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## ★ County Commissioners

Date: October 12, 2022  
Registration Opens: 6:30 A.M.  
Breakfast Served: 7 A.M.  
Program Begins: 7:30 A.M.  
Location: Applause Caterers  
58 E. Washington St.,  
Hagerstown, MD 21740

## ★ House of Delegates and State Senate

Date: October 19, 2022  
Registration Opens: 6:30 A.M.  
Breakfast Served: 7 A.M.  
Program Begins: 7:30 A.M.  
Location: Applause Caterers  
58 E. Washington St.,  
Hagerstown, MD 21740

## ★ Maryland 6th Congressional District

Date: October 26, 2022  
Registration Opens: 6:30 A.M.  
Breakfast Served: 7 A.M.  
Program Begins: 7:30 A.M.  
Location: Applause Caterers  
58 E. Washington St.,  
Hagerstown, MD 21740

## ★ Board of Education

Date: November 2, 2022  
Registration Opens: 6:30 A.M.  
Breakfast Served: 7 A.M.  
Program Begins: 7:30 A.M.  
Location: Applause Caterers  
58 E. Washington St.,  
Hagerstown, MD 21740

Contact Maddie Monica at [maddie@hagerstown.org](mailto:maddie@hagerstown.org) / 301.739.2015 ext. 100  
or register at [www.hagerstown.org](http://www.hagerstown.org)

All candidates were asked to respond to this question by September 9, in 125 words or less:

Why should someone from the business community vote for you?

**\*All candidate responses copied exactly how received, no edits were made. Answers are capped at exactly 125 words.**

## **District 6 Representative in Congress**

(Candidates appear in alphabetical order by last name)



### **NEIL C. PARROTT**

#### ***REPUBLICAN***

Neil is a small business owner who supports lower taxes, reduced government spending, and sensible monetary policy to fight inflation. For more than a decade, he's been working on behalf of taxpayers. He has voted for less regulation and a smaller government. Neil wants you to keep more money you earn and will never vote for policies that prohibit you from working. Neil believes small business is the backbone of our economy. As a small business owner, Neil has supported small business owners in Annapolis and will continue to in D.C.

### **DAVID J. TRONE - INCUMBENT**

#### ***DEMOCRAT***

I spent my career in business turning a small family shop into a nationwide retailer with over 200 stores and thousands of teammates. I know what it takes — hard work, innovation, and a long-term vision for the future. It's those values that are the driving force behind my work in Congress. Whether it's emergency relief during the pandemic, investments in infrastructure, efforts to curb the flow of deadly drugs into our communities, world-class education, or support for our seniors, we've made great progress since I took office. I know that for business owners, workers, families, and everyone in between, results are what matter. That's why I put people over politics and am solely focused on getting things done for the 6th District.



# Maryland Comptroller

(Candidates appear in alphabetical order by last name)



**BARRY GLASSMAN**  
**REPUBLICAN**

I am the only Candidate for Comptroller who has consistently supported small business as a Maryland State Delegate, State Senator and as Harford County Executive. I received the John Shaw award for my business support while in Annapolis from the MD Business for Responsible Government. As County Executive, I have cut taxes and improved efficiency while at the same time fully funding public safety and education. As the leader of one Maryland's largest counties, I have maintained a AAA bond rating and lowered debt while fully funding our pension. Endorsed by the MD FOP and MD Farm Bureau.

**BROOKE E. LIERMAN**  
**DEMOCRAT**

As a Delegate, I have been an advocate for businesses, including those in the three Main Street districts I represent & I was named a Legislator of the Year by the Maryland Retailers Association. I championed legislation to encourage early-stage capital availability for entrepreneurs, expand the reach of Small Business Development Centers, and provide more access to loans.

As Comptroller, I will create a single website to provide businesses the ability to pay their taxes, as well as show their history of taxes and fees. I will convene a Business Council to advise my office on how to support existing businesses & help Marylanders build new ones. On the BPW, I will ensure Maryland businesses have a fair opportunity to compete for State contracts.



# Washington County Commissioner

(Candidates appear in alphabetical order by last name)

**JOHN F. BARR**  
**REPUBLICAN**

No response received.



**JEFFREY A. CLINE - INCUMBENT**  
**REPUBLICAN**

A 3 term commissioner, one term town council, real estate and a willingness to go out amongst the people and listen and making common sense decisions based on accurate information.

**DEREK J. HARVEY**  
**REPUBLICAN**

We need experienced conservative leadership to keep Washington County going in the right direction. I know how to find solutions, build consensus and coalitions to address the challenges facing our county. I want to use my experience, knowledge and leadership to help our county address today's issues while building for tomorrow. We can do more to address economic development, expand the economy, create jobs and align smart long-term planning for water, sewer, transportation and infrastructure. We can do that while protecting and defending the values, character and history that makes Washington County a great place to call home. I'm a lifelong conservative who worked in the White House for President Trump, and I was the lead investigator for House Intelligence Committee Chairman Devin Nunes. Before







**WAYNE K. KEEFER - INCUMBENT  
*REPUBLICAN***

No response received.

**STERLING SANDERS  
*DEMOCRAT***

To keep it simple: I am not going to favor one person in the Washington County business community over another. I will happily listen to the concerns of business owners and I guarantee action will be made to address concerns on a larger scale. As an elected official, I will not be the expert on the issue -- I will be the ears and voice ensuring that the issues are resolved and we continue to thrive as a community. I want business owners to know that I will be there for them when they need me to be. I want business owners to know that their input is important to me and will be crucial in governing to better represent everyone.



**RANDALL WAGNER – INCUMBENT  
*REPUBLICAN***

Over the Past Four years as a County Commissioner, my voting record and involvement in the business community has reflected my commitment to Washington County and the business community. I am a present business owner [Realtor] and past business owner in Washington County, vested in the Community as a life long resident of Washington County.

## **DAVE WILLIAMS**

### ***DEMOCRAT***

As a retired WCPS educator/librarian, I bring a respect for facts, research, process, organization, preparation, and collaboration. My election will return bipartisanship to the BOCC and bring diversity of thought resulting in increased accountability, checks and balances, transparency, and better decision-making.

Quality schools, apprenticeships, educated workers, and post-secondary opportunities are important to existing and relocating businesses. My understanding of BOE issues will help the commissioners better monitor and collaborate with the entity receiving 42% of the county budget.

Washington County faces continuing challenges: public safety; water and sewer; roads; land use; rural, historical, and agricultural preservation; school replacements and more. The county must not wait for a problem to reach the crisis stage before reacting but face its challenges thoughtfully, honestly, proactively, and decisively.

ElectDaveW.com



# Washington County Board of Education

(Candidates appear in alphabetical order by last name and election is non-partisan)



## **FREDRICK I. CHAVIS**

Education and business go hand in hand. I think it is important to prepare our youth for the business world in a much more diverse offering of career readiness programs. Whether they choose to pursue further education, employment, or even entrepreneurship, education must prepare them. I look forward to continuing the support of local businesses and allowing opportunities for them to work with our students. Education saves lives. Access allows you to thrive.

## **DARRELL E. EVANS - INCUMBENT**

No response received.



## **MICHAEL GUESSFORD - INCUMBENT**

Having been on the board of education for the past 7 ½ years has been an ongoing learning experience when it comes to learning the school system, the programs and policies. This time on the board is very valuable as a candidate. Adding my business background, the ability to work as a team, only makes me more valuable to serve our community and students. I hope that the citizens of Washington County will continue to support me as a school board member for the next term.





**ETHAN J. LOEWEN**

As a manager, I have hired and trained high school graduates, and I understand the education and character traits that businesses require. As a financial advisor, I am aware of changing trends and what will be needed for the future workforce.

I oppose CRT/Racial Equity and Gender Equity curriculums. They have lost their initial intent, and are replacing time teaching reading, math, etc. With curriculum that trains children to see race and LGBT issues, according to the views of changing appointees to the State Department of Education. It's a subject for postsecondary education, not public school students.

With our increasing issues with misbehavior, we need to stop following the same policies as school districts that have even greater behavior issues.

I appreciate your consideration.

**LINDA MURRAY - INCUMBENT**

The business community relies on Washington County Public Schools to graduate qualified employees and having a world class school system attracts businesses and employees to Washington County.

My family and I are all graduates of Washington County Public Schools. After my 2016 retirement from a rewarding 26-year career in special education, I was appointed in 2017 by the Board of County Commissioners to fill a vacancy on the Board of Education and was elected in 2018. I have a strong work ethic and am very passionate about education and my role as a Board Member. I would be honored to serve for 4 more years to continue the good work we are doing and further strengthen the partnership between WCPS and the business community.



**ANTHONY WILLIAMS**

I believe that a strong education is the best preparation for future adults of Washington County. The job of WCPS is to prepare these future adults with the needed skills for the workforce. Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world-Nelson Mandela

# House of Delegates

(Candidates appear in alphabetical order by last name, and by district)

**TERRY L. BAKER - RUNNING FOR LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 1C**  
**REPUBLICAN**

No response received.



**CARRIE R. HINTON - RUNNING FOR LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 1C**  
**DEMOCRAT**

No response received.

**WILLIAM VALENTINE - RUNNING FOR LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 2A**  
**REPUBLICAN**

I will focus on communication and collaboration with municipal, county and state elected officials, while working with the Chamber of Commerce, governmental partners and associations to gather the information necessary to promote economic development and job growth within the district. I support a business-friendly environment with limited fees, lower taxes and a reduction in regulatory requirements. This will provide business owners the flexibility to make decisions better suited to ensure their business's long-term success and prosperity.



**WILLIAM J. WIVELL - INCUMBENT - RUNNING FOR DISTRICT 2A**

**REPUBLICAN**

Candidate is a Certified Public Accountant currently serving as a private school Business Manager and a tax supervisor for a public utility prior to that -- 36 years' combined experience in accounting, budgeting, taxation, and financial analysis. He has previously served 3 full terms and a partial term on the Board of County Commissioners prior to being appointed and subsequently elected to the MD State Legislature. A life-long resident of the County, candidate holds Masters', Bachelors', and Associates' degrees from local colleges/universities. Candidate favors less-regulated, business-friendly environments, school choice, and conservative fiscal and social policies. Candidate encourages tax policies and public/private partnerships to spur investment to create strong communities, an educated well-trained workforce, and has been successful in securing State funds for various community projects.



**BROOKE GROSSMAN - RUNNING FOR LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 2B**

**DEMOCRAT**

As person raising their family in District 2B, no one will fight harder to ensure the economic success of our city. I want to be part of creating an environment where all local businesses are thriving, not struggling to survive. We have several large investments coming to our city with the ground breaking of the baseball stadium and indoor turf facility. As your Delegate I will champion these projects and ensure the City of Hagerstown is well positioned for future investment. We need a representative that is committed to acting as a champion of District 2B by working across the isle in Annapolis. I am that person

**DR. BRENDA J. THIAM - INCUMBENT - RUNNING FOR DISTRICT 2B**

**REPUBLICAN**

No response received.



## State Senator

(Candidates appear in alphabetical order by last name, and by legislative district)

**MICHAEL DREISBACH - RUNNING FOR LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 1**  
***DEMOCRAT***

No response received.



**MIKE MCKAY - RUNNING FOR LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 1**  
***REPUBLICAN***

Experience is the one word that comes to mind to explain why some one within the business community should vote for Mike McKay. Eight years in the House of Delegates serving on the Appropriations Committee, Capital and Public Safety and Administration Sub committees has given me the advantage when it come relationship building within the halls of Annapolis. Our successful path, how to work with both sides of the isle, on multiple issues that benefit all Marylanders' has earned the respect of so many Delegates and Senators in the Maryland General Assembly.



**PAUL D. CORDERMAN - INCUMBENT - RUNNING FOR  
LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 2  
*REPUBLICAN***

As a small business owner myself, I understand the challenges the business community faces; especially, when it comes to reducing government regulation which continues to hamper the growth & development of our community. I have consistently fought to protect the business community, both locally and statewide. Last session, the Maryland Free Enterprise Foundation recognized our commitment by awarding us a score of 100% as a Pro Business Legislator. Unlike my opponent who supports the policies and decisions that continue to undermine our business community and free enterprise, I will continue to champion the values and concerns that are most important to our Washington County businessmen & women, allowing them the autonomy & ability to make decisions that help foster a strong local & statewide economy.

**SHAWN D. PERRY - RUNNING FOR LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 2  
*DEMOCRAT***

Small businesses are the backbone of a community. Many small business entrepreneurs face difficulties, including getting started and surviving lean years. As public servants our job is to support our communities and the businesses within our community. I will be dedicated to supporting smart growth and the economic opportunities businesses bring to the entire community. I will work alongside my legislative colleagues and local elected officials, to provide the necessary tools to ensure prosperity for our citizens and a hospitable environment to our business community in District 2.





## Governor

(Candidates appear in alphabetical order by last name)



**DAN COX**  
**REPUBLICAN**

I am the only candidate who will reduce taxes, stop my opponent's law to eliminate gas cars by 2035, never lockdown small business again and end the vaccine passports, empower parents in their children's schools and remove sexualization indoctrination from the classrooms and athletics, and end the crime scourge on our streets. I am a small businessman of 17 years, husband and father of 10 children, and the only candidate with elected experience as a State Delegate and locally elected Council President. I humbly ask for your vote to help save Maryland.

**WES MOORE**  
**DEMOCRAT**

I'm proud of my record in the business sector – including starting and building a small business here in Maryland to running one of the largest poverty-fighting organizations in the country. I know that our communities and residents cannot flourish without a thriving business community that creates economic opportunities in every corner of our state. As governor, I will build strong economic infrastructure that lifts up Maryland businesses and ensures that when Maryland competes, we win. That means building a robust workforce development pipeline, eliminating costly and unnecessary regulations, developing new financing programs that help small and micro businesses get access to low or no-interest capital, and reforming our state's procurement process to make it easier for small and minority businesses to win the state's business.

