notre Dame. Everngams retail and bookkeeper. 38 years State of Maryland: claims examiner,

child welfare case worker, counselor and supervisor, Juvenile Services. Girl Scouts, PTA, Caroline Mental Health Foundation, Human Service Council.

QUALIFICATIONS: Orphan's Court Judges are tasked with resolving issues that arise at probate. They follow Maryland law regarding estates and guardianships. For 30 years I have evaluated cases and formulated recommendations for the Circuit Court. I have extensive experience in mediation and would use this to prevent further litigation.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

FRANCIS A. CALLAHAN, JR.

BACKGROUND: Graduated Caroline High School, basic and advanced accounting courses IAS, computer, psychology and sociology courses at Chesapeake College, 18 purchasing courses through Choptank Electric and NAPM. Chief lineman, 17 years, purchasing agent 6 years. Board of Directors, 12th year current.

QUALIFICATIONS: Ethics Commission, current; Property Tax Appeals Board, 6 years; Solon Bennett Award, NAPM; USMC; Eagle Scout; WM Temple Lodge trustee, 16 years, umpire, LL, 28 years. Because of my understanding of the requirements and responsibilities of Judge of the Orphan's Court and my ability and available time to take the position.

ROBERT TAYLOR

BACKGROUND: 12 years experience as Judge of Orphan's Court, 8 years as Chief Judge. Member of Maryland Association of Judges of the Orphan's Court - attend regular seminars at State level. Graduate of Preston High School, retired field superintendent, Department of Natural Resources, State of Maryland. Veteran of the United States Coast Guard.

QUALIFICATIONS: My greatest qualification is the 12 years experience I have had of serving on the Orphan's Court. I have served with understanding, compassion and sensitivity and feel that I possess the knowledge and experience necessary to handle the job while continuing to serve the citizens of Caroline County.

SHERIFF
Vote for one.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

RANDY BOUNDS
WEB SITE:

www.randyboundsforsheriff.com
BACKGROUND: Former Maryland State Police Commander (Lieutenant) experienced in Administration, Budget Management, Criminal & Drug Investigations, Criminal Intelligence, Patrol Operations, Support Services, Crime Prevention, Community Policing, Crime Analysis, and Conflict Resolution. Managed investigators in 17 Maryland Counties including Caroline. Will lead a Sheriff's Office that is forward thinking, energetic, and committed.

RESOURCE ALLOCATION: Public safety must always take priority as the core mission of the Sheriff's Office. Resources will be strategically utilized as effectively and efficiently as possible. Administratively, roles, rules, policies and procedures will be evaluated for value and purpose. Operationally, talents will be matched with well thought out goals and objectives.

LAW ENFORCEMENT ISSUES: Law enforcement and the community it serves must be ever vigilant against the many challenges threatening our quality of life. Together, we must be proactive in our opposition to drug abuse, domestic violence, child abuse, underage alcohol consumption, school violence, and dangerous threats to public safety. For more, see [web site]....

THOMAS M. WALSH
(no response)

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

GEORGE BACORN
WEB SITE:

www.bacornforsheriff.com
BACKGROUND: 20 year law enforcement professional, all for the Town of Denton Police Department. Rose through the ranks to Deputy Chief of Police in 1999. Certified Law Enforcement Instructor. Increase quality of life issues within the county by reinforcing a true Community Policing philosophy while restructuring the

Agency to maximize effectiveness.

RESOURCE ALLOCATION: By restructuring the organization of the Agency resources could be redistributed to fulfill the Mission, which is making Caroline County a safer place to live. Through this reorganization we can maximize our current resources, within current budget restraints, while providing enhanced service to our citizens.

LAW ENFORCEMENT ISSUES: Drugs are the primary law enforcement issue within Caroline County, or region and the State. This is followed closely by quality of life issues, such as noise issues, loitering, etc. (adults and juveniles), which can, in most cases be directly related back to drugs as the root cause.

ROGER L. LAYTON

BACKGROUND: 35 yrs of active Law Enforcement and related L.E. Positions. 25 yrs Maryland State Police, Criminal, Traffic & Specialized Units. 6 yrs States Attorneys Office Case Reviewer and Extraditions ; Governor's Appointment to Criminal Justice Advisory Board; Board Member Maryland Association of Counties Legislative Comm.; County Commissioner 2 four yr terms; Planning Commission Brd. Member

RESOURCE ALLOCATION: Public Safety must remain the #1 Priority, especially during an economic downturn. As a County Commissioner I had to make the tough decisions to keep the priority services functioning. As such I will continue to deliver as much as possible even with reduced revenues.

LAW ENFORCEMENT ISSUES: In my opinion Law Enforcement Agencies in the region are facing a lot of the same problems. Operating with a skeleton force for manpower. Reduced budgets eliminating the ability to target hotspots. Keeping up with worn out equipment and just keeping officers on the street. Staying in touch with community as a lobbying force may help.

DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Vote for no more than six.

JAMES BROWN

BACKGROUND: Bowie State College graduate. Served on State Central Committee for six terms.

PATTY GREY

BACKGROUND: Masters degree-Education; Teacher for 28 years, retired 2000. Seeking membership on Caroline County Central Committee. I have been an active Democrat since retirement; CASA Board member six years; active in historical restoration. Member of Caroline County historical Society. Williston Community Church Treasurer.

NEIL LAMBERT

(no response received)

LISA N. MARTIN

(no response received)

JEAN OLIVA

(no response received)

BEATRIX D. "PADDY" RICHARDS

BACKGROUND: Masters degree, Education; teacher for 28 years, retired [in] 2000. Seeking membership on Caroline County Central Committee. I have been an active Democrat since retirement. CASA Board Member six years; active in historical restoration. Member of Caroline County Historical Society. Williston Community Church Treasurer.

JIM VOSS

BACKGROUND: Graduate of Western Maryland College (now McDaniel); owned and operated 500 acre farm in Caroline Co. for 35 years. Leadership roles in public administration with Federal and State farm programs for 28 years; member of Caroline County Democratic Central Committee for eight years.

REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Vote for no more than seven.

RONNIE CANNON

BACKGROUND: I am an alumni of Clarion University, with a B. S. in Finance. I am currently in the licensing process with a financial services firm and will be a full licensed Financial Representative in September. I am a conservative that believes in upholding the values of our Constitution.

BRYAN GADOW

(no response received)

RICHARD N. GARNER

(no response received)

PATRICIA A. PAPINEAU

BACKGROUND: I live and teach in Caroline County. I bring to this position knowledge of education in our community and state. Over the past 22 years, I've taught from elementary school to college. I have a deep sense of community, especially in relation to veterans' needs, interests, and affairs.

MATTHEW DAVID PROUD

BACKGROUND: I hope to bring new ideas and a new voice to the Republicans in Caroline County. I currently have the honor of working with the Republican Central Committee, as well as several campaigns and candidates. I hope to continue my work, but as an official member of the Central Committee.

JOANNE FUCHS SMITH

(no response received)

MATTHEW TEFFEAU

(no response received)

ROBERT WAYNE WILLOUGHBY

BACKGROUND: For the last three years, I have been able to serve as a member of the Caroline County Republican Central Committee, serving as Chair for the last year. I've had a lifelong interest in politics, serving as State Chair of the College Republicans in 2001, a Page....

DORCHESTER COUNTY OFFICES

COUNTY COUNCIL

QUESTIONS

BACKGROUND: What educational and professional background and interests prepared you for this office?

ENERGY NEEDS: How can Dorchester County most effectively address the energy needs of the County in an environmentally appropriate manner, incorporating alternative systems and conservation, while providing a greater degree of assurance the costs are balanced with benefits?

COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT 001

Vote for one.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

BETSY HUGHES

(WITHDRAWN)

JAY L. NEWCOMB

BACKGROUND: Born, raised and educated in Dorchester County. I am a life-time member of Church Creek Volunteer Fire Department and served 11 years as Chief. Having served 8 years on the Dorchester County Council, two of which I have served as Council President prove my dedication and proven leadership.

ENERGY NEEDS: I think the county would benefit with replacing the power plant in Vienna with a plant generating power from Green Energy.

PAM MILLS TRAVERS

BACKGROUND: I attended school in Dorchester County and graduated from SCDHS. I continued my education at Chesapeake College and became a CRT-1. I have served two terms (4 years) as Commissioner in the Town of Vienna and was recently re-elected to that position.

ENERGY NEEDS: We need to explore alternative energy sources such as wind turbines and solar power to decrease our need for oil and electric. By producing our own energy in this way the environment will be protected and by generating our own energy we will in the long run save money.

BILL WINDSOR

(No response)

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

GLENN LEVI BRAMBLE

(no response received)

GRADY WILSON

BACKGROUND: 13 years in the construction business; 10 years managing my rental property in Dorchester County. During this time I have worked with other businesses in the County to build homes for low-income residents in Cambridge, MD.

ENERGY NEEDS: This will take some time working with local residents in the community, non-for-profits, electric companies that service the area and the MAP project. The Council should work close with all to make sure that environmental matters are protected and make sure that all alternative systems are looked into . . .

COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT 002

Vote for one.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

LEOTHA N. HULL

(No response received)

WILLIAM NICHOLS

BACKGROUND: My sixteen years as a Councilperson has prepared me for this job. I've seen good and bad times. Knowledge of the budget is the most important thing you have to know to be an effective legislator. Lets face it, the citizens do not want their taxes raised.

ENERGY NEEDS: This is why we've the debate about the MAPP project. The citizens have spoken, they want their way of life and the beauty of the land preserved. No one is against generation of power, they want it done in a friendly way.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

- none

COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT 003

Vote for one.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

CHARLES "BUTCH"

HACHEMEISTER

(No response received)

BRUCE PATRICK McWILLIAMS

(No response received)

RICKY C. TRAVERS

BACKGROUND: Born (1956) and raised Cambridge. Graduated high school 1974. Worked entire life local family business-now co-own and manage. Active firefighter and held offices in Rescue Fire Company thirty year. Past president and board member Chamber of Commerce. Active member St. Paul's Methodist Church. Five years Dorchester County Councilman.

ENERGY NEEDS: Currently use geothermal systems in schools and we are reclaiming methane gases at landfill to eventually generate electricity. All lights in county office building will be replaced by energy efficient fixtures through grant money. Studying the placement of solar panels at landfill to generate power back to grid.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

(none)

COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT 004

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

CHARLOTTE J. HUGHES

BACKGROUND: Primary and Secondary Education; Dorchester County Public Schools. Baltimore City College advanced studies relating to Human Services. Baltimore School of Law - Legal Document Research, Legal Investigation, Legal Writing Paralegal and Mediator. Employed by the State of Maryland Department of Human Services (16 years) Child Support Supervisor - Family Services...

ENERGY NEEDS: Dorchester County must join in addressing the state's energy shortage by supporting renewable energy development and conservation by aggressively promoting environmentally friendly and affordable Green House development projects in areas not relating to historic preservation. Support farming by spearheading efforts that promote renewable fuels such as corn and soy bean based fuels.

**REPUBLICAN
CANDIDATES****CHARLES E. DAYTON, JR.**

BACKGROUND: I have always lived in Dorchester County. I attended Chesapeake College, majoring in Engineering Technology. I retired after 36 years with the State of MD. Working throughout Maryland, I spent 15 years exclusively in Dorchester County. I worked in public land management, the Waterfowl Program and as a Maintenance Engineer.

ENERGY NEEDS: Federal programs including the Energy Efficiency/Conservation Block Grant assists government in implementing strategies to reduce fossil fuel emissions, reduce total energy use, and improve energy efficiency in transportation, building, and other areas should be investigated. Local corporations including Delmarva Power also offer conservation incentives that could benefit Dorchester County government.

RICK PRICE

BACKGROUND: 1977 Bachelors Degree, Salisbury University. 1975 Associates Arts Degree, Chesapeake College. Former 911 dispatcher, City of Cambridge. 2 time past president of North Dorchester Jaycees. Served on Republican Central Committee. High degree of interest in public service.

ENERGY NEEDS: Assuming that the question refers to the County's consumption of power, lobbying for lowering rates through our legislators. Continue oversight of energy consumption within county facilities and fuel usage by county vehicles. Emphasis on research and evaluation of alternative energy sources, such as geothermal being used at two county schools.

DAVID YOCKEY

(No response received)

**COUNCILMANIC
DISTRICT 005**

Vote for one.

**DEMOCRATIC
CANDIDATES**

PAUL REGINALD

ASPLEN

BACKGROUND: My father, Reginald Asplen, sat on the state board of elections for 23 years and served on the Cambridge city council. He believed that government should be there to help and serve the people and that is one of the values that he instilled in me.

ENERGY NEEDS: I believe more research needs to be done to find alternative energy sources such as solar and wind power. I would look at long term savings and balance that with the cost. If a proposal is brought to the county, I will examine every angle to ensure cost effectiveness.

PHIL BRAMBLE

BACKGROUND: I have a BS in Business Administration, served as controller for a multi-million-dollar company, owned and operated a computer consulting firm, and am a member of the Dorchester County School Board. My education and work experience have given me the planning, communication, and budgetary skills necessary to do the job.

ENERGY NEEDS: It is not up to a county to set energy policy. I believe in conservation, because if the county government uses less energy we will spend less of the taxpayers' money, but I will not sacrifice local economic growth for the sake of an intangible environmental benefit.

GLORIA A. DOLAN

BACKGROUND: All aspects of my life including; wife, mother, concerned citizen, industrial manufacturer and Liquor Commissioner have provided real world understanding of problem solving to accomplish goals, getting true value for every dollar spent, the need for commitment, communication and flexibility and the importance of imperative, timely information for decision making.

ENERGY NEEDS: This complex issue demands expertise which several countries have already accomplished. Dorchester is rich in biomass. Its environmentally clean usage as an alternative energy source coupled with a completely new public mindset and distributed generating could completely change Dorchester's energy needs, benefit her farmers and fisherman while providing new

jobs.

JEROME JUNIOR HARRIS

BACKGROUND: Graduate, Mace's Lane High School, life-long resident of Dorchester County. State employee for 30+ years. I see a need for higher education for our next generation. I also have an interest in helping to establish programs to get youth off the streets.

ENERGY NEEDS: The energy needs of Dorchester County will be most effectively addressed by more efficient use of existing technologies as well as learning more about new technologies. We need to work towards apprising County residents of measures like recycling and more environmentally responsible use of resources such as gas and electricity.

LES HUTTON

BACKGROUND: Served the City of Cambridge for 31 years, the last ten as Deputy Chief of Police in which I was responsible for overseeing the 3.5 million dollar police budget and \$500,000 of Federal & State Grants. In 2003 I graduated from the FBI National Academy, receiving instruction on Management, Budget, Communications.

ENERGY NEEDS: Recapture landfill gas, continue requiring all new County Buildings have geothermal systems installed, and look into alternative fuels to run County vehicles. Requiring all County buildings to meet energy standards with reduced electricity and fuel usage.

ROBERT A. MURPHY

(No response received)

**REPUBLICAN
CANDIDATES****TOM ANDERSON**

BACKGROUND: High school education, 60 years of life experiences, 35 years employment with federal, state and local government and a life long interest in politics.

ENERGY NEEDS: We must explore alternative means of producing sources of energy such as wind and solar. Conservation is also key in protecting the environment and reducing cost. Investments in green technologies with building codes and practices in place. Encourage energy upgrades to

current buildings to reduce carbon footprint.

**THOMAS CRISFIELD
BRADSHAW**

BACKGROUND: My wife and I run a small country store and I am president of the Vienna Heritage Foundation. Both of these interests require working within their means. While there will always be "wants", in an economy like we are facing today, the "needs" are all that can be addressed.

ENERGY NEEDS: The County should be up on the latest in recycling programs. The capturing of methane gas from landfill facilities for electric generators should be used to the greatest degree possible. Also better utilize biofuels.

RON JAMES

BACKGROUND: Colonel Richardson H.S. B.A. degree, and 8 Years in the U. S. Navy. Worked 30 years in the aeronautical field managing multimillion dollar projects for a large aerospace industry in the area before I retired. Mayor of Galestown. I hold the office of State Chaplain for the VFW and have been the local leader of several fraternal organizations.

ENERGY NEEDS: Dorchester County can continue to issue permits for alternative energy generators (wind/solar/geothermal) for little to no costs to residents. Vienna power plant is going "Green" soon; Dorchester County encourage this process. Dorchester should apply for any federal energy programs available to local governments.

LES SIMERING

(No response received)

STATE'S ATTORNEY

Vote for one.

WILLIAM H. JONES (D)

(No response received)

**CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT
COURT**

Vote for one.

**DEMOCRATIC
CANDIDATES****ROBERT L. HANSON**

BACKGROUND: Assistant Regional Administrator for Parole/Probation, managing 170 employees and working on a

daily basis with the Circuit Court to coordinate supervision programs. 25 years Planning/Zoning provides experience and knowledge in processing land records. Dorchester native, Salisbury University graduate (BA and Masters), Cambridge commissioner. Interests- Church, family, veterans, sports. Visit www.rob-hanson.net.

**REPUBLICAN
CANDIDATES****AMY J. CRAIG**

BACKGROUND: Amy J. Craig has been employed by the Circuit Court as the Family Support Services Coordinator since 1998. She has been recognized by legal professionals and service agencies for exceptional service to those needing court related assistance. Ms. Craig has Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Social Work from Salisbury University.

ROBIN WOOTEN

(No response received)

REGISTER OF WILLS

(Vote for one)

DORIS KEENE LEWIS (D)

BACKGROUND: Graduate South Dorchester High School and Goldey Beacom College. Elected Register of Wills 1974 with several years law office experience. Have kept updated on laws pertaining to probate, trusts and estate administration which enables me to perform the duties of Register of Wills in a professional, compassionate and efficient manner.

DAVID A. ROTHWELL (R)

BACKGROUND: 12/26/60 Twelfth child of Robert J. and Florence L. Rothwell. Married father of two; Patricia 26, Nicholas 6. 27 yrs employment in communications industry at K&L Microwave. 169 credits between Essex, Wor-Wic & Sby. no degree. Non-credit Constitutional Study through Hillsdale College. Certified in World Class Manufacturing Techniques. Competent Toast Master. Toastmasters International. 7yrs Girls Softball Coach.

**JUDGE OF THE
ORPHANS' COURT****DISTRICT 001**

Vote for one.

**GEORGE ROBERT AMES,
JR. (D)**

BACKGROUND: 25 years legal experience. 16 years Dorchester Orphans' Court Judge. 9 years Dorchester Court Commissioner. High School Graduate - Vocational Agriculture. College - A.A. Degree Humanities / Social Science, A.A. Degree Law Enforcement, A.A. Degree Ministry, Bachelor's Degree Ministry, Credits Masters Degree Ministry.

DISTRICT 002

Vote for no more than two

**DEMOCRATIC
CANDIDATES****CAROLYN I. TODD**

BACKGROUND: Presently serving third term as Judge of Orphans' Court. Education includes graduate of South Dorchester High School; studies at Chesapeake College, Delaware Tech & Community College, Salisbury University, Washington College and Jefferson School of Commerce. Employed thirty years with University of Maryland Cooperative Extension and Dorchester Board of Education.

CALVIN TRAVERS

(No response received)

**REPUBLICAN CANDI-
DATES**

(none)

SHERIFF

Vote for one.

**DEMOCRATIC
CANDIDATES****HANSEL L. GREENE**

(No response received)

JAMES W. PHILLIPS, JR.

Background and qualifications: I have been employed at the Dorchester Sheriffs Office since 1977. I started at the bottom and worked my way up through the ranks. In 2002 the citizens of Dorchester County elected me Sheriff. I have attended numerous classes in an effort to stay current with today's requirements.

REPUBLICAN

CANDIDATES

(None)

**DEMOCRATIC PARTY
CENTRAL COMMITTEE
AT-LARGE CANDIDATES**

Vote for no more than two.

RICHARD BALL

Background and qualifications: I've benefited from experiences of three terms on this committee. I have worked on the By-laws and Fundraising subcommittees. I have served as committee Treasurer for more than two terms. I am familiar with the rules and campaign finance requirements of the Maryland State Board of Elections.

RANDY L. BRADFORD

(No response received)

**CHARLES "BUTCH"
HACHEMEISTER**

(No response received)

**COUNCILMANIC
DISTRICT 001**

NO CANDIDATES

**COUNCILMANIC
DISTRICT 002**

Vote for one.

JANICE J. LAKE

(No response received)

**COUNCILMANIC
DISTRICT 003**

Vote for one.

**TERRY DAYTON WHEAT-
LEY**

(No response received)

**COUNCILMANIC
DISTRICT 004**

NO CANDIDATES

**COUNCILMANIC
DISTRICT 005****CHERYL EVERMAN**

(No response received)

**REPUBLICAN CENTRAL
COMMITTEE**

Vote for no more than seven.

ASHLEY CORBETT

(No response received)

THOMAS J. CORBETT

Background and qualifications: I received my bachelor's degree in Social Work from Salisbury University in 1993 and have lived on the Eastern Shore since 1989. I currently work as a Licensed Social Work Associate serving individuals with developmental disabilities. I have been married for 12 years, live and work in Secretary Maryland...

JOHN McCULLOUGH, JR.

(No response received)

DICK NEWCOMB

(No response received)

LES SIMERING

(No response received)

**TALBOT COUNTY
OFFICES****TALBOT COUNTY COUN-
CIL****QUESTIONS FOR CANDI-
DATES**

BACKGROUND: What educational and professional background and interests prepared you for this office?

ENERGY NEEDS: How can Talbot County most effectively address the energy needs of the County in an appropriate manner, and at the same time incorporate alternative energy options and encourage energy conservation?

Vote for no more than five.

**DEMOCRATIC
CANDIDATES****PETER L. COUNCELL**

BACKGROUND: Easton High School graduate, major courses include vocational agriculture. Self-employed farmer, 1951 – present. Worked with Maryland Department of Agriculture and Talbot County Johnsongrass control, and as a conservation specialist. William Hill Manor bus driver. Former member, Talbot County Planning and Zoning Commission; past vice-president, Talbot County Farm Bureau, charter member, Talbot County Ruritans.

ENERGY NEEDS: I feel we can use wind power for energy.

THOMAS G. DUNCAN

BACKGROUND: Born in Talbot County and graduated Easton HS and Loyola College of Baltimore. Since retiring from the MD State Police, elected to Talbot County Council four times between 1986-2006 – with tenure interrupted by serving as Sheriff, 1993-2002. Well acquainted with major issues confronting the County in the future.

ENERGY NEEDS: Set the example by encouraging County agencies to be as energy efficient as possible with such measures as raising thermostats in summer and lowering them in winter, turning off unnecessary lights, reducing paper use, more efficient County vehicles and using vans or smaller school busses when appropriate.

PHILIP CAREY FOSTER

BACKGROUND: Experienced County Councilman—President (3) VP (3); Education—Easton High, Wooster College, Vanderbilt Law School; Attorney, Interior Department; Assistant, Deputy and State's Attorney for Talbot County; Member, Maryland House of Delegates; Former President, Talbot Bar Association and Talbot Soccer League; Youth Coach (27 years); active in many community organizations.

ENERGY NEEDS: I support energy sources that reduce costs and protect the environment - geothermal, green roofs, county windmill project, solar panels, turning off unused air conditioning, etc. I do have concerns with the plan to dig a power line trench up the Choptank River without knowing its effect on marine life.

**LEVIN "BUDDY" F. HAR-
RISON IV**

(no response)

KEASHA N. HAYTHE

(no response)

HARRY RIECK III

BACKGROUND: I was born in Easton; raised on a farm on the mid-Shore; and educated in public schools. I am a small business man and attorney. I have served in leadership positions and on the Board of Education. My background uniquely qualifies me to make smart, tough decisions required of this Council.

ENERGY NEEDS: County government should exhibit leadership in energy conservation; state and federal government have responsibility for broad energy policy. Talbot County's school system has saved significant money recently with its conservation efforts. County government should follow that lead. Proven alternative energy concepts should be adopted.

HILARY SPENCE

BACKGROUND: Following my interest and experience in community affairs, I was elected to the Talbot County Council in 1998 and again in 2002 and served as president of the Council for two years. I have a B.S. degree in health administration and a M.Ed. in educational management.

ENERGY NEEDS: Talbot

County can implement energy conservation measures in all of its buildings, use bio-fuels to power its vehicles and insure that construction of new public buildings follow "green" guidelines. In addition, the county can pursue a county-wide, curbside recycling program to encourage residents to recycle.

**REPUBLICAN
CANDIDATES****DIRCK BARTLETT**

BACKGROUND: I have a political science degree from Denison University including internships with elected officials here and when I studied abroad in England. I have always been keenly interested in international, national, and local politics and land use issues. My career in the construction business has also helped me better understand

ENERGY NEEDS: We should transition our fleet of vehicles into alternative energy vehicles. We are adding a county wind turbine and solar panels into our Klondike Road facility and have incorporated a green roof on our new Senior Center. Our St. Michaels High School renovation included geothermal heating and cooling. Every opportunity....

ANDREW HOLLIS

BACKGROUND: Eleven years as Talbot County Manager, eight years as St. Michaels Town Manager. Also served four years as the County's Assistant Planning Officer, past member of the County Planning Commission, the County Housing Advisory Board and the County Public Schools Ethics Panel. Bachelors Degree in Urban Studies, concentration in Planning.

ENERGY NEEDS: The County should continue efforts towards developing demonstration projects such as the wind turbine project, strongly encourage geothermal and solar energy systems county wide and privately, and monitor the impact and success of these systems. The County Engineer should be encouraged to continue to pursue alternative energy options.

COREY W. PACK

BACKGROUND: I am a graduate of the University of Delaware, with a degree in

Criminal Justice. I have been employed by the State [of] Maryland for over 15 years and last 8 as a supervisor for the Department of Parole and Probation. I am the former President of the Talbot Partnership Advisory Board....

ENERGY NEEDS: As Talbot County does not produce its own energy, we are faced with the task of controlling our usage as we have little control over the market price. While nationally less than 7% of our energy is in the form of renewable fuels, the county should continue the process of implementing....

LAURA E. PRICE

BACKGROUND: As a small business owner in Talbot County, I know what it takes to run a successful business. I will bring to that knowledge, ability and dedication when administering the county budget. As wife and mother, I understand how to set priorities. I recognize what's most important in our children's education.

ENERGY NEEDS: I would be in favor of looking at all alternative energy sources and supporting those that can produce energy for the masses. At the same time, I strongly support maintaining and improving our existing sources of energy, which have proven for decades that they can provide low cost energy.

CATHY WATTS

BACKGROUND: Professional background working for the United States Congress, Connecticut Board of Parole, Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs and the Maryland Republican Party. Roles included development of legislation, victim services, outreach and advocacy with veterans, political campaigns at many levels and leadership positions in educational and community organizations.

ENERGY NEEDS: Talbot County has initiated energy from biomass projects in the Department of Public Works and has approved a pilot program of solar panels and wind turbines. Such programs need to be carefully monitored and cost-benefit studies done to determine impact and appropriate applications of alternative technologies.

STATE'S ATTORNEY

Vote for one.

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**DEMOCRATIC
CANDIDATES****SCOTT G. PATTERSON**
(no response)**CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT
COURT**

Vote for one.

**QUESTION FOR CANDI-
DATES**

What educational and professional background and interest areas do you bring to this position?

**DEMOCRATIC
CANDIDATES****MARY ANN SHORTALL**

Incumbent Clerk of the Circuit Court since 1985, 25 years administrative experience in managing the Clerk's office, generating an annual revenue of \$8.7 million. Responsible for expenditures and procurement. Experience in working in every department of the Clerk's office, including land records, liens, business licensing, notary, child support, criminal . . .

**REPUBLICAN
CANDIDATES****MARY K. BARTHOLOMY**

Having been involved with the Court/legal system for a number of years, I possess the knowledge and skills to move files and pleadings efficiently. I have worked in the Clerk's office in the past, understand how the office works and would bring a sense of camaraderie to the office.

**JENNIFER LEIGH
WILLIAMS**

My legal education, combined with 20 years practicing law on the Shore, provides an unequaled knowledge of the legal side of this office. My management and customer service training and experience will allow me to effectively and efficiently oversee operations of the office while focusing on service to the public.

REGISTER OF WILLS

Vote for one.

**QUESTION FOR CANDI-
DATES**

What educational and professional background and interest areas do you bring to this posi-

tion?

**DEMOCRATIC
CANDIDATE****ALICE W. ANDERSON**

With over 40 years experience and a proven record of dedicated public service in this specialized field, I am uniquely qualified to serve as Register of Wills. I am committed to using modern technology together with personal, compassionate assistance, to carry on my tradition of courteous, professional, efficient service to the citizens of Talbot County.

**JUDGE OF THE
ORPHAN'S COURT**

Vote for no more than three.

**QUESTIONS FOR CANDI-
DATES****BACKGROUND:** What is your educational and employment background?**QUALIFICATIONS:** What are your strongest qualifications for this position and why should voters choose you?**DEMOCRATIC
CANDIDATE****RONALD L. FRAMPTON****BACKGROUND:** Juris Doctorate (Law), Master of Arts, Bachelor of Arts; Magistrate (criminal/traffic court); Chairman - Property Tax Assessment Board; Legal Officer - Judge Advocate Corps.**QUALIFICATIONS:** Law school-educated, 25 years of legal experience including judicial and quasi-judicial; Federal veterans/administrative practice; chief negotiator for FAA. I will always render decisions according to law.**REPUBLICAN
CANDIDATES****CARVILLE DON DUNCAN****BACKGROUND:** For the past 4 years I have been an Associate Judge on the Talbot County Orphan's Court. Prior to that I was, for 15 years, President and CEO of Health Management and Consulting, LLC. Prior to that I was senior vice-president for a national health care company and very involved in many local community organizations.**QUALIFICATIONS:** Currently Judge of Orphan's Court, member of Conference

Committee appointed by Chief Judge Robert Bell of the State of Maryland. Member, Board of Directors, Maryland Association of Judges of the Orphan's Court, and member of the Bench/Bar Committee for the Maryland Judiciary. TBD

WILLIAM J. HOWARD

(no response)

GUGY IRVING**BACKGROUND:** Graduate of The Country School, Christchurch Episcopal School, Hobart College (BS), Central Michigan University (MA), George Mason University (JD). I am a retired USAF Lieutenant Colonel. I was a squadron commander the last 3 years of a 20-year career.**QUALIFICATIONS:** I attended an accredited law school and I have court room experience representing mostly indigent clients. I am admitted to the U.S. District Court for Maryland and the District of Columbia, and the District of Columbia Court of Appeals.**DONALD E. JAMES****BACKGROUND:** BS Degree, University of Maryland, College Park; Juris Doctorate in Law - University of Baltimore, 37 years in construction industry handling sub contract agreements, retiring as V.P. for eastern United States.**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am completing my 12th year on the court, serving as Chief Judge for the last 8 years. At the conclusion of adversarial hearings before the Court, a panel of 3 judges, I write all the opinions defining the reasoning behind the Court's decision - more than 75 to date.**SHERIFF****QUESTIONS FOR CANDI-
DATES****BACKGROUND:** What educational and professional background and interest areas do you bring to the position of Sheriff, and what would you most like to accomplish as Sheriff?**RESOURCE PRIORITIES:** In a climate of reduced public revenues, how would you prioritize resources?

Vote for one.

**DEMOCRATIC
CANDIDATES****CHARLES "ANDY" LARRI-
MORE****BACKGROUND:** Being a former Marine and current police officer, I have attended schools and courses pertaining to leadership, investigation, domestic violence, drug interdiction and others. As Sheriff, I'd like to establish an office that is proactive, community oriented and is known for its professionalism, respectfulness and integrity.**RESOURCE PRIORITIES:** Resources would be prioritized based on the safety and needs of the community. Establishing good communication and working relationships with other agencies would prevent work and resources from being duplicated. This would save revenues and result in a more effective style of policing throughout the community.**REPUBLICAN
CANDIDATES****DALLAS G. POPE****BACKGROUND:** My proven record of police command experience is key. Maryland State Police Major, 25 years. Command/leadership - Internal Affairs, Criminal Investigation, Drug Investigation, Homicide Investigation, Barrack Command and Regional Command of five Barracks. Your Sheriff for 8 years. BS Degree in Business Administration - University of Maryland; 2 Associate Degrees, Chesapeake College, USAF.**RESOURCE PRIORITIES:** We have, and continue to be fiscally responsible. We act on need-driven resource and are cognizant of scarce tax dollar revenues. Over the past two budgets we are operating with total funding at 10% less than the fiscal year 2008 budget - and are still meeting public expectations and public safety needs.**MARCUS TRISE****BACKGROUND:** BS in Science, Towson University; Associate's Degree, Ann Arundel Community College; Northwestern University School of Police and Staff Command. Employed by City of Annapolis Police Department, 7 years; Denton Police Department, 2 years; currently Chief of Police in Preston. Focus on cohesion

within the Sheriff's Department and allied agencies in Talbot and surrounding counties. Communication and information-sharing. . .

RESOURCE PRIORITIES: Resource allocation is a hot topic for all municipalities, counties and state agencies in a time of decreased revenues and growing budgets.**DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL
COMMITTEE**

Vote for no more than six.

ROGER BURT

(no response)

ALLISON D. DUNGAN**BACKGROUND:** I am a life-long resident of Talbot County with a degree from Randolph Macon College in environmental studies and political science. I have volunteered for the Virginia LCV, the US EPA, local youth soccer, and the Talbot Partnership. My work experience includes serving as a county planner and a science communicator.**RYAN EDWARD EWING**

(no response)

ERIC M. LOWERY

(no response)

BLAIR BURNS POTTER**BACKGROUND:** Many years of editing non-partisan public policy research have given me insight into social and economic issues surrounding health care, families, housing, justice, and immigration. I am a member of the Talbot County Democratic Forum Board, Central Committee, Affordable Housing Commission, Equality Maryland, and co-chaired Talbot County's Obama campaign.**MAUREEN SCOTT-TAY-
LOR**

(no response)

CARL WIDELL

(no response)

**REPUBLICAN CENTRAL
COMMITTEE**

Vote for no more than nine.

**MICHAEL RICHARD
ANDERSON**

(no response)

SUSIE HAYWARD

(no response)

TONI JENNINGS**BACKGROUND:** Toni Jennings moved to Talbot County in 2001. Toni has a deep appreciation of Talbot's rural character and wants to preserve its charm and wholesomeness for her grandchildren and future residents. Toni is very active in Church, Family, and local politics.**GARY JUDY****BACKGROUND:** B.S. Degree, University of Indianapolis; M.S. Degree, Indiana University. A life long Republican who firmly believes that the Republican Party is the best vehicle for our local, state and national governments to truly protect our individual freedoms, values and strengths. Have worked on many Republican campaigns over the years.**TIM KAGAN**

(no response)

DENISE LOVELADY

(no response)

NICHOLAS A. PANUZIO**BACKGROUND:** Undergraduate and graduate work at University of Bridgeport; two honorary degrees. Educator, University of Bridgeport for 15 years; Connecticut State Representative; served two terms as Mayor of Bridgeport; appointed U. S. Commissioner of Public Building by President Ford. Partner, Panuzio and Giordano Public Affairs.**JOE SECRIST****BACKGROUND:** Resident of Talbot since the age of 4 (Cordova and Longwood), semi-retired. Graduate of Easton High School and Chesapeake College. Taught courses at all County fire departments. Chairman of Talbot Electrical Board; former member of Talbot Board of Election Supervisors. Deacon at Shore Harvest Presbyterian Church; member, Talbot Village Board.**JENNIFER VALDEZ-
GOMEZ**

(no response)