

What's at Stake in the 2022 Primary?

Maryland & Montgomery County - Updated 6/14/22

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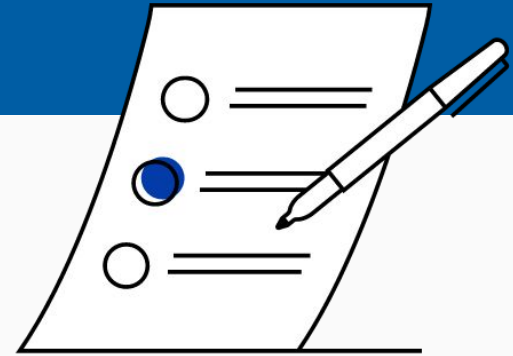


Program Overview

1. **Why** do local primaries matter?
2. **Which** offices are on the ballot?
3. **What** issues are at stake?
4. **How** can you make a difference?



Every Vote Matters!

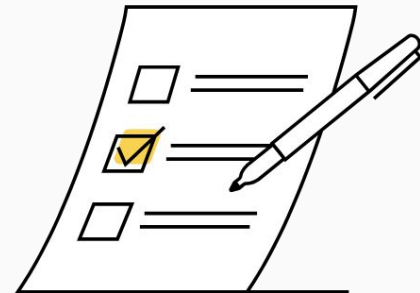


In the **2018**, out of 1 million people in Montgomery County...

- County Executive Race:
 - **Marc Elrich won the primary by 77 votes**
- District 16 State Delegate Race:
 - **Sarah Love won the primary by 12 votes**

Notes about Local Elections

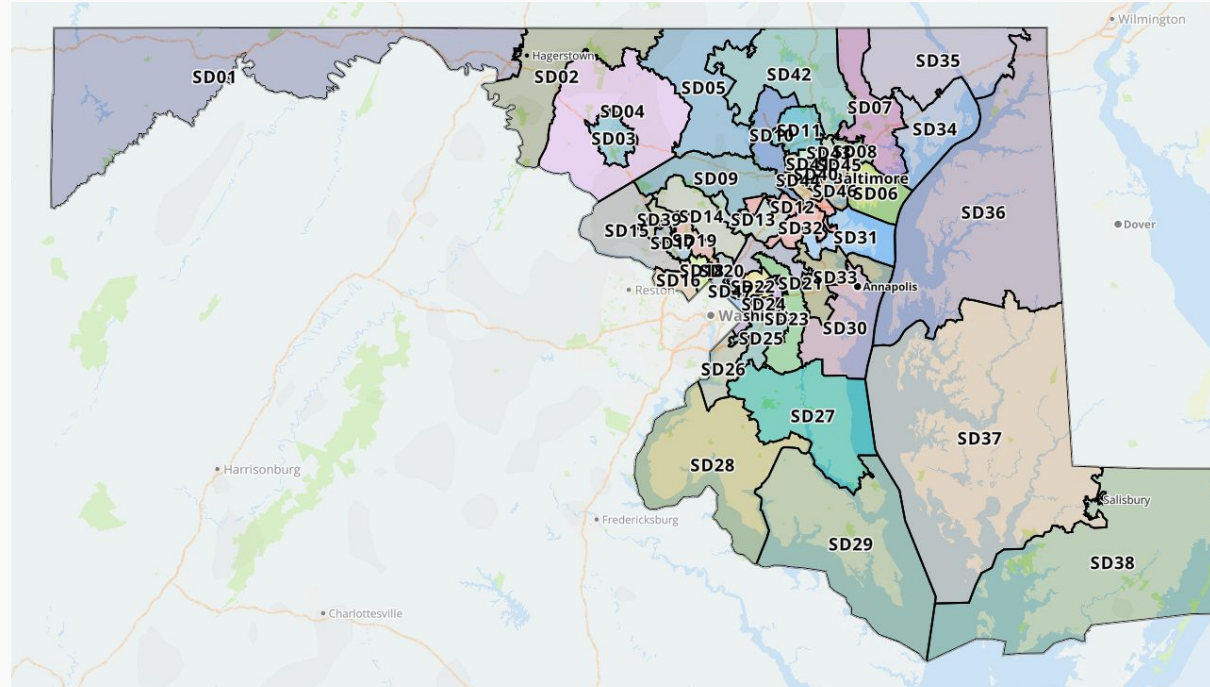
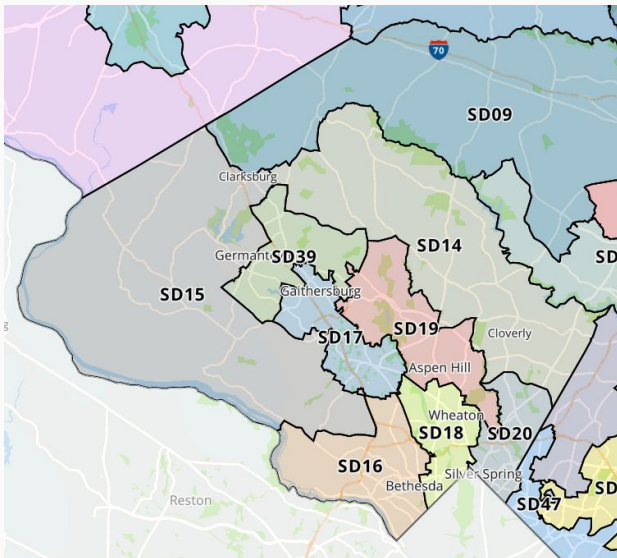
- 2022 Ballot – all MD + most Montgomery County offices
- Montgomery County races – with few exceptions, whoever wins the Democratic **primary** also win the **general** election
- Party registration required to vote in primary, except for nonpartisan Board of Education
- No ranked choice voting or runoffs



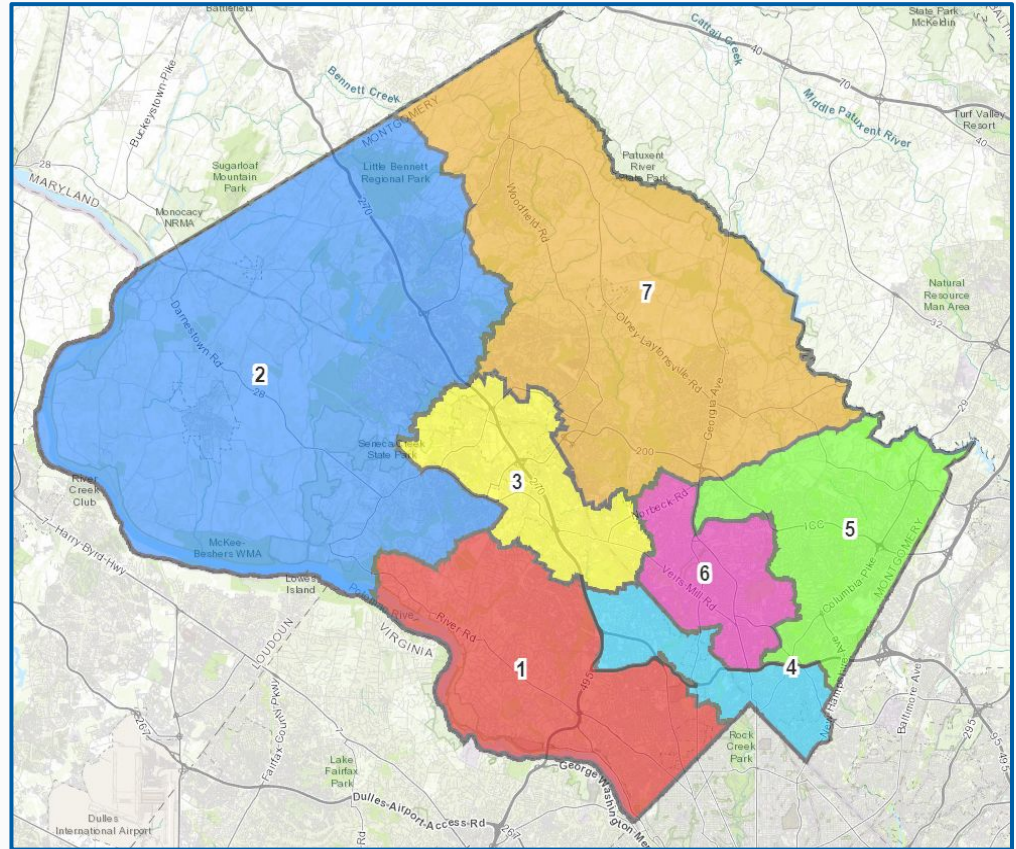
**What is my
district?**

Proposed Maryland Districts

Montgomery County Detail



New Montgomery County Districts



[New County Map](#) | [Current County Reps](#)

New County Districts details

- 2020 ballot question added 2 district seats – **total of 7**
- Changing demographics and stronger representation for historically disenfranchised parts of our County
 - **6 of 7** new districts are **majority communities of color**
 - **East County** district – **Black residents** are largest group
 - **Wheaton** district – **Latinx residents** are largest group
 - Addition of a **second district upcounty**
- **You will vote in your new districts in the primary!**



Questions?

Public Financing

- Makes running for office more equitable
- Reduces influence of large contributions – no corporations or PACs
- Candidates raise small donations from locals, matched on a sliding scale
- **2022:** Governor's race; County Executive + County Council races in Montgomery and Howard Counties
- Example for County Exec. in Mont. County = \$50 becomes \$350

[Maryland Public Financing](#) | [Campaign Finance Reports](#)

Montgomery County

County Executive

County Council

State's Attorney

Board of Education

Montgomery County County Executive

County Executive



Marc Elrich

What is the County Executive's Role?

- Leads executive branch of County government
- Leads all executive departments
- Proposes County's operating and capital budgets
- Responsible for implementing and enforcing County legislation

Candidates for County Executive



Marc Elrich (D)*
incumbent



David Blair
(D)



Peter James
(D)



Hans Riemer
(D)*



**Shelly
Skolnick (R)**



**Reardon
Sullivan (R)**

What's at Stake in the County Executive Race?

Case Study: Racial Equity Office

- JUFJ Partners: [MORE Network](#)
- The next Executive will decide:
 - The office's Budget and Staff
 - The consideration of the recommendations
 - The office's impact on local government



Montgomery County County Council

County Council



What is the County Council's Role?

- **Legislative branch**
 - Write County's laws
 - Review, amend, approve operating and capital budgets
 - Oversee land use
 - Confirm key executive branch appointments
 - Acts as Board of Health
- **Constituent services**

County Council Makeup

2018: 9 Councilmembers

- 5 Districts
- 4 At-Large

2022: 11 Councilmembers

- 7 Districts
- 4 At-large

Including the 2 new district seats, there are 6 open seats on the Council in the 2022 elections!

County Council Districts 1 & 2

* Using Public Financing

DISTRICT 1



Andrew Friedson (D)
incumbent

DISTRICT 2



Marilyn Balcombe (D)*



Lorna Phillips Forde (D)*



Will Roberts (D)*



Dan Cuda (R)

County Council Districts 3 & 4

* Using Public Financing

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DISTRICT 3



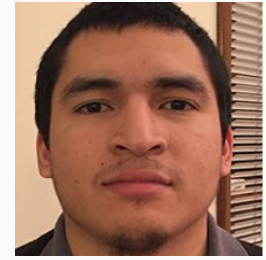
Sidney Katz (D)
incumbent



Tiquia Bennett (D)



Robert Wu (D)*



George Hernandez (R)

DISTRICT 4



Al Carr (D)



Troy Murtha (D)



Amy Ginsburg (D)*



Kate Stewart (D)*



John Zittrauer (D)*

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Cheryl Riley (R)

County Council District 5

DISTRICT 5



Brian Anleu (D)*



Fatmata Barrie (D)*



Christopher Bolton (D)



Daniel Koroma (D)*



Cary Lamari (D)



Kristin Mink (D)*



William "Chip" Montier (D)*



Jeremiah Pope (D)

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Kate Woody (R)

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County Council District 6

DISTRICT 6



[Natali Fani-González \(D\)*](#)



[Omar Lazo \(D\)*](#)



[Maricé Morales \(D\)*](#)



[Steve Solomon \(D\)](#)



[Brit Siman-Tov \(D\)](#)



[Christa Tichy \(D\)*](#)



[Mark Trullinger \(D\)](#)

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[Vicki Vergagni \(D\)](#)



[Viet H. Doan \(R\)](#)

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County Council District 7

DISTRICT 7



Andrew Einsmann (D)*



Paul Geller (D)*



Sharif Hidayat (D)



Jacqueline Manger (D)



Paul Schwartz (D)



Dawn Luedtke (D)



Ben Wikner (D)*



Harold Maldonado (R)

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County Council At-Large

AT-LARGE



[Gabe Albornoz \(D\)*](#)
incumbent



[Evan Glass \(D\)*](#)
incumbent



[Tom Hucker \(D\)](#)
D5 incumbent



[Will Jawando \(D\)](#)
incumbent



[Brandy Brooks \(D\)*](#)

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Dana E. Gassaway (D)



[Scott Goldberg \(D\)*](#)



[Laurie-Anne Sayles \(D\)*](#)



Christopher Fiotes (R)



[Lenard Lieber \(R\)](#)



[Dwight Patel \(R\)](#)

* Using Public Financing

What's at Stake in the County Council Races?

Case Study: Emergency Rent Stabilization

- JUFJ Partners: [MORE Housing Team](#)
- Current emergency rent stabilization will expire in May, leaving thousands of renters at risk of eviction



Questions?

Montgomery County State's Attorney

State's Attorney



John McCarthy

What is the State's Attorney Role?

- This is a **County** level position!
- **Prosecutor** – ALL criminal offenses under state/local laws
- **Independent** – does NOT report to a legislative body or executive official
- **Broad powers** – whom to prosecute, what charges to bring, recommendations for pretrial release and sentencing, use of diversion programs

Candidates for State's Attorney



[John McCarthy \(D\)](#)
incumbent



[Thomas DeGonia \(D\)](#)



[Bernice Mireku-North \(D\)](#)



[Perry Paylor \(D\)](#)

What's at Stake in the State's Attorney Race?

Reforming the Criminal Justice System

- JUFJ Partners: [ACLU](#), [CASA](#), and others
- State's Attorney has power to address **inequities in the criminal justice system** – harms Black and brown people + those who are poor, homelessness, or suffering from mental illness
- 2020: Black people in County population - 18%, Black people in County jail - 54%
- 2011-2020: 90% of youth in detention were Black, brown, and other children of color

Read the one-pager:

[What we need from our State's Attorney](#)

State's Attorney – List of Reforms

DO...

- Seek shorter sentences
- Charge children as children
- Increase transparency with accessible information

DON'T...

- Charge people with crimes because of homelessness, drug possession, or symptoms of mental illness
- Require payment for diversion programs meant to keep people out of the system

Montgomery County Board of Education

Board of Education



What is the Board of Education's Role?

- **Policy-making** body for schools, including COVID policies
- **Spends** allocated money
- **Establishes** curriculum
- **Appoints** superintendent
- **Determines** school boundaries
- County Executive and County Council MCPS oversight role is limited to the budget process

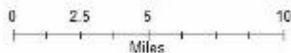
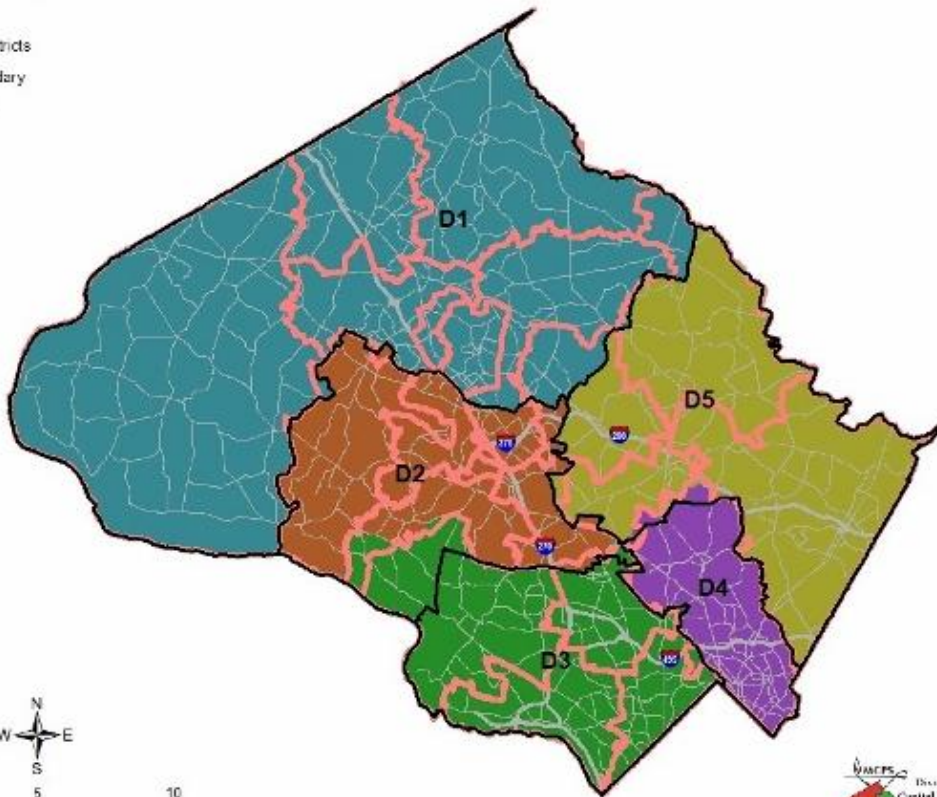
BOE Redistricting 2021

Plan B

Proposed Districts

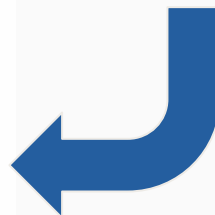
Cluster Boundary

Current District



September 17, 2021

New Board of Education Districts



8 Members

- 5 elected based on where they live
- 2 elected At-large
- 1 student, who is elected by all MCPS secondary students for a term of one year

Board of Education Elections



- **Non-partisan:**

- Political party registration not required to vote

- **Districts:**

- Board members must live in district they represent; at-large members can live anywhere in the County
- People vote for ALL Board of Ed. races, regardless of district

- **Primary vs. General:**

- Top 2 candidates from primary → general election
- 2 or fewer candidates → directly to the general election

Candidates for Board of Education

AT-LARGE



Karla Silvestre
incumbent

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yet

Mike Erickson



Michael Fryar



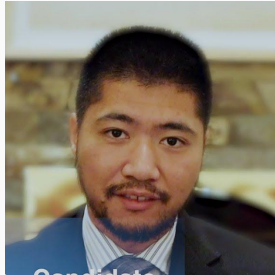
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Giandomenico

Candidates for Board of Education

DISTRICT 1



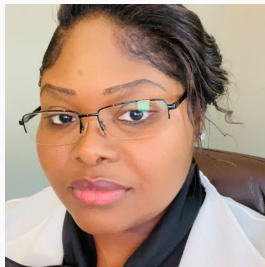
**Alexander
Fahmy**



Jay Guan



**Grace
Rivera-Oven**



Esther L. Wells

DISTRICT 3



Scott Jofthus
incumbent



Marcus Alzona



Julie Yang

Candidates for Board of Education

DISTRICT 5



[Brenda Wolff](#)
incumbent



[Valerie Coll](#)



[Dawn Iannaco-Hahn](#)

What's at Stake in the Board of Education Races?

Case Study: Mental Health in Schools

- JUFJ Partners: [Young People for Progress](#), [Racial Justice NOW!](#), [Students Towards Equitable Schools](#), and many others
- Long history of inadequate mental health supports
- Students need culturally competent mental health professionals, wellness centers, restorative justice



Questions?


Get Involved!

Stay Informed!

- Maryland Matters: marylandmatters.org
- Montgomery County news:
 - Bethesda Beat: bethesdamagazine.com/Bethesda-Beat
 - iHatePolitics Podcast: <https://ihppod.libsyn.com/>
 - Mont. Community Media: <https://www.mymcmedia.org/>
 - MoCo Local Blog: <https://mocolocal.blog/>

Online Election Resources

JUFJ's Election Resources: <http://jufj.org/md-election-resources>

–  General Information

- Maryland Elections information: elections.maryland.gov (includes information about your voter registration status and polling place)
- Voter Registration FAQs
- Mail-in Voting FAQs
- Early Voting FAQs

Howard County:


- Howard County Board of Elections Info


Montgomery County:


- Montgomery County Board of Elections Info


Prince George's County:


- Prince George's County Board of Elections Info

+  Key Dates

+  What is my District?

+  Who is Running?

+  Select Local Media Resources

+  Candidate Forums

Voting Information

- **Montgomery County Elections:**
 - (240) 777-VOTE or www.777vote.org
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Primary Key Dates

- 4/15 – Candidate Filing Deadline
- 6/28 – Deadline for advance Voter Registration + Change of Party Affiliation (can register in person during early voting/election day)
- **7/7-7/14 – Primary Early Voting dates, 7 AM - 8 PM**
- 7/12 – Deadline to request mail-in ballot by mail or fax
- 7/15 – Deadline to request mail-in ballot from the State's website
- 7/19 – Deadline to request mail-in ballot in person at a local board
- **Tuesday, 7/19 – Primary Election date, 7 AM - 8 PM**

Talk to Friends and Neighbors about VOTING in the primary!



Please fill out the
Feedback & Take Action Form

**It is not on you to
finish the work,
but you can't quit either!**
(Pirkei Avot 2:21)

Additional Information

Additional Races

Sheriff

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Register of Wills

Judges of the Circuit Court

Party Central Committees

Sheriff's Office

What is the Sheriff's Role:

- Law enforcement arm of Judicial System
- Independent – does not report to County Executive or County Council
- Carries out evictions, enforces child support, Responsible for combating domestic violence



Robert Bass



Maxwell Uy

Candidates:

- Sheriff Darren Popkin is not running for re-election
- Maxwell Uy and Robert Bass are running for the open seat

Clerk of the Court

What is the Clerk of the Court's Role:

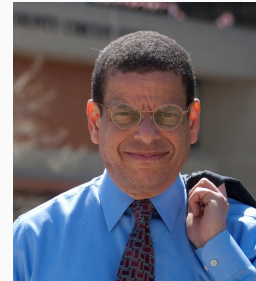
- Manages papers, books, records of MD Court System
- Administers oaths, licenses, swearing-ins
- Assisted by 200 staff members to ensure transparency and justice in court system

Candidates:



Karen Bushell

incumbent



Alan S. Bowser

Register of Wills

What is the Register of Wills' Role:

- Works to protect descendants, heirs, legatees, creditors, and the State of Maryland



Joseph Griffin

Candidate:

- Current Register of Wills, Joseph Griffin, is running for re-election

Judges of the Circuit Court

What is the Circuit Court's Role:

- Where jury trials are held
- Handle serious criminal cases + major civil cases
- Handle juvenile and other family law cases such as divorce, custody and child support, and domestic violence cases
- Cases can be decided by juries or by the judge



Selection of Circuit Court Judges

- When there is an open seat, such as when a judge retires, the Governor appoints a **nominating commission**, which vets and nominates candidates
- Governor reviews nominations + **appoints a judge** to fill the seat
- Judges are on the ballot **the first election year** after being appointed
- Other judges in MD are general election only with yes/no for retention
- General Assembly considering legislation to change Circuit Court process to match other types of MD judges

Election of Circuit Court Judges

- Circuit Court Judge races are non-partisan
- Candidates appear on both Democratic and Republican primary ballots
- Top **4 candidates** in the primary election from **both parties** move on to the **general election**
- Top **4 candidates** in the general election are elected to **serve 15 year terms**

Candidates for Circuit Court Judge

Candidates appointed by Governor Hogan
to replace retiring judges this past year:



**Carlos
Acosta**



**Theresa
Chernosky**



**Kathleen
Dumais**



**Rachel
McGuckian**



**Thomas P.
Johnson III**



**Marylin
Pierre**

Other candidates:

Democratic & Republican Central Committees

What is the Central Committee's Role:

- Local governing body for the Democratic and Republican parties
- Full power on all party matters, including organization, maintenance, and conduct
- Central committees responsible for organizing + voter turnout for their party

Democratic & Republican Central Committees

Selection of Representatives:

- 2 per district and 8 at-large, plus 1 in the proposed new half-district (9a)
- No more than half of the reps from a district can be the same gender

Candidates:

- See the following pages for at list of candidates, broken down by district and party

At-Large	District 14	District 15	District 16
Tazeen Ahmad	Keyna Ijeoma Anyiam	Saman Qadeer Ahmad	Joanne Peter Demchok
Sarah Brand	Arthur Edmunds	Anis Ahmed	Jim Michaels
Ilhan Cagri	Issa Haddad	Dan Alpert	Teresa Saavedra Woorman
Barbara Ebel	Mimi Hassanein	Margie Delao	
Marjorie Goldman	Liza Smith	Nathan R. Feldman	
Raju Mahajan		Charles M. James, 3rd	
Marko G Rivera-Oven		Michael J. Schrier	
Andrew Saundry			
Michael Tardif			
Michelle C. Whittaker			
Peter Witzler			

District 17	District 18	District 19	District 20	District 39
Matt Amon	Shruti Bhatnagar	Mumin A. Barre	Seth Grimes	Jamie Andrews
Gloria Aparicio	Edward Fischman	Tyler Beck	Pamela F. Lockett	Bobby Bartlett
Jennifer Guzman Hosey	Marquette D. Rogers	Sebastian Johnson		Rebecca Rosales Castillo
James Metzler	Marcus Vessels	Samantha Jones		Suzi Williams Kaplan
Jayson L. Spiegel				Marc Anthony Robles
				Ulrich A. Sska

At-Large	At-Large (cont.)	District 14	District 15	District 16
Gus Alzona	Ann Guthrie Hingston	Laura Benson	Kourosch Amin-Tehrani	Marcus Alzona
Brad Botwin	Lori Jaffe	Patricia Ann Fenati	Anthony Coomes	Joseph P.Aukward
Alexander A. Bush	Lorraine Kuchmy	Joseph P. Gillin	Eva Guo	Paul S. Foldi
Patsy Dillingham	Dennis B. Melby	Tracey Humphrey	Del Lamiman	James M. Gingery
Mary Fairbanks	Dwight Patel	Anne Koutsoutis	William S. Richbourg	Lore Greil-Fennell
Laurie Halverson	Pam Plaisted		Bradley St. Rohrs	Chris Haas
			Reardon Sullivan	Alan Reid Kruglak
				Ana M. Rhea
				Mark Uncapher

District 17	District 18	District 19	District 20	District 39
Paul Agle	Missy Carr	Bob Fenichel	Jamie E. Greedan	Raj Bezwada
Jennifer L. Ellington	Joel D. Keralis	Hessie L. Harris	I. William Zartman	Candice Clough
Martha L. Hale	Grace G. McNicholas	Frank Nice		Greg Decker
Luke C. Joyce	Dolores Reyes	Jeffrey D. Rubin		Amy D'Elia
Brigitta M. Mullican	Jean Alexandra Tuttle	Martha Schaerr		Bill Ott
Robyn Porter	Amy Ruth Waychoff			Al Phillips
Jaclyn Sackstein				
Holly Sorell				
Josephine J. Wang				