



## League of Women Voters 2008 General Election Voters' Guide for Prince George's County

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**POLLS are OPEN 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. POLLING PLACES are usually less crowded between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. List of polling places provided below.**

1. **INTRODUCTION:** The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan organization of men and women working to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in government. Its Maryland office is located at 106-B South Street, Annapolis MD 21401. The League does not support or oppose any candidate or political party. Materials from this Guide may not be reproduced in whole or in part without the permission of the League. The League assumes no responsibility for errors or omissions. This Voters Guide, prepared by the League of Women Voters, includes only the names of the candidates on the official ballot certified by state and local officials. Some candidates may have withdrawn since the material was compiled, and not every candidate listed in the guide will appear on every ballot.
2. **Please note:** The candidates' answers in the Voters Guide appear as submitted. If answers exceeded the specified word limitation, the additional words were cut from the end of the candidate's statement. In keeping with League of Women Voters policy, this material is as presented by the candidates. Thus, some misspellings and typing errors may appear. Thanks to all candidates who replied to the League of Women Voters questionnaires.
3. **FACTS FOR GENERAL ELECTION VOTERS:** You may check off your choices of candidates and responses to ballot questions on this Voters Guide – see "Voters' Check List" on a later page - and take it into the polling place with you. Sample ballots will be posted at polling places.
4. **ABSENTEE VOTING:** Any registered voter may apply for an absentee ballot by requesting an Absentee Ballot Application using the local Board of Elections website listed below or [www.elections.state.md.us/pdf/2008\\_Absentee\\_Ballot\\_Application.pdf](http://www.elections.state.md.us/pdf/2008_Absentee_Ballot_Application.pdf). The request for the absentee ballot must be received by 4:30 p.m. on October 28, 2008 if the request is mailed. If faxed, the application is due by 11:59 p.m. on October 28, 2008. Return the completed, signed application. An absentee ballot will be mailed to your designated address. The completed absentee ballot must be mailed on or before November 4, 2008 bearing a postmark verifying that fact. The ballot also may be delivered in person to the local Board of Elections office by 8 p.m. on November 4, 2008. To vote absentee, the voter must affirm that he/she "will be absent or unable to vote in person in the election."
5. **LATE APPLICATION FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT:** After the October 28, 2008 deadline, a Late Application for Absentee Ballot must be completed in person at the Board of Elections office, 16201 Trade Zone Avenue, Suite 108, Upper Marlboro MD 20774, [www.co.pg.md.us/elections](http://www.co.pg.md.us/elections), telephone 301-430-8020, fax 301-430-8080, [election@co.pg.md.us](mailto:election@co.pg.md.us)
6. **A PROVISIONAL BALLOT** must be issued to a voter if the voter's name is not on the polling place register; if the voter moved from the address listed on the polling place register more than 21 days before the General Election; if the voter is required to show identification and does not have it; if the register indicates that the voter was issued an absentee ballot or has already voted. The determination as to whether to count the ballot is made after Election Day.

### **CALENDAR – GENERAL ELECTION 2008**

- Oct. 14: Last day to register before General Election - 4:30 p.m. by mail; 11:59 p.m. by fax
- Oct. 28: Deadline for receipt of absentee voting application - 4:30 p.m. by mail; 11:59 p.m. by fax
- Nov. 4: General Election 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Nov. 17: Voter registration reopens

### **PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES**

#### **About the Office**

**SALARY:** \$400,000 per year **TERM:** Four years. Limit of two terms.

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

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

#### **The Electoral College**

The selection of the President and Vice President of the United States is more complicated than simply counting up the number of votes that each candidate receives on Election Day. When the United States Constitution was written, the country's founders created an institution called the "Electoral College". Part of the goal of establishing such an institution was to give power to the less populous states and to insure that candidates for President and Vice President had sufficient distribution of support from all areas of the nation to govern.

Each state is allocated one elector for every representative that they have in Congress. In Maryland, we have two Senators and eight members of the House of Representatives so we have 10 electors in the Electoral College. The smallest states have two senators and one member in the House so they have only 3 electors. Even though the District of Columbia has no members in Congress they were given the right to have electors following the ratification of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Amendment in 1961. California, the most populous state, has 55 electors. No member of Congress may be an elector.

In the beginning, the Electoral College had considerable power in making an independent choice among the candidates for President and Vice President. At one time, their names appeared on the ballot during a Presidential election. Now, only the names of the candidates appear. However, voters are actually casting ballots for electors who are pledged to the ticket they just voted for. The candidate with the highest number of votes in each state will be represented by electors who will all cast their vote for the winning candidate. The exceptions to this "winner take all" practice are the states of Maine and Nebraska. In those states, the winner of the statewide vote gets 2 electoral votes (equal to the number of senators from the state) and the candidate with the highest popular vote in each Congressional District receives the one electoral vote that is allocated for that district.

On the Monday after the second Wednesday in December, all of the electors chosen as a result of the General Election in November meet in their respective state capitals to cast two ballots – one for President and one for Vice President. The Electoral College includes 538 electors (one for every member in Congress plus 3 from the District of Columbia). In order to be elected, the candidates must receive 270 electoral votes. If no candidate for President receives that many votes, the House of Representatives picks the winner from the top three vote getters. Each state receives only one vote, regardless of its size. The Senate chooses the Vice President if no candidate receives 270 votes. Senators cast their votes as individuals, not as states.

**Questions asked candidates for President:**

The League of Women Voters of the United States posed questions to the candidates for President in accordance with the following criteria:

- All qualified presidential candidates were invited to provide biographical information and responses to five issue specific questions. Candidates were qualified if they met the following criteria: 1) the candidate must have made a public announcement of her/his intention to run for President; 2) the candidate must qualify for the ballot in enough states to win a majority of electoral votes; and 3) the candidate must meet the Presidential Election Campaign Fund Act's minimum contribution threshold requirements for qualifying for matching funds, based on the most recent data publicly available on the FEC Web site as of August 8, 2008.
- Responses were limited to 50 words and truncated after the 50th word.
- Additional information on presidential candidates is available on the League's voter information Web site, [www.VOTE411.org](http://www.VOTE411.org).

In Maryland Write-in candidates are allowed to file, after spending \$50.00 in pursuit of the office, until seven days prior to the election. If they file as write-ins, their names will be posted in each polling place on Election Day and votes for them will be counted. Their names will NOT be on any ballots.

**BIOGRAPHY:**

**GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE:** What, if anything, do you believe the federal government should do to control global climate change?

**COST OF HEALTH CARE:** What should be done at the federal level, if anything, to combat the high cost of health care?

**ECONOMIC DISPARITY:** What, if anything, should the federal government do about the growing economic disparity between the middleclass and the well-to-do?

**EDUCATION:** What, if anything, should the federal government do to create the world's best educational system for all children in America?

**U.S. STRATEGY – RISING GLOBAL POWERS:** What should the U.S. strategy be towards rising global powers like Russia and China?

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*Vote for One:*

**Barack Obama** (Illinois) -- **Joe Biden** (Delaware) **Party:** Democratic **Website:** [www.barackobama.com](http://www.barackobama.com)

**BIOGRAPHY:** Obama began his career as a community organizer on Chicago's South Side and headed a voter registration drive. Obama practiced civil rights law and taught constitutional law. He served eight years in the State Senate before his election to the U.S. Senate. He graduated from Columbia University and Harvard Law.

**GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE:** I believe the federal government should pursue multiple paths to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and address the threat of global climate change, including implementing aggressive cap and trade requirements to reduce U.S. emissions by 80% from 1990 levels and investing heavily in clean energy and advanced vehicle technologies.

**COST OF HEALTH CARE:** My healthcare plan will make aggressive investments in cost-cutting technologies and will place more focus on prevention and chronic care management. The net result will be to bring down the costs of healthcare spending by \$2,500 for a typical family, annually, and lower the expense of Medicare's services.

**ECONOMIC DISPARITY:** I will cut taxes for the middle class and roll back some of the Bush tax cuts for those making over \$250,000 to restore fairness to the tax code. I will make long term public investments in R&D, clean energy, infrastructure, and manufacturing to create millions of good-paying jobs.

**EDUCATION:** I will strengthen public schools by expanding early childhood education, reforming and funding No Child Left Behind, recruiting and rewarding high-quality teachers, and expanding afterschool and summer learning opportunities. I will create a \$4,000 American Opportunity Tax Credit and expand financial aid to make higher education affordable for all.

**U.S. STRATEGY – RISING GLOBAL POWERS:** We must enhance our abilities both to collaborate and compete with China, while being vigilant about China's military modernization and respect for human rights. As we seek a future of clear-eyed engagement with Russia, we must ensure Russia acts as a force for progress, not regression to past conflicts.

**John McCain** (Arizona) -- **Sarah Palin** (Alaska) **Party:** Republican **Website:** [www.johnmccain.com](http://www.johnmccain.com)

**BIOGRAPHY:** John McCain graduated from the Naval Academy and served for 22 years as a naval aviator. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1982 and the Senate in 1986. He has served as chairman of the Commerce Committee and ranking member of the Armed Services Committee.

**GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE:** I support developing a cap-and-trade system to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 60% by 2050, providing tax credits for alternative energy, promoting zero-carbon nuclear power, reducing the federal government's carbon footprint, funding research into clean-coal technology, and offering incentives for America's automobile industry to develop electric cars.

**COST OF HEALTH CARE:** Under my plan, American families will receive \$5,000 tax credits to purchase insurance, either through employers or the private market—insurance that can follow them if they change jobs or leave the workforce. I will work for reforms to lower costs and provide coverage to Americans with pre-existing conditions.

**ECONOMIC DISPARITY:** We must spur growth, create jobs, improve educational attainment, and enhance financial security. My plan will keep income and payroll taxes low, reduce the price of gas, double the dependent exemption, bring down health-care costs, give deserving homeowners new fixed mortgages, slash our high business taxes, and expand trade.

**EDUCATION:** Our education system must focus on standards, accountability, and choice. My plan calls for recruiting highly qualified teachers in the neediest communities, empowering parents to choose the best schools for their children, expanding online educational opportunities, providing low-income families with access to tutors, and funding professional development for teachers.

**U.S. STRATEGY – RISING GLOBAL POWERS:** As President, I will work to establish good relations with other nations. At the same time, I will stand up for democratic values and human rights, and I will oppose aggression and international lawlessness that threaten our security.

**Cynthia McKinney** (California) -- **Rosa Clemente** (North Carolina) **Party:** Green **Website:** [www.mckinney2008.com](http://www.mckinney2008.com) Did not meet LWVUS/EF criteria stated above.

**Bob Barr** (Georgia) -- **Wayne A. Root** (Nevada) **Party:** Libertarian **Website:** [www.bobbarr2008.com](http://www.bobbarr2008.com) Did not meet LWVUS/EF criteria stated above.

**Ralph Nader** (Connecticut) -- **Matt Gonzalez** (California) **Party:** Independent **Website:** [www.votener.org](http://www.votener.org)

**BIOGRAPHY:** Attorney, author, and consumer advocate, named by Time Magazine one of the "100 Most Influential Americans in the 20th Century." Over 4 decades of public service. Helped establish the OSHA, EPA, Consumer Product Safety Commission, the Safe Drinking Water Act, Motor Vehicle Safety Act, and Freedom of Information Act.

**GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE:** The government should stop subsidizing fossil fuels: oil, electric and coal mining interests. Invest in renewable energy that is efficient, sustainable, and environmentally friendly: wind and solar power. Encourage more efficient automobiles, homes and businesses. Ratify the Kyoto Protocol. Create an independent Oceanic Protection Agency. Adopt a carbon pollution tax.

**COST OF HEALTH CARE:** Adopt a private delivery, free choice of hospital and doctor, single payer public health insurance system. This would save \$350 billion annually by eliminating exorbitant executive pay, advertising, computerized billing fraud and abuse, and apply those savings to comprehensively cover everyone without increasing taxpayer costs. Lower costs through bulk purchasing.

**ECONOMIC DISPARITY:** Unfair legislation allows the middle class to suffer while the rich entrench their status. To correct this we should enact a living \$10 wage, adopt a fair tax, and provide equal pay for women. We must end corporate subsidies and bailouts. Repeal NAFTA and the anti-union Taft/Hartley Law.

**EDUCATION:** Increase civic education and decrease standardized testing. Repeal "No Child Left Behind" Act. Do not tie test performance to school funding. Provide full funding for pre-school and nutrition programs. Get product marketing out of the schools. Ensure that the nation's crumbling schools are repaired within 3 years.

**U.S. STRATEGY – RISING GLOBAL POWERS:** The US should be a humanitarian superpower. Our foreign policy must redefine global security, peace, arms control, an end to nuclear weapons and expand the many assets of our country to assist with major initiatives against global infectious diseases. Stop support of foreign dictators. Human rights come before trade, profit.

**Chuck Baldwin** (Florida) -- **Darrell L. Castle** (Tennessee) **Party:** Constitution **Website:** [www.baldwin08.com](http://www.baldwin08.com) Did not meet LWVUS/EF criteria stated above.

**WRITE-IN CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT WHO HAVE FILED IN MARYLAND:**

**Blaine Taylor** (Maryland) Party: Democratic  
**Theodis (Ted) Brown, Sr.** (Missouri) Party: Independent  
**Ronald G. Hobbs** (Pennsylvania) Party: Independent  
**Lynne A. Starr** (Florida) Party: Independent  
**Keith Russell Judd** (Texas) Party: Non-Partisan

**Lawson Mitchell Bone** (Tennessee) Party: Independent  
**RaeDeen R. Heupel** (Montana) Party: Independent Website: [www.raedeen.com/](http://www.raedeen.com/)  
**Frank Moore** (California) Party: Independent Website: [www.frankmooreforpresident08.com](http://www.frankmooreforpresident08.com)  
**James D. Criveau** (Virginia) Party: Non-Partisan  
**Donald K. Allen** (Ohio) Party: Unaffiliated Website: [www.donaldkallenforpresident.com](http://www.donaldkallenforpresident.com)

**CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES**

**About the U.S. House of Representatives:**

**SALARY:** \$169,300 per year. **TERM:** Two years, no term limit.

**HOW ELECTED:** The United States is divided into 435 Congressional Districts that are reapportioned after every decennial census. All seats in the House of Representatives are up for election in every even-numbered year.

**DUTIES:** Representatives share responsibility with Senators for enactment of the nation's laws as provided for in the U.S. Constitution.

Some of Prince George's County is in Maryland's 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional district, another part of Prince George's County is in Maryland's 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional district, while still another part of Prince George's County is in Maryland's 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional district. Each voter is in one Congressional district only and is represented by only one member of the US House of Representatives. To determine which is your Congressional district, look at the list of polling places and select the polling place at which you are supposed to vote. After the address of the polling place is shown 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup>, indicating the Congressional district for voters who use that polling place. Another way to determine your Congressional district is to go to [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov), the website of the US House of Representatives, and put in your zip code. It will show the name of your current US Representative and the number of your Congressional district.

**Questions asked candidates for Representative in Congress:**

**BACKGROUND:** What are your qualifications for this office? **IMMIGRATION:** What changes, if any, do you support in regard to immigration policy? **CLIMATE CHANGE:** Describe Federal legislation you would support to address global climate changes. **ECONOMY:** Identify a major challenge to the U.S. economy and how Congress should address it. **EDUCATION:** What are your views on the No Child Left Behind legislation? **HEALTH CARE:** What plans need to be put into place to meet the country's health care needs? **NATIONAL SECURITY:** Identify a national security issue and how Congress should address it.

*Vote for no more than one candidate.*

**REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS – DISTRICT 4** (If you live in this district, vote for no more than one candidate)

**Donna Edwards** Party: Democratic Website: [www.donnaedwardsforcongress.com](http://www.donnaedwardsforcongress.com)

**BACKGROUND:** I graduated from Wake Forest University (B.A., 1980) and Franklin Pierce Law Center (J.D., 1989). I founded the National Network to End Domestic Violence and as Executive Director I led the fight to pass the Violence Against Women Act. I have served in the House of Representatives since June 2008.

**IMMIGRATION:** I support a tough, fair, and practical policy that moves undocumented immigrants toward citizenship, strengthens border security, and ensures that employers are accountable and workers are not exploited. I support fair trade policies to protect U.S. jobs, provide fair wages, guarantee workplace safety, and comply with international human rights laws.

**CLIMATE CHANGE:** I support long-term investments and incentives for clean, renewable energy and mass public transportation to provide real solutions to protect the environment for future generations. We must reduce our dependence on fossil fuels and end subsidies of polluting industries. Transitioning to a greener economy means good jobs and good business.

**ECONOMY:** As the mortgage crisis worsens and energy prices maintain record levels, the next financial crisis may be related to credit, as people struggle make ends meet. U.S. consumers already own nearly \$1 trillion in credit card debt. I support new, aggressive credit card regulations aimed to help protect consumers.

**EDUCATION:** While the law itself is not perfect, the goals of NCLB can still be achieved if corrective action is taken immediately. I support revising measures of adequate yearly progress for schools, measure student growth more individually, increase the number of highly qualified teachers, and provide full funding for these initiatives.

**HEALTH CARE:** I support long-term solutions that will provide affordable, accessible, quality, universal health care for all Americans—focusing on prevention and doctors making medical decisions. I will fight to enable states to negotiate prescription drug prices, and I will not take contributions from drug and insurance companies that block real change.

**NATIONAL SECURITY:** I support responsibly withdrawing from Iraq and refocusing military priorities on real threats in Afghanistan and Pakistan, while re-establishing our commitment to diplomacy throughout the world. As the daughter of a veteran, I am committed to providing quality medical, educational, compensatory and mental health services to veterans and their families.

**Peter James** Party: Republican Website: [www.peterjames08.com](http://www.peterjames08.com)

**BACKGROUND:** 53 years of life in the US. 25 years studying the monetary system. 35 years high tech knowledge of impact on privacy, environment, and our standard of living. 25 years public good projects. Fighting for rights such as jury trial rights and stopping distribution of citizen information to private entities.

**IMMIGRATION:** Hitler scapegoated the Gypsies while he enslaved Germany. We are told the illegals are causing our economic problems, when in reality trillions of dollars worth of our wealth is being stolen from us by the international banking cartel. Globalists want open borders. Enforce immigration laws but watch "Money as Debt".

**CLIMATE CHANGE:** This presupposes eminent global climate change is valid. Our money system requires a unsustainable 3% production growth rate to feed the debt monster. Fixing the money will reduce energy consumption to a sustainable level. Provide tax credits for geothermal home systems will cut power generation green house gases by 30%.

**ECONOMY:** Our economy is based on a flawed and unjust monetary system. Google and watch "Money as Debt". Our greatest leaders Jefferson, Madison, Franklin, Lincoln, Jackson, Garfield have all successfully stopped private money issuance monopolies and fixed the monetary system by returning the power to issue money to the Congress.

**EDUCATION:** Federal education mandates are nothing more than bribery at best and extortion at worst. You as a parent should control your child's education, not some bureaucrat. I would abolish the department of education and reduce taxes by a like amount. Local governments could raise additional taxes that would better spent.

**HEALTH CARE:** We have plenty of healthcare. What we lack is the money to pay for it. By fixing our money system and creating prosperity all Americans' will be able to afford quality healthcare. The money monopoly has impoverished America to gain monopoly control over all healthcare (30% of the GDP).

**NATIONAL SECURITY:** "Those who would give up Essential Liberty to purchase a little Temporary Safety deserve neither Liberty nor Safety" Fear mongering has been used to steal our liberty. I would repeal all unconstitutional nation security legislation. We can protect our society without giving up our essential liberties. Freedom makes America special.

**Thibeaux Lincecum** Party: Libertarian Website: <http://lincecum.us>

**BACKGROUND:** By consistently achieving goals, I was promoted to Petty Officer Second Class in the U.S. Navy, Vice Commander of Tulane AFROTC Cadets, then Captain in the Air Force, and received the Air Force Commendation Medal. I'm now an information technology consultant with experience at many federal agencies

**IMMIGRATION:** Make legal immigration easier by allowing entrance to any guest worker that doesn't represent a health or security threat and giving citizenship to all applicants who meet reasonable standards, with no quotas. Make illegal immigration harder and less desirable by improving border security and increasing enforcement of current laws.

**CLIMATE CHANGE:** The Declaration of Independence affirms our right to life, so government is obligated to restrict life-threatening pollution. However, carbon dioxide is not a pollutant, and climate change, although probably requiring adaptation, is not clearly life-threatening. Conditions may arise that would justify federal legislation, but they haven't yet.

**ECONOMY:** Our growing debt makes us a slave to other nations, as we are obligated to pay interest for decades to come. We must balance the budget by reducing spending on almost all government programs, and start paying off our debt. Every spending increase for any program conflicts with this priority.

**EDUCATION:** Attaching incentives to only a few subjects undermines the teaching of all other subjects. Standardizing education across the nation inhibits the freedom of local schools to innovate and find better ways to teach. I support repealing 'No Child Left Behind' legislation.

**HEALTH CARE:** Allow individuals to purchase health insurance and medical care for themselves with the same tax benefits given to employers and third parties, with any terms agreeable to themselves and the insurer. Lower drug costs by allowing doctors to rely on drug certification by multiple organizations, rather than only the FDA

**NATIONAL SECURITY:** By not trying to impose values or gain influence in other nations through the use of force, we remove incentives for others to attack us and can reduce our military spending. The best guarantee for continued peace between nations is economic interdependence, and that results from free trade.

*Write-In Candidates for 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District :*

**Bobby Broadus** Party: Republican Website: <http://localpolitics.meetup.com/142> No response by deadline.

**Darryn O'Shea Jackson, Sr.** Party: Democratic Website: [www.darrynjackson.com](http://www.darrynjackson.com)

**BACKGROUND:** I am a United States Citizen, Resident in the state of Maryland, I am 44 Years old.

**IMMIGRATION:** Comprehensive immigration reform.

**CLIMATE CHANGE:** Climate Stewardship and Innovation Act (CSIA) - S.280.

**ECONOMY:** Labor: Invest in U.S. Manufacturing, Create New Job Training Programs for Clean Technologies, Create New Jobs.

**EDUCATION:** Fund the law, Recruit, Prepare, Retain, Reward America's Teachers.

**HEALTH CARE:** Guaranteed Eligibility.

**NATIONAL SECURITY:** Strengthen our security; rebuild the Military, National Guard and boarder patrol.

**Steve Schulin** Party: Independent Website: <http://www.md4steve.org>

**BACKGROUND:** I've run nuclear.com since 1994. I'm disappointed at the miserable failure of our nation's dominant parties to offer a 100% pro-life candidate on the ballot, one who fears God, loves liberty, and will conserve our sovereignty. I'm a candidate because 'If you don't see a leader, be a leader.'

**IMMIGRATION:** I support immediate securing and continuous vigilant maintenance of our sovereign territory and borders. I oppose any private or governmental action that rewards illegal entry into the USA in any way, and demand speedy and full enforcement of our laws concerning all such activities. No amnesty.

**CLIMATE CHANGE:** After literally thousands of hours of reading science journals and discussing CO2-climate with a wide range of scientists, I strongly oppose the wrenching changes urged by the alarmists and global governance advocates. I support only commonsense actions like preventing homeowners associations from banning clotheslines. I'll debate anyone, anytime.

**ECONOMY:** I support abolishing the federal income tax. This will unleash an economic boom the likes of which we've never seen. A fair, simple, noninvasive, visible, efficient, consumption-based retail tax is my proposed replacement. The current tax system is destructive of our liberties in many ways.

**EDUCATION:** No child left behind is, sadly, an example of federal government abrogating the 10th amendment of our Constitution. If terrorists had caused the devastation of our education system, we'd declare war. I'll work to ensure parents have a real choice of schools, and I'll counter the secular humanists every day.

**HEALTH CARE:** We talk about health care, but our government has long been integral in misdirecting our resources into creating our current system of "sick care". This needs to change. I oppose the plans to nationalize this important part of our society.

**NATIONAL SECURITY:** "Peace through strength" is not a mere slogan. It is the means of our survival in a very dangerous and often hostile world. Our friendship should be a sought-after possession of all of good will everywhere in the world. Our enmity should be something that all rightfully fear.

**REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS – DISTRICT 5** (If you live in this district, vote for no more than one candidate)

**Steny H. Hoyer** Party: Democratic E-mail: [info@hoyerforcongress.com](mailto:info@hoyerforcongress.com)

**BACKGROUND:** Since first being elected to represent the residents of Maryland's 5th Congressional District in the United States Congress, I believe I have proven to be an effective, hardworking leader who produces results. If reelected, I will continue to represent the values and best interests of my constituents.

**IMMIGRATION:** Our approach to immigration reform should be a comprehensive one. Strong border control and law enforcement are essential parts of any effective immigration reform measure. However, such legislation must also ensure that our businesses have the workers they require, and provide for the responsible and fair treatment of long-term immigrants.

**CLIMATE CHANGE:** The cornerstone of any Federal legislation addressing global climate change is a national, economy-wide cap-and-trade program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. I have supported legislation to reduce these emissions through improved automobile efficiency standards, national standards for renewable electricity generation, public transit, and tax incentives to increase energy efficiency.

**ECONOMY:** Our children and grandchildren will be forced to pay back trillions of dollars in debt because of the fiscal irresponsibility of the President and previous Congresses. I am committed to pay-as-you-go rules, which require that tax cuts and new spending be paid for with savings elsewhere in the budget.

**EDUCATION:** Raising academic achievement and closing the achievement gap remain critical goals. Unfortunately, President Bush has failed to adequately fund the law. We must do more to ensure adequate teacher training and support and identify schools that are having difficulty making progress and provide them the resources they need.

**HEALTH CARE:** With more than 45 million Americans uninsured, universal access to our healthcare system is among the most important issues confronting our nation. I helped lead legislative efforts to expand health coverage to 4 million low-income American children, ensure continued services for Medicare beneficiaries, and lower the cost of prescription drugs.

**NATIONAL SECURITY:** Our highest duty is to protect the American people. We must eliminate terrorists bent on attacking innocent people, target the broader network of global terror groups, and tackle fanaticism by promoting reform, freedom, and economic opportunity. This is not only a war of arms, but also a war of ideas.

**Collins Bailey** Party: Republican E-mail: [collinsbailey@aol.com](mailto:collinsbailey@aol.com)

**BACKGROUND:** I have run a successful business for over 30 years. I know how to balance budgets and cut wasteful spending. I can bring common sense to Congress and work with anyone that has America's best interest at heart. I have served fourteen years on the Charles County Board of Education.

**IMMIGRATION:** Stop all welfare and government services for persons here illegally. Immediate deportation of those who threaten our society, physically secure our borders and coastlines, enforce visa rules, no amnesty, end "anchor" baby abuse, pass true immigration reform, no Social Security for illegal immigrants.

**CLIMATE CHANGE:** The key to sound environmental policy is respect for private property rights. The strict enforcement of property rights corrects environmental wrongs. I would support the Congressional Green Scissors Coalition, a bipartisan caucus devoted to ending taxpayer subsidies of projects that harm the environment for the benefit of special interests.

**ECONOMY:** The cost of gasoline. Loss of industry overseas. Run away federal spending and the huge federal deficit are crushing our economy, devaluing the dollar and driving up prices of everything we buy including gasoline. Congress must balance the budget without raising taxes. And address the energy supply and demand imbalance.

**EDUCATION:** Increased parental options and local educational authorities working with the parents and the teachers are what is needed to make our schools better. I would repeal NCLB and eliminate the Department of Education. That money can be more effectively managed at the local level.

**HEALTH CARE:** Government bureaucracies cannot make choices for an individual as well as the individual can make choices for themselves. We need to increase consumer driven health care options. Health care options must address: quality, cost and availability. All decisions and government reform must successfully cover all three of those components.

**NATIONAL SECURITY:** Affordable energy, out of control wasteful government spending and partisan politics. Our federal leaders seem unwilling or unable to address important issues facing our nation. Because of inaction, or wrong action, those issues have gone from: needing to be addressed, to becoming serious challenges, to now threatening our national security.

**Darlene H. Nicholas** Party: Libertarian E-mail: [darnich@yahoo.com](mailto:darnich@yahoo.com)

**BACKGROUND:** State Rep run, Connecticut, 1998; Secretary of State run, Connecticut, 2002; Eminent domain activist; NOT part of incumbent good old boy network; BS, Chemistry; MBA; Congressional District 5 for three years; Analyst, GDIT; Married, two sons; Life member VFW

**IMMIGRATION:** Stop spending billions to protect our borders against decent people who only want a better life for their families. Change the laws to allow sufficient numbers of peaceful, hard working immigrants to do what few Americans will, strengthen our economy, enrich American culture, and raise our standard of living.

**CLIMATE CHANGE:** You can't regulate climate change. The 2008 International Conference on Climate Change demonstrated that the most realistic forecast for future warming was a linear increase of about 0.17°F/decade. A libertarian society would not spend your money on nonissues. Restitution can be a deterrent and restorative for the environment.

**ECONOMY:** Democrats spend your hard-earned money on entitlements and pork barrel schemes. We must cease wasteful federal spending so we can pare down the national debt and significantly increase the amount of our own money we get to keep. We need to do the same on the state level.

**EDUCATION:** No Child Left Behind" legislation is a fairy tale designed to scare you into allowing more of your hard-earned dollars to be misused to create more problems than are solved. Government schools don't work. Put education decisions back in the hands of the teachers and parents.

**HEALTH CARE:** I will work towards establishing Medical Saving Accounts, deregulating the healthcare industry, and removing barriers to safe, affordable medicines. The only healthcare reforms that will make a real difference are those that draw on the strength of the free market. Doctors will once again make house calls.

**NATIONAL SECURITY:** Stop our country's nation building. We are playing policeman in a civil war. We have chased non-existent weapons of mass destruction instead of the terrorists who killed nearly three thousand Americans on 9/11. We are creating more terrorists on a daily basis because of our intervention in Iraq.

**REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS – DISTRICT 8** (If you live in this district, vote for no more than one candidate)

**Chris Van Hollen** Party: Democratic Website: [www.vanhollen.org](http://www.vanhollen.org)

**BACKGROUND:** Member of Congress (2003-Present) Committee Assignments: Ways and Means; Oversight and Government Reform; Vice Chairman Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Caucus, Co-Chairman, Chesapeake Bay Watershed Task Force, Maryland State Senate, 1994-2002; Maryland House of Delegates, 1990-1994; Senior Advisor on Federal Affairs, Maryland Governor (1988-1990).

**IMMIGRATION:** We must strengthen border security, interior enforcement and prevent illegal immigration. Support overall approach (though not every provision) of the McCain-Kennedy bill to address issue of existing undocumented individuals and the comprehensive strategy once outlined by President Bush. Fix our legal immigration system to end huge backlogs.

**CLIMATE CHANGE:** Have sponsored legislation to: terminate taxpayer subsidies to oil industry and redirect tax incentives to renewable sources; boost federal research for renewable energy; raise energy efficiency standards for appliances and buildings; increase CAFE standards; implement a Renewable Electricity Portfolio standard; develop a cap and trade system for carbon emissions.

**ECONOMY:** Global competition presents both a challenge and opportunity. Need world class education system from pre-K through college. Boost federal investment in and incentives for basic R&D; reduce deficit through greater financial discipline including pay-go budget rules; major infrastructure modernization program; greater transparency and oversight of financial markets.

**EDUCATION:** Fully fund this Act. The first bill I introduced, the Keep our Promises to America's Children and Teachers (Keep our PACT) Act would require the federal government to fully fund both the NCLB Act and the federal special education law (IDEA). Modify some measures of academic progress to improve incentives.

**HEALTH CARE:** The lack of health coverage for 46 million people is unacceptable. I support universal health care coverage. I am sponsoring legislation to expand the Children's Health Insurance Program, allow earlier buy-in to Medicare, create a small business plan modeled after federal employees' health system, and provide for mental health parity.

**NATIONAL SECURITY:** In Afghanistan, prevent resurgence of Taliban and finish job against al Qaeda. Iraq war has strengthened Iran and the most radical elements in the region. U.S. cannot impose democracy by force. Lead not only by might of our military, but power of our ideas. Restore credibility. Implement 9/11 Commission recommendations.

**Steve Hudson** Party: Republican Website: [www.stevehudson2008.com](http://www.stevehudson2008.com)

**BACKGROUND:** I'm an independent citizen with skills that can help. I want to take the power away from politicians and deliver it back to you, where it belongs. If elected, I will serve no more than three terms in the House of Representatives at your discretion.

**IMMIGRATION:** Secure the borders and air entry points into the U.S. and enforce existing immigration laws. Reducing the illegal immigrant population will save billions in tax expenditures. Improve opportunities for legal residents, reduce crime, and strengthen our economy and our future.

**CLIMATE CHANGE:** Global warming is a serious threat. We should respond by increasing the capture of greenhouse gases and reducing carbon emissions into our atmosphere. Eliminating capital gains taxes on alternative and renewable energy investments will rapidly expand these sectors and propel us away from fossil fuels toward energy independence.

**ECONOMY:** To boost jobs and our economy, we need an energy strategy. Lower the federal gas tax and provide incentives for businesses to allow employees to work from home. Transition from foreign to domestic energy production through environmentally-conscious domestic drilling. Finally, convert from fossil fuels to alternative, renewable, and nuclear energy.

**EDUCATION:** Parents, teachers, and local school boards should play a much greater role in education than "One Size Fits All" government standards like NCLB. We must take care of our teachers. I support subsidized salaries for teachers who genuinely care and perform. I have four children in public school.

**HEALTH CARE:** Improve access and quality of health care by offering tax credits to purchase private insurance. Allow groups other than employers to offer individual policies and expand the health care insurance market. Allow re-importation of prescription drugs from countries with a high standard of care. Fully fund Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP.

**NATIONAL SECURITY:** Deficit spending threatens our security by making us dependent on countries like China. Foreign governments could easily wage economic war on the U.S. by dumping our treasury bonds, which would sink the dollar. I support a balanced budget amendment with a supermajority exception in times of war or national crisis.

**Gordon Clark** Party: Green Website: [www.clarkforcongress.net](http://www.clarkforcongress.net)

**BACKGROUND:** I am a lifelong activist, advocate and community organizer for peace, social justice and the environment. I have both founded and run organizations, including serving as Executive Director of Peace Action, the nation's largest grassroots peace organization. I am also a conflict-resolution trainer, and ten year resident of Silver Spring.

**IMMIGRATION:** Targeting 12 million undocumented workers, many of whom pay taxes, makes no sense. We must focus law enforcement on the large companies that employ them, often in dangerous jobs, and work to improve economic conditions in their home countries, reducing their incentive to come here for work.

**CLIMATE CHANGE:** Al Gore's goal to have 100% of our electricity from renewable energy in ten years; a government initiative for gas-free electric cars; re-investment in rail mass transit, both local and national; significant, direct federal investment in energy conservation and localized renewable energy generation; a moratorium on coal-fired power plants.

**ECONOMY:** Our greatest economic challenge is the inevitable end of cheap oil, along with severe climate change from burning fossil fuels. Investing in renewable energy, we can create millions of green jobs and protect our environment. This must be our New Deal, Marshall Plan and Apollo Project rolled into one.

**EDUCATION:** Accountability is a laudable goal, but the No Child Left Behind Act is too blunt and inflexible for national education policy. NCLB has forced schools to "teach to tests," often eliminating art and even social studies and de-enriching the educational environment. It's also used for military recruiting, which must end.

**HEALTH CARE:** We'll never provide adequate health care for 100 million+ uninsured and underinsured Americans through private insurance companies, whose financial incentive is to deny coverage. We must create a universal, single-payer national health care system with free choice of doctors and hospitals. Other countries have done this, why can't we?

**NATIONAL SECURITY:** The invasion and military occupation of Iraq has been a humanitarian, financial and national security disaster, creating far more enemies than friends. Congress must use its "power of the purse" to stop funding this catastrophe and bring our troops home - not simply downsize it while sending troops elsewhere.

**Ian Thomas** Party: Libertarian No response received by deadline.

**Write-In Candidates 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional district**

**Deborah A. Vollme** Party: Democratic Website: <http://www.deborahvollmer.com>

**BACKGROUND:** B.A. in Government, Clark University, 1970; JD University of Maryland School of Law, 1973. Practiced law in California: United Farm Workers; Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance; sole practice. Currently semi-retired. Active in anti-war movement. Board member, Greater Bethesda-Chevy Chase Coalition. Formerly a member of Social Justice Council at Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church.

**IMMIGRATION:** We are a nation of immigrants, and immigrants contribute to our culture and our economy. We need humane policies that allow immigrants to earn legal residency and citizenship, and that promote family unification.

**CLIMATE CHANGE:** Limit the emissions of pollutants (both vehicle emissions, and pollution arising from industry); incentives for the manufacture of more hybrid vehicles, the development of more energy efficient vehicles; improving mass transit, especially the maintenance and expansion of our Metro system; renewable energy: wind and solar.

**ECONOMY:** The war in Iraq in particular, and military spending in general, has been a tremendous drain on our economy. We need to refocus our resources on domestic programs to alleviate the effects of poverty—in areas such as housing, health care, and education.

**EDUCATION:** There are serious flaws in this legislation. We should help struggling teachers and struggling schools, rather than penalizing them. Make adequate financial resources available. Get away from the emphasis on teaching to the test—encourage teachers to be creative, and to provide an atmosphere where children enjoy learning.

**HEALTH CARE:** I favor legislation sponsored by John Conyers and Dennis Kucinich for universal, publicly-funded, quality health care for all, with individual choice of health care provider. No American should be denied quality health care, which should be considered a human right.

**NATIONAL SECURITY:** End the flawed policy of the Bush Administration, the so-called "global war on terror." End U.S. funding for the war on Iraq; withdraw troops; and stop perpetuating drumbeats for war with Iran. Focus on promoting mutual respect among peoples and nations, and focus on diplomacy rather than warfare.

**Lih Young** Party: Democratic Website: [www.Vote-USA.org/Intro.aspx?Id=MDYoungLih](http://www.Vote-USA.org/Intro.aspx?Id=MDYoungLih)

**BACKGROUND:** Profiled in Marquis Who's Who. Reformer, advocate, activist, super-mom, -woman, victim-turned superhuman against "fraud-crime-injustice-system". Excellent expertise, commitment. PhD econ. Producer/host, numerous TV programs, Citizen Times, judiciaries, agencies, working class, faith revival, democracy, humanity,

conscience, freedom, global affairs. Prestigious certificates: High, Special Exams. Testified frequently, 3 branches, law enforcement. Congress.org, archives ....

**IMMIGRATION:** Stop minorities bashing. Support civilian review board. Improve quality officials. race relationships, diversity in good faith, not rhetoric or abuse as often by "fraud-crime- injustice network". Clean-up; not relaying/shuffling at the expense of justice, productivity, good workers, minorities, immigrants. Investigate/ prosecute/ eliminate:

**Lih Young** (continued)

unjust appropriation, siphoning resources to benefit a few.

**CLIMATE CHANGE:** Address global warming and oil dependence; raising auto fuel economy; caps on carbon pollution; investing in public transportation, energy conservation technologies, alternative energy development; Eliminate abuse, waste, bad legislative bills, appropriations, abandonment of resources, land, government resources to benefit a few, victimize others or general public; opposite government function; cause ..

**ECONOMY:** Protect people's resources (public, private), rights, families. No unjust practices, manipulation, influence, bad proposals, hidden agenda, false excuses (public-private partnership, economic development, housing, MPDU...) to benefit/ facilitate "official misconduct- government gang- fraud- crime- injustice networks" =cruel tyranny= robbery machine; continuing, on-going, expanding, penetrating; false levies, liens, garnishment, foreclosures, evictions; vicious ....

**EDUCATION:** Promote merits, efficiency, accountability; no unjust practices, misleading, manipulation, conspiracy, cover-up, "official misconduct- government gang- fraud- crime- injustice networks". Eliminate abuse, waste, bad legislative bills, appropriations, abandonment of resources, land, government resources to benefit a few, victimize others or general public; opposite government function; cause socio- political- election- media problems.

**HEALTH CARE:** Support universal national health insurance (all, Medicare, Medicaid, prescription, uninsured, catastrophic); single payer (government); simple, effective, equal, quality, accountability, preventive, affordable, cost containment; public funded research; not to benefit a few; public education, consumer protection. Eliminate deceit, deprivation, victimization, unjust practices, "official misconduct- government gang- fraud- crime- injustice networks" operation.

**NATIONAL SECURITY:** Prosecute, eliminate, penalize: official misconduct- government gang- fraud- crime- injustice networks; conspiracies, cover-up fraud and crime; unjustly deprivation of resources (public, private); false excuses, falsification, tampering data, information; victimize, retaliate; damage, destruction, conceal truth, documents, witnesses; unjust manipulation, monitoring, influence; denial of filming, airing, TV, radio, media, copyrights, etc.

**JUDGE OF CIRCUIT COURT**

**About the Office:**

**SALARY:** \$140,352 annual base. **TERM:** Fifteen years, no term limit.

**HOW ELECTED:** When there is a vacancy, the Governor appoints a qualified person to fill the office. Each newly appointed Circuit Judge then must stand for election at the first election that occurs at least one year later. The judge may be opposed formally by one or more qualified members of the bar. All candidates run on both the Democratic and Republican ballots. Independents vote only in the general election.

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

JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT – CIRCUIT 7 Vote for no more than 5.

**Andre Michael Chapdelaine** – Prince George's

**Larnzell Martin, Jr.** – Prince George's

**Crystal Dixon Mittelstaedt** – Prince George's

**Albert W. Northrop** – Prince George's

**Nicholas Elias Rattal** – Prince George's

**JUDGE OF THE COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS AT LARGE**

**About the Office:**

**SALARY:** \$149,552. annual base **TERM:** 10 years – no term limit

**HOW ELECTED:** The Governor appoints judges to the Court of Special Appeals. The State Senate must confirm these appointments. At the end of a ten-year term, these judges' names must appear on the ballot. Voters vote "yes" for retention, or "no" to remove from office. Judges may not be opposed by other candidates in retention elections. Maryland is divided into 7 Appellate Judicial Circuits. One judge is appointed from each of these circuits and six members are appointed from the state at large. There are a total of 13 judges in the Court of Special Appeals.

**DUTIES:** Judges preside over The Maryland Court of Special Appeals, which is the intermediate appellate court for Maryland. It was created in 1966 in response to the rapidly growing caseload in the Maryland Court of Appeals. The Court of Special Appeals originally could hear only criminal cases. However, its jurisdiction has expanded so it now considers any reviewable action of the circuit court, unless otherwise provided by law. Judges sitting on the Court of Special Appeals generally hear and decide cases in panels of three.

**Questions asked the Court of Special Appeals candidates:**

**BACKGROUND:** What are your qualifications for this office? **JUDICIAL SYSTEM NEEDS:** What is area of greatest need in the Maryland judicial system?

**LEGAL ACCESS:** What can be done to provide individuals with wider and better access to legal help and the legal system?

*Vote "yes" for continuance in office or "no" for removal.*

**Deborah Eyler**

**BACKGROUND:** In 11 years of service as a judge on the Court of Special Appeals, I have authored more than 1,000 case opinions. From that experience, I have gained in-depth knowledge of all aspects of Maryland law and have become skilled at producing case opinions that are thorough, fair, and timely.

**JUDICIAL SYSTEM NEEDS:** In the criminal justice system, additional "drug court" diversion programs because the vast majority of crimes in Maryland are rooted in the distribution and use of illegal drugs. In the civil justice system, affordable legal representation, especially for parents and children in contested custody cases.

**LEGAL ACCESS:** More outreach by courts and the judiciary's local pro-bono committees, which exist in each county, to link up, early in a case, a party who cannot afford representation with a pro bono lawyer who can handle the matter for free or at a substantially reduced rate.

**Robert A. Zarnoch**

**BACKGROUND:** Before my appointment, I served 30 sessions as the Attorney General's Counsel to the General Assembly. I reviewed 20,000 bills and authored thousands of advice letters. I argued in the Supreme Court and participated in 39 cases in the State's highest court, including one making the Camden Yards stadiums possible.

**JUDICIAL SYSTEM NEEDS:** A 2008 Harris Poll discloses that only 16% of the public has a great deal of confidence in the courts and the justice system. Such numbers will never be reversed until judges demonstrate by performance that the system is accessible, deals fairly with all, and reaches just results.

**LEGAL ACCESS:** Studies note that a citizen is more likely to go to court than be hospitalized. Greater support for legal aid and pro bono lawyering is needed. Promotion of pre-paid legal plans and self-help, expanding small claims courts and streamlining legal procedures would also help citizens obtain affordable legal assistance.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION – PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY**

About the Office: **HOW ELECTED:** The Prince George's County Board of Education consists of nine (9) elected members plus one student board member. Of the elected members, one member is elected from each of five (5) Board of Education districts and an additional four (4) are elected at-large. In 2008, one (1) at-large seat is open for election.

**At Large:**

**Amber Waller** (Unopposed.)

Currently serving as Board Member At-Large, Prince George's County Public Schools, upon being appointed by County Executive Jack Johnson in September 2007, I have been actively engaged with the Board to ensure that the necessary tools are in place so that all students graduate from high school and are prepared for success in a global society—work and college ready. As Board Member I will continue to collaborate with community partners to further improvements in academics, and to close the achievement gap between schools and students.

## STATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

### **Question 1 - Constitutional Amendment, (Chapter 513, Acts of 2007), Early Voting; Polling Places; Absentee Ballots**

Authorizes the General Assembly to enact legislation to allow qualified voters to vote at polling places inside or outside of their election districts or wards and to vote up to two weeks before an election. This amendment also authorizes the General Assembly to enact legislation to allow absentee voting by qualified voters who choose to vote by absentee ballot, in addition to voters who are absent at the time of the election or who are unable to vote personally. (Amends Article I, §§1 and 3 of the Maryland Constitution)

\_\_\_\_\_ For the Constitutional Amendment

\_\_\_\_\_ Against the Constitutional Amendment

**Origin of this Ballot Question** – Legislation that would allow early voting and “no-excuse” absentee voting was passed by the General Assembly in 2006, but a court decision found the legislation to be in conflict with the Maryland Constitution. Therefore, in the 2007 session, the General Assembly passed SB 1 - Elective Franchise - Early Voting and Polling Places which amends the Maryland Constitution to allow the General Assembly to pass legislation that will establish early voting sites and allow voters to vote by absentee ballot without having to give a reason. All Constitutional Amendments must be passed by a majority of voters statewide.

**Present Practice** – Article I, Section 1 of the Maryland Constitution states that a voter “shall be entitled to vote in the ward or election district in which he resides.” As currently interpreted, this means that a voter cannot vote at an early voting location outside the voter’s election district and that a provisional ballot cast by a voter outside his or her election district cannot be counted. Article XV, Section 7 of the Maryland Constitution designates the “Tuesday after the first Monday of November” as the date of the general election. This has been interpreted by the Court of Appeals to mean that early voting is not permissible.

Absentee ballots are only for use by voters who are absent at the time of an election or who are unable to vote in person at the assigned voting precinct. The absentee ballot application requires a voter to affirm this fact.

**Proposed Change** – If the amendment passes, the General Assembly may enact laws to establish early voting sites. Early voting would allow registered voters to vote, in person, up to two weeks before a state-wide primary or general election at polling places outside of their normal district or precinct. Early voting sites can accommodate voters from multiple precincts or even from the entire state. However, passing this amendment only allows the General Assembly to establish an early voting process. The details of how many early voting sites will be established and how the locations for them will be determined will come in future legislation. Passage of this amendment will also allow the General Assembly to pass legislation that enables any qualified voter to vote by absentee ballot if they choose to do so. The enabling legislation could remove the requirement to sign a statement telling why the voter wants to vote by absentee ballot.

**Pros:** Allows for in-person voting by voters who, due to work hours, long commutes or other reasons, are unable to vote during the limited hours on Election Day. Early voting should ease long lines and lengthy wait times at precincts on Election Day and should ease the workload of precinct workers. This measure also increases the likelihood that a voter’s provisional ballot will be counted by allowing a provisional ballot cast outside the voter’s election district to be counted for eligible races.

**Cons:** There will be increased costs associated with providing polling locations prior to Election Day. Voters who vote during early voting may not have access to late campaign information on which to base their election decisions. By encouraging more voters to use absentee ballots or early voting sites, some of the community interaction that takes place at precinct based polling places may diminish.

### **Question 2 - Constitutional Amendment (Chapter 5, Acts of 2007 Special Session), Authorizing Video Lottery Terminals (Slot Machines) to Fund Education**

Authorizes the State to issue up to five video lottery licenses for the primary purpose of raising revenue for education of children in public schools, prekindergarten through grade 12, public school construction and improvements, and construction of capital projects at community colleges and higher education institutions. No more than a total number of 15,000 video lottery terminals may be authorized in the State, and only one license may be issued for each specified location in Anne Arundel, Cecil, Worcester, and Allegany Counties, and Baltimore City. Any additional forms or expansion of commercial gaming in Maryland is prohibited, unless approved by a voter referendum. (Enacts new Article XIX of the Maryland Constitution)

\_\_\_\_\_ For the Constitutional Amendment

\_\_\_\_\_ Against the Constitutional Amendment

**Origin of this Ballot Question** – For several years, efforts to enact legislation that would authorize Video Lottery Terminals (slot machines) as a way to raise revenue for state expenditures failed in the legislature. The governor proposed, and legislators agreed, that the decision of whether to significantly expand gambling in Maryland should be decided by the voters. The Maryland Constitution allows only two ways for citizens to vote on laws. The first is to gather enough signatures on a petition to place a law that has been passed by the General Assembly on the ballot for voter approval. The second is to place a constitutional amendment, approved by three-fifths of the legislators, before the voters in a General Election. In the 2007 Special Session, the Maryland General Assembly passed HB 4, which would add a new article to the Maryland Constitution to authorize video lottery terminal gaming (slot machines) in Maryland. A majority of voters, *statewide*, must vote in favor of the amendment for it to go into effect.

**Present Practice** – Currently, the annotated code of Maryland prohibits video lottery terminal (slot machine) gambling except certain fraternal, religious or war veterans’ organizations in a few counties may operate no more than five individual slot machines, and the revenue from them must be used for the charitable purposes of those organizations. Public education is currently funded through Maryland’s General Fund. State funding for primary and secondary education is about \$5.35 billion for this fiscal year. The three main sources of revenue for the General Fund are income tax, retail sales tax and the State Lottery. School construction may be funded by the General Fund but is primarily funded by borrowing through the issuance of State bonds.

**Proposed Change** – If the amendment passes, Maryland may operate up to 15,000 video lottery terminals in five locations: Baltimore City and Anne Arundel, Allegany, Cecil and Worcester Counties. No more than one gambling facility would be allowed in each of the authorized jurisdictions. Another bill related to gambling, SB 3, was also passed during the 2007 Special Session. It will go into effect contingent on the passage of this constitutional amendment. As defined by SB 3, 33% of proceeds from video terminal gambling would go to the licensed operators, 9.5% to the horse racing industry; and approximately 48.5% to education. The remainder would be used for lottery expenses, local impact grants and administrative costs. Included in the latter is money to fight gambling addiction. The amendment also states that no additional video lottery terminals shall be authorized without another approval by voters.

**Pros:** In 2007, the Department of Legislative Services estimated 2010 state revenues will increase by approximately \$86 million from video gaming receipts and by as much as \$565 million by 2013. This additional revenue could reduce tax increases that would otherwise be necessary to fund projected education expenses. Maryland residents who gamble in West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Delaware may choose to spend their gambling dollars here instead of taking them out of state. New jobs will be created in construction and the gambling industry. Jobs in the horse racing industry may be saved. Unlike taxation, gambling is a recreational choice and not a mandate.

**Cons:** In order to generate enough revenue to reach the projected increases to state funding, gamblers in Maryland would have to lose over \$1 billion per year. To generate this level of revenue, the state will have to urge its citizens to frequent slots parlors. Gambling, like other addictions, frequently leads to social (and government) costs associated with lost productivity, increased crime, broken families and even suicide. Disposable income that currently generates sales tax revenue could be spent on gambling resulting in a loss to the General Fund. The referendum would put a specific revenue source, gambling, in the state Constitution. A constitution should be clear, concise and confined to fundamentals of the structure of government.

## LOCAL BALLOT QUESTIONS – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY

**Question A -- (CB-34-2008) Charter Required Referendum, Library Facilities Bonds** An Act enabling the County to borrow money and issue bonds in an amount not exceeding \$9,155,000 to finance the design, construction, reconstruction, extension, acquisition, improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation, relocation, rehabilitation or repair of Library Facilities, as defined therein.

\_\_\_\_\_ For the Charter Referendum

\_\_\_\_\_ Against the Charter Referendum

*Question A (continued)*

**League of Women Voters comment:** If passed by the voters in Prince George's County, Question A would authorize Prince George's County to raise \$9,155,000 for library branch renovations as well as Surratts-Clinton Branch library in particular. If the voters in Prince George's County reject Question A, Prince George's County will not have the authority to raise these monies for library renovations, repairs, expansion, etc., as stated above.

**Question B -- (CB-35-2008) Charter Required Referendum, Public Safety Facilities Bonds** An Act enabling the County to borrow money and issue bonds in an amount not exceeding \$38,134,000 to finance the design, construction, reconstruction, extension, acquisition, improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation, relocation, rehabilitation or repair of Public Safety Facilities (including Fire Department Facilities), as defined therein.

\_\_\_\_For the Charter Referendum \_\_\_\_Against the Charter Referendum

**League of Women Voters comment:** If passed by the voters in Prince George's County, Question B would authorize Prince George's County to raise \$38,134,000 to renovate, etc., several public safety (including fire) facilities, namely, kitchen facility replacement, police station renovations, fire station renovations, fire station roof renovations, Chillum Fire/EMS Station, Konterra Fire/EMS Station, Oxon Hill Fire/EMS station #42 and South County Fire/EMS Station. If voters in Prince George's County vote against Question B, Prince George's County will not have the authority to raise this money for these purposes.

**Question C -- (CB-36-2008) Charter Required Referendum, County Buildings Bonds, An Act enabling the County to borrow money and issue bonds in an amount not exceeding \$112,596,000 to finance the design, construction, reconstruction, extension, acquisition, improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation, relocation, rehabilitation or repair of County Buildings, as defined therein.**

\_\_\_\_For the Charter Referendum \_\_\_\_Against the Charter Referendum

**League of Women Voters comment:** If passed, Question C would authorize Prince George's County to raise \$112,596,000 to repair county buildings including the Prince George's Homeless Shelter, the Courthouse Exterior/Interior security, the Regional Health and Human Services Center, County Building Renovations II and the Public Safety 800 MHz system. If voters in Prince George's County vote against Question C, Prince George's County will not be authorized to raise the money to make these improvements.

**Question D -- (CB-37-2008) Charter Required Referendum, Public Works and Transportation Facilities Bonds, An Act enabling the County to borrow money and issue bonds in an amount not exceeding \$153,224,000 to finance the design, construction, reconstruction, extension, acquisition, improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation, relocation, rehabilitation or repair of Public Works and Transportation Facilities (including roads and bridges, parking lots, and maintenance facilities), as defined therein.**

\_\_\_\_For the Charter Referendum \_\_\_\_Against the Charter Referendum

**League of Women Voters comment:** If passed by the voters, Question D would authorize Prince George's County to raise \$153,224,000 for several projects namely Bridge Rehabilitation, Federal Aid, Bridge Repair and Replacement 2, BR-Brandywine Road, BR-Chestnut Avenue, BR-Livingston Road, Bus Mass Transit/Metro Access 2, Contee Road Reconstruction, Curb and Road Rehabilitation 2, Fisher Road, Flood Prone Areas, Governor Bridge Road, High Bridge Road, Livingston Road, Lottsford Road III, Revitalization and Beautification 2, Street Lights and Traffic Signals 2, Traffic Congestion Improvements 2, and Transportation Enhancement 2. If voters in Prince George's County reject Question D, Prince George's County will not have the authority to raise the money for the mentioned projects.

**Question E -- (CB-38-2008) Charter Required Referendum, Community College Facilities Bonds, An Act enabling the County to borrow money and issue bonds in an amount not exceeding \$48,731,000 to finance the design, construction, reconstruction, extension, acquisition, improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation, relocation, rehabilitation or repair of Community College Facilities, as defined therein.**

\_\_\_\_For the Charter Referendum \_\_\_\_Against the Charter Referendum

**League of Women Voters comment:** A vote for Question E would authorize Prince George's County to raise money to improve Prince George's Community College including the MSR-Fire Alarm System Upgrade, the Queen Anne Fine Arts Building, the renovation of Marlboro Hall, and other College Improvements. A vote against Question E would mean that Prince George's County was not authorized to raise the money to make the above improvements and repairs to Prince George's Community College.

**Question F -- (CB-12-2007) Charter Required Referendum, Telecommunications and Service Sales and Use Tax, An Act to increase the sales and use tax on gross receipts from telecommunications service within Prince George's County from 8 percent to 11 percent to increase funding available to the Prince George's County Board of Education.**

\_\_\_\_For the Charter Referendum \_\_\_\_Against the Charter Referendum

**League of Women Voters comment:** if passed by the voters, Question F would impose an eleven (11) percent rather than the current eight (8) percent tax on telecommunications service providers in order to increase funds available to the Prince George's County Board of Education. If Question F fails, the current eight (8) percent tax will remain in force.

**Question G -- (CB-50-2008) Charter Amendment, Enactment of Legislation - Extension of Time for Notice of Public Hearing on a Bill, To clarify the prescribed scheduling and notice periods for legislation by the Clerk of the Council from five to ten days.**

\_\_\_\_For the Charter Amendment \_\_\_\_Against the Charter Amendment

**League of Women Voters comment:** if Question G passes, the Clerk of the Council will be required to provide at least ten (10) days notice of public hearings on bills of the Prince George's County Council rather than the current required five (5) days notice. If Question G fails, the Clerk of the Council will continue to be required to provide at least five (5) days notice of public hearings on bills of the Prince George's County Council.

**POLLING PLACES IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – PRECINCT NUMBER, NAME AND ADDRESS OF POLLING PLACE, CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

01-01	Calverton Elem. School, 3400 Beltsville Rd., Beltsville, 5 <sup>th</sup>	05-01	Eugene Burroughs Middle School, 14400 Berry Road, Accokeek, 5 <sup>th</sup>
01-02	Beltsville Public Library, 4319 Sellman Rd., Beltsville, 5 <sup>th</sup>	05-02	Harmony Hall Regional Ctr, 10701 Livingston Rd, Fort Washington, 5th
01-03	High Point High School, 3601 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, 5 <sup>th</sup>	05-03	Friendly High School, 10000 Allentown Road, Fort Washington, 5 <sup>th</sup>
01-04	M.L. King Jr. Middle School, 4545 Ammendale Road, Beltsville, 5 <sup>th</sup>	05-04	Friendly High School Gym, 10000 Allentown Road, Fort Washington, 5 <sup>th</sup>
01-05	Beltsville Elementary School, 4300 Wicomico Ave., Beltsville, 5 <sup>th</sup>	05-05	Potomac Landing ES, 12500 Fort Washington, Rd., Fort Washington, 5 <sup>th</sup>
01-06	Vansville Rec Ct, 11733 Old Baltimore Pike, Beltsville, 5 <sup>th</sup>	05-06	Tayac Elem School/M.P. Room, 8600 Allentown Rd, Fort Washington, 4 <sup>th</sup>
01-07	Riderwood Retirement Village, 3150 Gracefield Road, Silver Spring, 5 <sup>th</sup>	05-07	Breath of Life SDA Church, 11310 Fort Wash. Road, Fort Washington, 5th
02-01	Bladensburg Elem. School, 4915 Annapolis Rd., Bladensburg, 4 <sup>th</sup>	05-08	Accokeek Public Library, 15773 Livingston Road, Accokeek, 5th
02-02	Cottage City Town Hall, 3820 40 <sup>th</sup> Ave., Cottage City, 8 <sup>th</sup>	05-09	Ft. Washington Forest ES Media Center, 1300 Fillmore Rd., Ft Wash., 4 <sup>th</sup>
02-03	Gladys Noon Spellman Elem School, 3324 64 <sup>th</sup> Ave., Cheverly, 4 <sup>th</sup>	05-10	Ft. Washington Forest ES M.P. Room, 1300 Fillmore Rd, Fort Wash., 5 <sup>th</sup>
02-04	Landover Hills Town Hall, 6904 Taylor Street, Landover Hills, 4 <sup>th</sup>	05-11	Potomac Knolls Community Ctr, 1101 Aragona Blvd., Fort Washington, 4 <sup>th</sup>
02-05	Rogers Heights Elem. School, 4301 58 <sup>th</sup> Ave., Bladensburg, 4 <sup>th</sup>	05-12	Faith United Methodist Church, 15769 Livingston Road, Accokeek, 5 <sup>th</sup>
02-06	Beacon Heights Elem. School, 6929 Furman Parkway, Riverdale, 4 <sup>th</sup>	06-01	Bishop McNamara High School, 6800 Marlboro Pike, Forestville, 4 <sup>th</sup>
02-07	Judith P. Hoyer Early Childhood Ctr, 2300 Belleview Ave., Cheverly, 4 <sup>th</sup>	06-02	Thurgood Marshall Middle School, 4909 Brinkley Road, Temple Hills, 4 <sup>th</sup>
02-08	Bladensburg Community Center, 4500 57 <sup>th</sup> Ave., Bladensburg, 4 <sup>th</sup>	06-03	John E. Howard Elem. School, 4400 Shell Street, Capitol Heights, 4 <sup>th</sup>
02-09	Cooper Lane Elem. School, 3817 Cooper Lane, Landover Hills, 4 <sup>th</sup>	06-04	William Beanes Elem School, 5108 Dianna Drive, Suitland, 4 <sup>th</sup>
02-10	West Lanham Hills Rec. Center, 7700 Decatur Rd, Landover Hills, 4 <sup>th</sup>	06-05	District Heights Elem School, 2200 County Road, District Heights, 4 <sup>th</sup>
03-01	Union UM Church, 14418 Old Marlboro Pike, Upper Marlboro, 5 <sup>th</sup>	06-06	Suitland High School, 5200 Silver Hill Road, Forestville, 4th
03-02	Patuxent Elem. School, 4410 Bishop Mill Drive, Upper Marlboro, 5 <sup>th</sup>	06-07	Skyline Elementary School, 6311 Randolph Rd., Suitland, 4 <sup>th</sup>
03-03	St. Mary of the Assumption School, 4610 Largo Rd., Upper Marlboro, 4th	06-08	Green Valley Academy, 2215 Chadwick St., Temple Hills, 4 <sup>th</sup>
03-04	Perrywood Kettering Comm. Pk/Sch, 501 Watkins Pk Dr., Upper Marl, 4th	06-09	Benjamin Stoddert Middle School, 2501 Olson Street, Temple Hills, 4 <sup>th</sup>
03-05	Dr. Henry A. Wise, Jr., High, 12650 Brooke La, Upper Marlboro, 4 <sup>th</sup>	06-10	Forestville Military Academy, 7001 Beltz Drive, Forestville, 4 <sup>th</sup>
03-06	1st Baptist Church of Glen Arden, 600 Watkins Pk Dr., Upper Marl., 4 <sup>th</sup>	06-11	E. Michael Roll Municipal Bldg., 2000 Marbury Drive, District Heights, 4 <sup>th</sup>
04-01	St. Thomas Parish Hall, 14300 St. Thos. Church Rd., Upper Marlboro, 5 <sup>th</sup>	06-12	Overlook Elementary School, 3298 Curtis Drive, Suitland, 4 <sup>th</sup>

06-13	Middleton Valley Elementary School, 4815 Dalton St., Temple Hills, 4 <sup>th</sup>	14-02	Duval High School, 9880 Good Luck Road, Lanham, 5 <sup>th</sup>
06-14	Temple Hills Community Center, 5300 Temple Hill Rd, Temple Hills, 4 <sup>th</sup>	14-03	Bowie High School, 15200 Annapolis Road, Bowie, 5 <sup>th</sup>
06-15	Edgar Allan Poe Alt. Elem. School, 2001 Shadyside Ave., Suitland, 4 <sup>th</sup>	14-04	Samuel Ogle Middle School, 4111 Chelmont La., Bowie, 5 <sup>th</sup>
06-16	Berkshire Elementary School, 6201 Surrey Square Lane, Forestville, 4 <sup>th</sup>	14-05	Rockledge Elementary School, 7701 Laurel-Bowie Road, Bowie, 5 <sup>th</sup>
06-17	Jessie B. Mason School, 2720 Iverson St., Temple Hills, 4 <sup>th</sup>	14-06	Yorktown Elementary School, 7301 Race Track Road, Bowie, 5 <sup>th</sup>
06-18	Princeton Elementary School, 6101 Baxter Drive, Camp Springs, 4 <sup>th</sup>	14-07	Glenn Dale Fire House, 11900 Glenn Dale Blvd., Glenn Dale, 5 <sup>th</sup>
06-19	Concord Elementary School, 2004 Concord Lane, District Heights, 4 <sup>th</sup>	14-08	Robert Goddard Montessori School, 9850 Good Luck Road, Seabrook, 5 <sup>th</sup>
06-20	John H. Bayne Elem. School, 7010 Walker Mill Rd., Capitol Heights, 4 <sup>th</sup>	14-09	Ascension Parish House, 12700 Lanham-Severn Road, Bowie, 5 <sup>th</sup>
06-21	St. Bernadine Church – Siena Hall, 2400 Brooks Dr., Suitland, 4 <sup>th</sup>	14-10	Holy Trinity Parish Hall, 13106 Annapolis Rd., Bowie, 5 <sup>th</sup>
06-22	Andrew Jackson Middle School, 3500 Regency Parkway, Suitland, 4 <sup>th</sup>	14-11	Bowie State Univ. McKeldin Gym, 14000 Jericho Park Road, Bowie, 5 <sup>th</sup>
06-23	North Forestville Elem. School, 2311 Ritchie Road, Forestville, 4 <sup>th</sup>	15-01	Marlton Elem. School, 8506 Old Colony Drive South, Upper Marlboro, 5 <sup>th</sup>
06-24	Marlow Heights Community Center, 2800 St. Clair Dr., Temple Hills, 4 <sup>th</sup>	15-02	Arrowhead Elem. School M.P. Rm, 2300 Sansbury Rd, Upper Marlboro, 4 <sup>th</sup>
07-01	Woodmore Elementary School, 12500 Woodmore Road, Mitchellville, 4 <sup>th</sup>	15-03	James Madison Middle School, 7300 Woodyard Road, Upper Marlboro, 5 <sup>th</sup>
07-02	Belair Annex, 3021 Belair Drive, Bowie, 5 <sup>th</sup>	15-04	Frederick Douglas High School, 8000 Croom Road, Upper Marlboro, 5 <sup>th</sup>
07-03	Kenilworth Elementary School, 12520 Kembridge Drive, Bowie, 5 <sup>th</sup>	15-05	Arrowhead Elem. School/Gym, 2300 Sansbury Road, Upper Marlboro, 4 <sup>th</sup>
07-04	Grace Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 2503 Belair Drive, Bowie, 5 <sup>th</sup>	15-06	Melwood Church of Nazarene, 6906 Woodyard Rd., Upper Marlboro, 5 <sup>th</sup>
07-05	Tulip Grove Elem. School, 2909 Trainor Lane, Bowie, 5 <sup>th</sup>	16-01	Edmonston Municipal Building, 5005 52 <sup>nd</sup> Ave., Edmonston, 4 <sup>th</sup>
07-06	Pointer Ridge Elementary School, 1110 Parkington Lane, Bowie, 5 <sup>th</sup>	16-02	City of Hyattsville Muni. Bldg, M.P. Rm, 4310 Gallatin St., Hyattsville, 4 <sup>th</sup>
07-07	Heather Hills Elem. School, 12605 Heming Lane, Bowie, 5 <sup>th</sup>	16-03	Nicholasville Middle School, 6001 42 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Hyattsville, 5 <sup>th</sup>
07-08	C. Elizabeth Rieg Special Center, 15542 Peach Walker Dr., Bowie, 5 <sup>th</sup>	16-04	Hyattsville Orem Middle School, 6100 Editors Park Drive, Hyattsville, 4 <sup>th</sup>
07-09	Mount Oak United Methodist Church, 14110 Mt. Oak Rd, Mitchellville, 5 <sup>th</sup>	17-01	Mount Rainier Elementary School, 4011 32 <sup>nd</sup> Street, Mount Rainier, 8 <sup>th</sup>
07-10	All Saints Lutheran Church Hall, 16510 Mount Oak Road, Bowie, 5 <sup>th</sup>	17-02	Town of Brentwood Municipal Bldg., 4300 39 <sup>th</sup> Place, Brentwood, 8 <sup>th</sup>
07-11	Evangel Cathedral, 13901 Central Ave., Upper Marlboro, 4 <sup>th</sup>	17-03	Langley Park McCormick Elem. School, 8201 15 <sup>th</sup> Ave., Hyattsville, 8 <sup>th</sup>
07-12	Mt. Ephraim Church/ School Gym, 610 Largo Road, Upper Marlboro, 4 <sup>th</sup>	17-04	Thomas. S. Stone Elementary School, 4500 34 <sup>th</sup> St., Mount Rainer, 8 <sup>th</sup>
07-13	Holy Family Cath. Ch, Fellowship Hall, 12010 Woodmore Rd, Mitchellvl, 4 <sup>th</sup>	17-05	Carole Highlands Elementary School, 1610 Hannon St., Takoma Park, 8 <sup>th</sup>
07-14	Village Baptist Church, 1950 Mitchellville Rd., Bowie, 5 <sup>th</sup>	17-06	Cesar Chavez Elementary School, 6609 Riggs Road, Chillum, 8 <sup>th</sup>
07-15	Collington Station H.O.A. 375 Jennings Mill Dr. Bowie, 4 <sup>th</sup>	17-07	Rollingcrest Chillum Comm. Center, 6120 Sargent Road, Hyattsville, 8 <sup>th</sup>
07-16	Northview Elem School Café – A, 3700 Northview Drive, Bowie, 5 <sup>th</sup>	17-08	Hyattsville Public Library, 6530 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville, 4 <sup>th</sup>
07-17	Northview Elem. School, Café – B, 3700 Northview Drive, Bowie 5 <sup>th</sup>	17-09	Mary Harris Mother Jones Elem., 2405 Tecumseh St., Adelphi, 4 <sup>th</sup>
08-01	Baden Elementary School, 13601 Baden-Westwood Rd, Brandywine, 5 <sup>th</sup>	17-10	Lewisdale Elem. School, 2400 Banning Place West, West Hyattsville, 4 <sup>th</sup>
09-01	Stephen Decatur Middle School, 8200 Pinewood Drive, Clinton, 5 <sup>th</sup>	17-11	Ridgecrest Elementary School, 6120 Riggs Road, Hyattsville, 8 <sup>th</sup>
09-02	James R. Randall Elementary School, 5410 Kirby Road, Clinton, 5 <sup>th</sup>	17-12	Adelphi Elementary School, 8820 Riggs Road, Adelphi, 8 <sup>th</sup>
09-03	F.T.Evans ES/AFB Side Ent., 6720 Old Alexander Ferry Rd., Clinton, 4 <sup>th</sup>	18-01	Capitol Heights Elementary School, 601 Suffolk Ave., Capitol Heights, 4 <sup>th</sup>
09-04	Surrattsville High School, 6101 Garden Drive, Clinton, 5 <sup>th</sup>	18-02	Seat Pleasant Elementary School, 6411 G Street, Seat Pleasant, 4 <sup>th</sup>
09-05	Isaac Gourdine Middle School, 8700 Allentown Road, Ft. Washington, 4 <sup>th</sup>	18-03	Centar Heights Comm. Center, 1200 Glenn Willow Dr., Capitol Heights, 4 <sup>th</sup>
09-06	Clinton Baptist Church, 8701 Woodyard Road., Clinton, 5 <sup>th</sup>	18-04	Doswell E. Brooks Elem. School, 1301 Brooke Road, Capitol Heights, 4 <sup>th</sup>
09-07	Waldon Woods Elementary School, 10301 Thrift Road, Clinton, 5 <sup>th</sup>	18-05	Robert R. Gray Elem. School, 4949 Addison Road, Capitol Heights, 4 <sup>th</sup>
09-08	Columbia Moose Lodge #126, 10404 Brandywine Road, Clinton, 5 <sup>th</sup>	18-06	Central High School, 200 Cabin Branch Road, Seat Pleasant, 4 <sup>th</sup>
09-09	Melwood Elementary School, 7100 Woodyard Road, Upper Marlboro, 5 <sup>th</sup>	18-07	Carmody Hills Elementary School, 401 Jadeleaf Ave., Capitol Heights, 4 <sup>th</sup>
09-10	Clinton Grove Elementary School, 9420 Temple Hill Road, Clinton, 5 <sup>th</sup>	18-08	Highland Park Elementary School, 6501 Lowland Drive, Landover, 4 <sup>th</sup>
09-11	Tanglewood School, 8333 Woodyard Road, Clinton, 5 <sup>th</sup>	18-09	John E. Feggan Center, 311 68 <sup>th</sup> Place., Seat Pleasant, 4 <sup>th</sup>
10-01	Dwight Eisenhower Middle School, 13725 Briarwood Drive, Laurel, 5 <sup>th</sup>	18-10	Pepper Mill Community Center/Gym, 610 Hill Road, Landover, 4 <sup>th</sup>
10-02	Phelps Senior Center, 701 Montgomery Street, Laurel, 5 <sup>th</sup>	18-11	Bradbury Heights Elem. School, 1401 Glacier Ave., Capitol Heights, 4 <sup>th</sup>
10-03	Laurel Elementary School, 516 Montgomery St., Laurel, 5 <sup>th</sup>	18-12	Fairmont Hgts HS/Dance Rm, 1401 Nye St., Front, Capitol Hgts, 4 <sup>th</sup>
10-04	Laurel High School, 8000 Cherry Lane, Laurel, 5 <sup>th</sup>	19-01	Riverdale Elementary School, 5006 Riverdale, Riverdale, 4 <sup>th</sup>
10-05	Bond Mill Elementary School, 16001 Sherwood Ave., Laurel, 5 <sup>th</sup>	19-02	Parkdale High School, 6001 Good Luck Road, Riverdale, 5 <sup>th</sup>
10-06	James H. Harrison Elem. School, 13200 Larchdale Road, Laurel, 5 <sup>th</sup>	19-03	University Park Elem. School, 4315 Underwood Street, Hyattsville, 5 <sup>th</sup>
10-07	Montpelier Elem. School/M.P. Room, 9200 Muirkirk Road, Laurel, 5 <sup>th</sup>	19-04	Templeton Elementary School, 6001 Carter's Lane, Riverdale, 4 <sup>th</sup>
10-08	Deerfield Run Elementary School, 13000 Laurel-Bowie Road, Laurel, 5 <sup>th</sup>	20-01	New Carrollton Muni. Ctr, 6016 Princess Garden Pkwy, New Carrollton, 5 <sup>th</sup>
10-09	Oaklands Elementary School, 13710 Laurel-Bowie Road, Laurel, 5 <sup>th</sup>	20-02	Community Bible Baptist Church, 7309 Riverdale Rd., Riverdale, 4 <sup>th</sup>
10-10	Tabernacle of Laurel, MD, 11601 So.Laurel Drive – Gym, Laurel, 5 <sup>th</sup>	20-03	Ardmore E.S., M.P. Rm, 9301 Ardwick Ardmore Rd., Upper Marlboro, 4 <sup>th</sup>
10-11	Tabernacle of Laurel, MD, 11601 So.Laurel Dr, UNPLUG Rm, Laurel, 5 <sup>th</sup>	20-04	Thomas Johnson Middle School, 5401 Barker Pl., M.P. Room, Lanham, 4 <sup>th</sup>
10-12	Laurel Community Center, 7901 Cypress Street, Laurel, 5 <sup>th</sup>	20-05	Charles Carroll Middle School, 6130 Lamont Drive, New Carrollton, 5 <sup>th</sup>
10-13	Laurel Volunteer Fire Department, 7411 Cherry Lane, Laurel, 5 <sup>th</sup>	20-06	Margaret Brent Special Center, 5816 Lamont Drive, New Carrollton, 5 <sup>th</sup>
11-01	Gwynn Park Middle School, 8000 Dyson Road, Brandywine, 5 <sup>th</sup>	20-07	Glenarden Woods E.S., Glenarden Pky & Echols Ave., Glenarden, 4 <sup>th</sup>
11-02	Mattaponi Elem. School, 11701 Duley Station Road, Upper Marlboro, 5 <sup>th</sup>	20-08	Seabrook Elementary School, 6001 Seabrook Road, Seabrook, 4 <sup>th</sup>
11-03	Rosaryville Elementary School, 9925 Rosaryville Rd., Upper Marlboro, 5 <sup>th</sup>	20-09	Glenn Dale Elementary School, 6700 Glenn Dale Road, Glenn Dale, 4 <sup>th</sup>
11-04	Brandywine Elementary School, 14101 Brandywine Road, Bowie, 5 <sup>th</sup>	20-10	Good Luck Community Center, 8601 Good Luck Road, Lanham, 5 <sup>th</sup>
12-01	John Hanson Montessori School, 6360 Oxon Hill Road, Oxon Hill, 4 <sup>th</sup>	20-11	Mount Calvary Baptist Church, 5120 Whitfield Chapel Road, Lanham, 4 <sup>th</sup>
12-02	Forest Heights Elem. School, 200 Talbert Drive, Oxon Hill, 4 <sup>th</sup>	21-01	Paint Branch Elementary School, 5101 Pierre Avenue, College Park, 5 <sup>th</sup>
12-03	St. Barnabas Church Hall, 5203 St. Barnabas Road, Temple Hills, 4 <sup>th</sup>	21-02	Univ. of MD Ritchie Coliseum, Rte 1 & Rossborough Lane, College Pk, 5 <sup>th</sup>
12-04	Fort View Elementary School, 5500 Danby Ave., Oxon Hill, 4 <sup>th</sup>	21-03	Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, 5 <sup>th</sup>
12-05	Fort Foote Elementary School, 8300 Oxon Hill Road, Fort Washington, 4 <sup>th</sup>	21-04	Hollywood Elementary School, 9811 49 <sup>th</sup> Ave., College Park, 5 <sup>th</sup>
12-06	Potomac High School, 5211 Boydeell Avenue, Oxon Hill, 4 <sup>th</sup>	21-05	Buck Lodge Middle School, 2611 Buck Lodge Road, Adelphi, 4 <sup>th</sup>
12-07	Samuel Chase Elementary School, 5700 Fisher Road, Temple Hills, 4 <sup>th</sup>	21-06	Greenbelt Elementary School, 66 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, 5 <sup>th</sup>
12-08	Apple Grove Elem. School, 7400 Bellefield Ave., Fort Washington, 4 <sup>th</sup>	21-07	Berwyn Heights Elem. School, 6200 Pontiac Street, Berwyn Heights, 5 <sup>th</sup>
12-09	Glassmanor Elementary School, 1011 Marcy Avenue, Oxon Hill, 4 <sup>th</sup>	21-08	Springhill Lake Elementary School, 6060 Springhill Drive, Greenbelt, 5 <sup>th</sup>
12-10	Oxon Hill Middle School, 9570 Fort Foote Road, Fort Washington, 4 <sup>th</sup>	21-09	Towers of Westchester Pk Bldg, 6200 Westchester Pk Dr., College Pk, 5 <sup>th</sup>
12-11	Oxon Hill Elementary School, 7701 Livingston Road, Oxon Hill, 4 <sup>th</sup>	21-10	College Park UM Church, 9601 Rhode Island Ave., College Park, 5 <sup>th</sup>
12-12	Oxon Hill Luth. Church/Fellow. Hall, 3415 Brinkley Rd, Hillcrest Hgts, 4 <sup>th</sup>	21-11	Magnolia Elementary School, 8400 Nightingale Drive, Lanham, 5 <sup>th</sup>
12-13	G. Gardner Shugart Middle School, 2000 Callaway St., Hillcrest Heights, 4 <sup>th</sup>	21-12	St. Marks School, 7501 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville, 5 <sup>th</sup>
12-14	Indian Queen Elem. School, 9551 Fort Foote Road, Fort Washington, 4 <sup>th</sup>	21-13	Eleanor Roosevelt High School, 7601 Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt, 5 <sup>th</sup>
12-15	Avalon Elementary School, 7302 Webster Lane, Fort Washington, 4 <sup>th</sup>	21-14	Hillandale Baptist Church, 2601 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi, 5 <sup>th</sup>
12-16	J. Frank Dent Elementary School, 2700 Corning Ave., Fort Washington 4 <sup>th</sup>	21-15	Cherokee Lane Elementary School, 9000 25 <sup>th</sup> Ave., Adelphi, 5 <sup>th</sup>
12-17	Allenwood Elementary School, 6300 Harley Lane, Temple Hills, 4 <sup>th</sup>	21-16	Lamont Elementary School, 7101 Good Luck Road, New Carrollton, 5 <sup>th</sup>
13-01	Palmer Park Community Center, 7720 Barlowe Road, Palmer Park, 4 <sup>th</sup>	21-17	University of MD, Student Union Bldg., 112 Campus Dr., College Park, 5 <sup>th</sup>
13-02	Columbia Park/Kentland Comm. Ctr, 2411 Pinebrook Ave., Landover, 4 <sup>th</sup>	21-18	Turning Point Academy, 700 Good Luck Road, Lanham, 5 <sup>th</sup>
13-03	J.R. Cousins, Jr. Memorial Ctr, 8600 Glenarden Parkway, Glenarden, 4 <sup>th</sup>		
13-04	Kettering Elementary School, 11000 Layton St., Upper Marlboro, 4 <sup>th</sup>		
13-05	Chas H. Flowers High M.P. Rm, 10001 Ardwick Ardmore Rd, Upper Marl, 4 <sup>th</sup>		
13-06	Largo High School, 505 Largo Road, Upper Marlboro, 4 <sup>th</sup>		
13-07	William Paca Elementary School, 7801 Sheriff Road, Landover, 4 <sup>th</sup>		
13-08	Matthew Henson Elementary School, 7910 Scott Road, Landover, 4 <sup>th</sup>		
13-09	Largo Kettering Library/Conference Room, 9601 Capital Lane, Largo, 4 <sup>th</sup>		
13-10	Phyllis Williams Elem. School, 9601 Prince Place, Upper Marlboro, 4 <sup>th</sup>		
13-11	Kettering Middle School, 65 Herrington Drive, Upper Marlboro, 4 <sup>th</sup>		
13-12	Ernest Everett Just M.S, 1300 Campus Way North, Mitchellville, 4 <sup>th</sup>		
13-13	Kettering Baptist Church, 1 Kettering Drive, Upper Marlboro, 4 <sup>th</sup>		
13-14	Chas. H. Flowers HS Caf, 10001 Ardwick Ardmore Rd., Upper Marlboro, 4 <sup>th</sup>		
13-15	Kingsford Elementary School, 1401 Enterprise Road, Mitchellville, 4 <sup>th</sup>		
13-16	Oakcrest Elementary School, 929 Hill Road, Landover, 4 <sup>th</sup>		
13-17	Columbia Pk Elem Schl – Gym, 1901 Kent Village Dr., Landover, 4 <sup>th</sup>		
14-01	High Bridge Elementary School, 7011 High Bridge Road, Bowie, 5 <sup>th</sup>		

## VOTERS CHECK LIST

This check list may be marked, clipped and taken with you conveniently into the voting booth. You may also take the whole Voters Guide in with you.

### **PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT** with party – Vote for no more than one.

- Barack Obama/Joe Biden, (Democratic)
- John McCain/Sarah Palin, (Republican)
- Cynthia McKinney/Rosa Clemente, (Green)
- Bob Barr/Wayne A. Root, (Libertarian)
- Ralph Nader/Matt Gonzalez, (Independent)
- Chuck Baldwin/Darrell L. Castel, (Constitution)

### *Write-in candidates for president who have filed in Maryland:*

- Donald K. Allen, Write-in (Unaffiliated)
- Lawson Mitchell Bone, Write-in (Independent)
- Theodis (Ted) Brown, Sr., Write-in (Independent)
- RaeDeen R. Heupel, Write-in (Independent)
- Ronald G. Hobbs, Write-in (Independent)
- Frank Moore, Write-in (Independent)
- Lynne A. Starr, Write-in (Independent)
- Blaine Taylor, Write-in (Democratic)

### **US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES** with party – Vote for no more than one.

#### **4<sup>th</sup> CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

- Donna Edwards, (Democratic)
- Peter James, (Republican)
- Thibeaux Lincecum, (Libertarian)

### *Write-in candidates for Maryland's 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District:*

- Darryn O'Shea Jackson, Sr., (Democratic)
- Bobby Broadus, (Republican)
- Steve Schulin, (Unaffiliated)

#### **5<sup>th</sup> CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

- Steny H. Hoyer, (Democratic)
- Collins Bailey, (Republican)
- Darlene H. Nicholas, (Libertarian)

#### **8<sup>th</sup> CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

- Chris Van Hollen, (Democratic)
- Steve Hudson, (Republican)
- Gordon Clark, (Green)
- Ian Thomas, (Libertarian)

### *Write-in candidates for Maryland's 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District:*

- Deborah A. Vollmer, (Democratic)
- Lih Young, (Democratic)
- Brian Crider, (Green)

### **MARYLAND COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS** – Vote “yes” or “no” for each to continue in office.

- Circle “yes” or “no” for Deborah Eyler
- Circle “yes” or “no” for Robert A. Zarnoch

### **JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, JUDICIAL CIRCUIT #7.** Vote for no more than 5.

- Andre Michael Chapdelaine
- Larnzell Martin, Jr.
- Crystal Dixon Mittelstaedt
- Albert W. Northrop
- Nicholas Elias Rattal

### **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, AT-LARGE**

- Amber Waller (unopposed)

### **MARYLAND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.** Vote “for” or “against” on each.

- Circle “for” or “against” Question #1: Early Voting and Absentee Balloting
- Circle “for” or “against” Question #2: Video Lottery Terminals (Slot Machines)

### **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BALLOT QUESTIONS**

- Circle “for” or “against” Question A: Library Facilities Bonds
- Circle “for” or “against” Question B: Public Safety Facilities Bonds
- Circle “for” or “against” Question C: County Buildings Bonds
- Circle “for” or “against” Question D: Public Works and Transportation Facilities Bonds
- Circle “for” or “against” Question E: Community College Facilities Bonds
- Circle “for” or “against” Question F: Telecommunications and Service Sales and Use Tax
- Circle “for” or “against” Question G: Extension of Time for Notice of Public Hearing on a Bill



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