

# Official Democratic Sample Ballot

## General Election - November 6, 2018

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## John McCarthy

### State's Attorney *Fiscal Del Estado*

- State's Attorney for Montgomery County since 2006.
- Joined State's Attorney's office in 1982 and prosecuted more than 200 major felony cases during 10 years as Deputy State's Attorney.
- Has served as legal advisor for numerous task forces, such as the Sniper Task Force in 2002 and the task force that examined open homicides of Montgomery County women.
- Past president of the Maryland State's Attorneys' Association and Montgomery County Bar Association. Has directed and participated in overseas training programs for the U.S. Department of Justice.
- Has lectured at nearly every Montgomery County public high school and for various senior citizens' groups.
- Member of the Board of Directors at Good Counsel High School from 1997 to 2003.

## Joseph M. Griffin

### Register of Wills *Registrador Testamentario*

- President of the Maryland Register of Wills Association for six years and Legislative Chair.
- On the Board of the National College of Probate Judges for six years.
- Member of the Board of Advisors for Maryland Local Government Investment Pool.
- Maryland Register of Wills Office Automation committee member.
- Serves on the Probate/Judiciary Subcommittee of the Rules Committee.
- Committed to increasing automation and improving availability of information by enhancing the Register's on-line services, including an interactive website.

## Darren Mark Popkin

### Sheriff *Alguacil*

- Has served two terms as Sheriff, directing 152 deputies and 35 civilians.
- Rose through the ranks, serving in the Sheriff's Office's transportation, civil and criminal divisions. Served 12 years as Chief Deputy and directed the day-to-day operations.
- Past president and current board member of the Maryland Sheriffs' Association.
- Co-chairs the Maryland Chiefs of Police and Sheriffs' Associations' Joint Legislative Committee.
- Is a member of the Maryland Anti-Terrorism Advisory Council.

## Barbara H. Meiklejohn

### Clerk of the Circuit Court

*Secretario de la Corte del Circuito*

- Currently serving first term as Clerk of the Court, managing a diverse courthouse workforce of more than 185 employees who speak more than 14 languages. Has more than 42 years' experience within the judiciary, including 27 years in management.
- Member of the Advisory Board of the Mid-Atlantic Association for Court Management, the Conference for Circuit Court Clerks and the Circuit Court Clerks Association.
- Implemented court staff training for Maryland Electronic Courts (MDEC), a statewide computer system that will allow for more efficient transactions within the courthouse.
- Earned public service awards from County Executive Ike Leggett and the Korean American Association for developing the next generation of leaders through internship programs at the courthouse.

## **Ben Jealous** **Governor** *Gobernador*

- Businessman and civil rights leader who has led complex organizations for two decades.
- Youngest-ever President & CEO of the NAACP at age 35, where he doubled the organizations' revenue.
- Led successful efforts in Maryland to abolish the death penalty, pass the DREAM Act, enact marriage equality, and expand voting rights.
- Named Marylander of the Year by the Baltimore Sun in 2013.
- Has helped to grow more than 20 companies and create over 1,000 jobs as a Partner at Kapor Capital, an investment firm that invests in progressive social change.

## **Susan W. Turnbull** **Lt. Governor** *Vice Gobernador*

- Has worked in a variety of governmental, non-profit, business, and political positions, including serving as a senior advisor and grants consultant to several Members of Congress.
- Served as a Member and Chair of the Montgomery County Board of Appeals where she helped to navigate solutions to various land-use issues.
- Was Vice Chair of the Democratic National Committee where she helped to spearhead a 50-state effort to elect Barack Obama President of the United States.
- Served as Chair for Jewish Council of Public Affairs and Jewish Women International.
- Former Chairwoman of the Maryland Democratic Party where she led a 24-jurisdiction strategy to re-elect Governor Martin O'Malley and Senator Barbara Mikulski.
- Co-founded Emerge Maryland, a program that recruits and trains women for office.

## **Brian E. Frosh** **Attorney General** *Procurador General*

- Indicted and put behind bars dangerous criminals, violent gang members, human traffickers, drug traffickers, and pill mill operations.
- Has protected the Chesapeake Bay and fought for clean air and clean water.
- Was the first AG in the country to issue guidelines to law enforcement agencies prohibiting discriminatory profiling.
- Sued the Trump Administration for undermining the Affordable Care Act; violating civil rights; failing to protect students from predatory, for-profit schools; undermining protections for clean air and water; and for violating the Emoluments Clauses of the Constitution.
- Sponsored and successfully defended in court the Firearm Safety Act of 2013, legislation that prohibits the sale of assault weapons and requires complete background checks for handgun purchasers.

## **Peter Franchot** **Comptroller** *Contralor*

- First elected Comptroller in 2006, and re-elected with more than 1 million votes in 2010 and 2014.
- Represented Montgomery County in the House of Delegates, where he was a member of the House Appropriations Committee and Chair of its Transportation and Environment Subcommittee.
- Serves on the three-member Board of Public Works, which approves millions of dollars in state contracts.
- An independent voice and fiscal watchdog for Maryland taxpayers.
- Served in the U.S. Army.

## **Marc Elrich** **County Executive** *Ejecutivo del Condado*

- Progressive leader on the Montgomery County Council for 12 years.
- Worked to advance affordable housing, raise the minimum wage to \$15 and expand public transit.
- Served as a Takoma Park Council member for 19 years.
- Taught at Rolling Park Elementary School for 17 years.
- Has worked for a large corporation and a local small business.
- Endorsed by Jamie Raskin, Ben Cardin, Ike Leggett, teachers, firefighters, progressives, environmentalists and unions.
- Participates in public campaign financing and has never accepted donations from developers.

## **Nancy Navarro** **County Council District 4** *Concejo Del Condado, Distrito Concejal 4*

- First elected to represent District 4 at the Montgomery County Council in 2009, re-elected in 2010 and 2014.
- Council Vice-President and Chair of the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee.
- Served on the HHS Committee and is a member of the Education Committee.
- Former member of the White House Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanics.
- Serves on the Washington Metropolitan Council of Governments' Board of Directors.
- Prior to her election to the Council, served on the Montgomery County Board of Education; was President for two years.
- Co-founded a non-profit organization whose mission was to enhance the economic and educational development of Latino and other immigrant women.

## **Judge of the Circuit Court - Judicial Circuit 6** *Juez de la Corte de Circuito - Circuito Judicial 6*

**James A. Bonifant** Appointed to the Circuit Court of Montgomery County. Previously served as Family Magistrate at the Circuit Court and in private practice. Speaks to students and parents about the heroine crisis through the Speak Up/Save a Life Speaker's Bureau. Has served on the Boards of Montgomery General Hospital and Medstar Montgomery Medical Centers since 1996. Graduated from University of Maryland School of Law in 1982 and with a degree in economics with distinction from the University of Virginia in 1978.

**Jeannie E. Cho** First Asian-American judge appointed to the Circuit Court bench in Montgomery County. Previously served as District Court Judge, a prosecutor, and in private practice. Born in South Korea, she graduated with a BA from the University of Maryland and a Juris Doctorate from Loyola University of Chicago School of Law. Has received numerous awards for community service, including Maryland Citizen Award, The League of Korean Americans of Maryland and Maryland's Top 100 Women.

**Jill Reid Cummins** Extensive litigation and trial experience in State and Federal Courts in Maryland and DC. Managing Attorney for Allstate Insurance Company's Capital Region for 13 years. Montgomery County resident for more than 48 years. Graduate of University of Virginia, American University and Washington College of Law. Active in the Street Law program for local high school students throughout the Metropolitan area and assists with voter registration and training.

**Debra L. Dwyer** Appointed to Circuit Court bench in 2016. Served as Deputy Chief at the U.S. Department of Justice's Organized Crime and Gang Section and Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office as Assistant State's Attorney. Served as Assistant U.S. Attorney in Baltimore, prosecuting violent crimes including large drug distribution operations, and received the DOJ's Director's Award for several high-profile prosecutions. Life-long resident of Montgomery County. Received her undergraduate degree, master's degree and law degree from American University.

**Kevin G. Hessler** Appointed to the Circuit Court bench in 2017. Attorney for 34 years in Montgomery County where he handled complex family, civil and criminal cases, including important appellate decisions in civil and criminal matters. Served as a Commissioner on the Montgomery County Commission for Women and on the Maryland State Bar Association/Maryland Judiciary Select Committee on Gender Equality in the Courts. Currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Montgomery County Bar Foundation.

**David W. Lease** Currently serving as a judge on the Circuit Court for Montgomery County. Practiced law for 26 years prior to appointment to the bench, including 18 years at Smith, Lease & Goldstein, which he co-founded. Served on the board of Voices for Children Montgomery, organization advocating for abused and neglected children. Graduate of Rockville's Charles W. Woodward High School and the University of Maryland, and a summa cum laude graduate from the University of Baltimore School of Law. Active

member of the Montgomery County and Maryland State Bar Associations; served three terms on the Maryland State Bar Association's Board of Governors.

**Margaret Marie Schweitzer** Appointed to the Circuit Court for Montgomery County in 2018. Previously served four year term as Associate Judge on the Montgomery County District Court, Assistant State's Attorney. Graduated from the University of Maryland; received her law degree from the University of North Carolina. Active in the Women's Bar Association of Maryland, American Inns of Court and Montgomery Bar Association. Instructor with the Judicial Institute and Vice Chair of the Court Technology Committee.

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# DISTRICT 17 LEGISLATIVE TEAM

## Cheryl C. Kagan State Senate

*Senador Estatal  
Distrito Legislativo 17*

- Independent-minded Senator who focuses on public safety, consumer protection, transportation, and civil liberties.
- Has enacted laws to help nonprofits; enhance 9-1-1 emergency response systems; protect personal information; mandate “language access”; and expand access to reproductive health services.
- Named one of Maryland’s “Top 100 Women” three times and inducted into The Daily Record’s “Circle of Excellence.”
- Named a “Green Champion” by the Maryland League of Conservation Voters.
- Designated four-time “Municipal Superstar” by the Maryland Municipal League for leadership on behalf of Maryland’s 157 cities and towns.
- Selected by the Next Generation 9-1-1 Institute as its 2018 National Leader of the Year.

## Kumar P. Barve House of Delegates

*Cámara de Delegados  
Distrito Legislativo 17*

- Senior leader in the House, having served as the Chairman of the Montgomery County Delegation.
- House Majority Leader and now Chairman of the Environment & Transportation Committee.
- Named by the League of Conservation Voters as 2017 Environmental Legislator of the Year for working to ban fracking.
- Passed a law in 2018 that bans offshore oil drilling.
- Instrumental in helping to procure an additional \$167 million annually for the Metro system.
- Works as an accountant and CFO at an environmental company in Rockville.
- Lives with his wife, Maureen, in Rockville.

## Jim Gilchrist House of Delegates

*Cámara de Delegados  
Distrito Legislativo 17*

- Chairman of the Land Use and Ethics Committee with oversight of zoning, smart growth and ethics.
- Served three terms in the Maryland House of Delegates and is a member of the Environment and Transportation Committee.
- Worked for the Department of Legislative Services in Annapolis.
- Worked for the Community Development Block Grant program in the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development.
- Grew up and has lived most of his life in the House district he represents.

## Julie Palakovich Carr House of Delegates

*Cámara de Delegados  
Distrito Legislativo 17*

- Currently serving her second term as a Rockville City Councilmember, where she sponsored legislation to ban smoking in outdoor dining areas of restaurants and keep police focused on fighting crime rather than enforcing immigration laws.
- A biologist by training, she started her career on Capitol Hill working on environmental and science policy.
- Worked for the American Institute of Biological Sciences, where she trained 1,100 scientists to communicate their research to the media and the public.
- Co-founded a technology start-up that helps candidates running for local government office.
- Recognized by the Annapolis Daily Record as a 2016 Leading Woman.

# MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL AT-LARGE

## *Concejo Del Condado Sin Cargo Especifico*

## Gabe Albornoz

- Appointed by County Executive Ike Leggett to head the Montgomery County Department of Recreation. He has overseen a \$37 million operating budget and manages more than 3,000 employees.
- Has forged collaborative efforts to build innovative programs that helped close achievement and opportunity gaps as well as measures to ensure vital living for senior citizens.
- The son of immigrants, he graduated from Walt Whitman High School, the University of Maryland and Johns Hopkins University.
- A lifelong Montgomery County resident, he has lived in Gaithersburg, Silver Spring, Bethesda and Kensington.
- Has served on over 37 boards, commissions, and committees at the local and state level, including becoming the first Latino Chairman of the Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee.

## Evan Glass

- Executive Director of Gandhi Brigade Youth Media, a non-profit organization that empowers minority and immigrant students to become community leaders.
- Former CNN journalist.
- Has successfully fought for more affordable housing, environmental protections, pedestrian safety and LGBTQ rights.
- Spent 15 years organizing neighborhood associations, serving as a non-profit leader and advocating for small business.
- A leader in advocating for innovative after-school programs for at-risk youth.

## Will Jawando

- Earned a college scholarship to attend Catholic University of America, where he established the university’s first NAACP chapter and earned his law degree.
- Worked for Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi, Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH) and then-Senator Barack Obama (D-IL) before working in the White House as Associate Director of the Office of Public Engagement, and later in the Obama Administration as advisor to U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan.
- Established Our Voices Matter, a non-profit promoting civic engagement in underrepresented communities in Maryland. Serves as co-chair of the African-American Student Achievement Action Group and previously served on the Montgomery County Commission on Juvenile Justice.
- In 2017, launched Montgomery County’s first-ever county-wide summer jobs program, Summer RISE, a partnership led by WorkSource Montgomery and Montgomery County Public Schools.

## Hans Riemer

- President of the Montgomery County Council.
- Since 2010, has served as an At-Large Member of the Council, where he has championed small-growth policies and housing opportunities while meeting infrastructure demands.
- Served as Senior Advisor for AARP.
- Was National Youth Vote Director for Barack Obama.
- Served as Political Director for Rock the Vote.
- Advocates for public education, public transportation, early childhood programs, libraries, recreational facilities, human services, housing and economic development.

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## IT IS LEGAL TO TAKE THIS SAMPLE BALLOT INTO THE VOTING BOOTH

**Governor / Lt. Governor**  
**Vote for 1**  
 Gobernador / Vicegobernador  
 Vote por 1

Larry Hogan  
 and/y  
 Boyd K. Rutherford Republican

**Ben Jealous**  
 and/y  
**Susan Turnbull** Democratic

Shawn Quinn  
 and/y  
 Christina Smith Libertarian

Ian Schlakman  
 and/y  
 Annie Chambers Green

**Comptroller**  
**Vote for 1**  
 Contralor  
 Vote por 1

Anjali Reed Phukan Republican

**Peter Franchot** Democratic

**Attorney General**  
**Vote for 1**  
 Procurador General  
 Vote por 1

Craig Wolf Republican

**Brian E. Frosh** Democratic

**State Senator**  
**District 17**  
**Vote for 1**  
 Senador Estatal  
 Distrito 17  
 Vote por 1

Josephine J. Wang Republican

**Cheryl C. Kagan** Democratic

**House of Delegates**  
**District 17**  
**Vote for up to 3**  
 Cámara de Delegados  
 Distrito 17  
 Vote hasta por 3

George Ivan Hernandez Republican

**Kumar P. Barve** Democratic

**Jim Gilchrist** Democratic

**Julie Palakovich Carr** Democratic

or write-in/o por escrito

or write-in/o por escrito

**County Executive**  
**Vote for 1**  
 Ejecutivo del Condado  
 Vote por 1

Robin Ficker Republican

**Marc Elrich** Democratic

Nancy Floreen Unaffiliated

or write-in/o por escrito

**County Council At Large**  
**Vote for up to 4**  
 Miembro del Concejo  
 Representando el Condado  
 Vote hasta por 4

Robert Dyer Republican

Chris P. Fiotes, Jr. Republican

Penny Musser Republican

Shelly Skolnick Republican

**Gabe Albornoz** Democratic

**Evan Glass** Democratic

**Will Jawando** Democratic

**Hans Riemer** Democratic

**County Council**  
**District 4**  
**Vote for 1**  
 Concejo del Condado  
 Distrito 4  
 Vote por 1

**Nancy Navarro** Democratic

or write-in/o por escrito

**Judge of the Circuit Court**  
**Circuit 6**  
**Vote for up to 7**  
 Juez de la Corte de Circuito  
 Vote hasta por 7

**James A. Bonifant**

**Jeannie E. Cho**

**Jill Reid Cummins**

**Debra L. Dwyer**

**Kevin G. Hessler**

**David W. Lease**

**Margaret Marie Schweitzer**

**State's Attorney**  
**Vote for 1**  
 Fiscal del Estado  
 Vote por 1

**John McCarthy** Democratic

or write-in/o por escrito

**Clerk of the Circuit Court**  
**Vote for 1**  
 Secretario de la Corte del Circuito  
 Vote por 1

**Barbara H. Meiklejohn** Democratic

or write-in/o por escrito

**Register of Wills**  
**Vote for 1**  
 Registrador Testamentario  
 Vote por 1

Dolores Reyes Republican

**Joseph M. Griffin** Democratic

**Sheriff**  
**Vote for 1**  
 Alguacil  
 Vote por 1

Jae Hwang Republican

**Darren Mark Popkin** Democratic

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**Retention of the 2 judges on the  
 Court of Special Appeals**

For

Against

**STATE BALLOT QUESTION 1:  
 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**  
**Lockbox for Education Funding  
 from Gambling Revenue**

Requires the state to use gambling revenue to supplement pre-K through grade 12 funding by specific, non-transferable amounts.

For

Against

**STATE BALLOT QUESTION 2:  
 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**  
**Same Day Voter Registration**

Authorizes the General Assembly to enact legislation to allow a qualified individual to register and vote at a precinct polling place on Election Day.

For

Against

**COUNTY BALLOT QUESTION A**

Alters the composition of the Redistricting Commission, which reviews the boundaries of Council Districts, from 9 members to 11 members, includes at least 1, but no more than 4 members of every political party that polls at least 15% of the preceding election and removes party central committees from submitting names for appointment.

For

Against

No position

**COUNTY BALLOT QUESTION B**

Amend the County Charter to require a unanimous vote (instead of 9 votes) to levy a property tax rate that exceeds the limit contained in the Charter.

For

Against

No position

**COUNTY BALLOT QUESTION C**

Amend the County Charter to allow County Council members to hire more than one aide in a non-merit position.

For

Against

No position

**This election is about the future of our state and the choice could not be clearer.**