

AFRICAN AMERICANS IN HOWARD COUNTY (AAIHC) 2018 GENERAL ELECTION VOTERS' CARD

The African American Coalition of Howard County (AACHC) is an umbrella organization in which African Americans in Howard County (AAIHC) is a member. The AAIHC endorses political candidates for leadership positions and expands the public policy debate to include racial and economic equality. The views are progressive with an arc toward improving the system for democracy, freedom and opportunity for all. This card is intended to be used as a guide for voters as they make their selections for the General Election.

POLITICAL OFFICE	ENDORSED CANDIDATES
Maryland Governor & Lt. Governor	Democrat – <i>Jealous, Ben and Turnball, Susan</i> Mr. Jealous and Ms. Turnball distinguish themselves as progressives. With this political stance, they are committed to responsible tax management (both state and federal levels) enabling health care for all, universal pre-K, and equity pay for public school teachers. Their opponents' views on education funding, health care (the elimination of Affordable Care Act), and racial intolerance (resembling that coming out of Washington, D.C. and western Howard County) show no hope of making Maryland better for all.
Maryland Attorney General	Democrat – <i>Frosh, Brian E.</i> Mr. Frosh is a very, very hardworking and knowledgeable Attorney General for Maryland. He frequently engages with Howard Countians to educate and address issues for the county and state. Mr. Frosh is always "one step ahead" for Maryland!
U.S. Senator	Democrat – <i>Cardin, Ben</i> If there's ever been one person committed to quality and equal access for all to health care, it is now, and always has been, Mr. Cardin. Working with him on growing Black-owned businesses is somewhat of a grind, but there's enough "good will" between him and the African American community to continue working together and keeping the faith. For now, we need his attention on Black-owned business opportunities in the development of downtown Columbia in Maryland.
Congressional Representative (District 2)	Democrat – <i>Ruppersberger, C. A. Dutch</i> Dutch, and that is what we call him, is focused on keeping Howard County and the nation secure. This is demonstrated by his many visits to Howard County, and his strong love and commitment for protecting the Chesapeake Bay.
Congressional Representative (District 3)	Democrat – <i>Sarbanes, John</i> Mr. Sarbanes, a smart and well-educated man, is perhaps one of Howard County's most committed political leaders. While he has been a vocal opponent of the disastrous Republican tax cut, he continually focuses on gun violence, the opioid crisis, loan forgiveness programs; and the Chesapeake Bay (more jobs for the state and better environmental policies). He is, and more importantly to the African-American community, the strongest standout against excessive money in politics.
Congressional Representative (District 7)	Democrat – <i>Cummings, Elijah</i> Sure Mr. Cummings is a "cool dude;" and may we suggest (but, he is) Howard County's foreign policy advisor for all U.S. issues. If it were not for him, many Howard Countians (and citizens nationwide) would be at a loss in understanding America's role in global affairs. In the manner he legislates, Mr. Cummings connects foreign policy to our everyday lives.
Maryland State Senator (District 9)	Democrat – <i>Hester, Katie Fry</i> Ms. Hester was told that she had to grow in some issue areas, and that she did. For the needs of Howard County, despite what one may or may not hear, are critical. For example, Howard County's education policy, through Maryland's Republican leadership, are daily tied to the U.S. Department of Education policies, which is controlled by Betsy DeVos's insensitive and outlandish policies. Ms. Hester seeks to provide a "world-class" education for all students.

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Maryland State Senator (District 12)	Democrat – Lam, Clarence K. Mr. Lam has served as a Maryland delegate since 2015 and sponsored numerous bills in health care and labor & employment. He’s always reachable and willing to listen to his constituents. As a member of the Howard County delegation, his continued leadership in developing health care legislation will play a major role in developing our infrastructure.
Maryland State Senator (District 13)	Democrat – Guzzone, Guy Mr. Guzzone is one of the most effective leaders in the Maryland General Assembly. He serves on many major committees in the State Senate and strongly supports Medicaid expansion as a core initiative of the Affordable Care Act. And as you may recall, Mr. Guzzone— when no one else in Howard County— encouraged support for Barack Obama in his candidacy for president. He saw early in President Obama what many of us later discovered.
Maryland House of Delegates (District 09A)	Democrats – Bolen, Steven M. Ziegler, Natalie Both candidates, were reviewed closely by AAIHC and will certainly accomplish respectable and effective work in addressing issues for the broader community of Howard County.
Maryland House of Delegates (District 09B)	Democrat – Watson, Courtney Ms. Watson is not just a leader, but a true friend of the African American community— especially when it comes to education. She has served on the Howard County School Board and Council as a fighter for economic equality, a better healthcare infrastructure and other key issues. Moreover, her father opened the door for many African Americans who started coming here in 1970, and she continues to do the same now. Courtney is just a great legislator. Check her website.
Maryland House of Delegates (District 12)	Democrats – Ebersole, Eric Feldmark, Jessica Hill, Terri These three individuals make a strong legislative team for Howard County because they work well together and have extensive experience in key issues areas— education, health care and management. Mr. Ebersole is a former Wilde Lake High School (WLHS) teacher, and Ms. Hill is a physician and former student of WLHS. And while Ms. Feldmark is new to the team, she has great experience as current Head Administrator for the Howard County Council.
Maryland House of Delegates (District 13)	Democrats – Atterbeary, Vanessa Pendergrass, Shane Terrasa, Jen The eastside of Columbia needs this dynamic trio, and they have them! Similar to the District 12 team, they don’t shy away from challenges and they are the shining stars that Howard County needs. Ms Atterbeary and Ms. Pendergrass have introduced numerous bills to advance education and health care policies for all Marylanders.
Howard County Executive	Democrat – Ball, Calvin If you desire progressive leadership and management of Howard County, then Mr. Ball is your choice. His opponent, Mr. Kittleman, is clearly status-quo. The communities of color and economically disadvantaged communities have been suffering from the “status-quo”. Many Howard Countians moved here not to take part in some experiment of “taking America back,” but instead to keep America moving ahead. As a Howard County Council member, Mr. Ball has been a strong advocate for our school system and a strong proponent of equal access to health care. While we still need to work with Mr. Ball in addressing low to moderate housing for Howard County, we know he will remain focused on progressing forward for everyone.
Howard County Council (District 1)	Democrat – Walsh, Elizabeth “Liz” When we think about transparency, we think of Ms. Walsh. She represents the Ellicott City area, and with the \$50M plan to rebuild this area, we need someone who will remain knowledgeable of the issue and will listen to their constituents. Including the other high-ticket items (school system, new court house, TIF loans), the County Council members will have a lot to manage in the upcoming years. Ms. Walsh seems to be a good leader in this position.

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Howard County Council (District 2)	Democrat – Jones, Opel Many people have seen Mr. Jones in action, and he is simply an extraordinary administrator. Howard Countians can expect Mr. Jones continually lauded for good administrative leadership.
Howard County Council (District 3)	Democrat – Rigby, Christiana A former Village Board Member, Ms. Christina is extremely solid on issues, especially land-use planning and low-income housing. She knows how to plan while simultaneously economically growing the county. With a little help from Howard Countians, Ms. Rigby should be successful in moving Howard County closer to being #1 in the country.
Howard County Council (District 4)	Democrat – Jung, Deb Ms. Jung is one of a kind. She is detailed and focused in achieving success in everything she does. Ms. Jung, with her extensive experience, is always prepared and willing to handle the rigors of the job.
Howard County Council (District 5)	Democrat – Williams, China Ms. Williams is a candidate that the AAIHC spent extra time learning more about. Previously, AAIHC was able to partner with the current Republican of this district, so we look forward to working closely with next elected leader.
Howard County State's Attorney	Democrat – Gibson, Rich It's not only that Mr. Gibson is already a prosecutor in Baltimore City, but we support his approach to relieving jail overcrowding of low crime criminals. In comparison, his opponent is what most would call a "lock 'em up" type without truly realizing the long-term effect of this approach. We shouldn't assume that he is going to let criminals roam free, but Mr. Gibson will ensure the appropriate amount of jail time is served. A well-qualified leader, he is supportive of job training and educational development programs—something that he's already doing. And he does all of this with a smile on his face.
Howard County Clerk of the Circuit Court	Democrat – Robey, Wayne A. Historically, Mr. Robey has performed well in managing this important county court office. He is working to ensure diversity in his office, so it will represent all Howard Countians. As Howard County demographics continue to evolve, Mr. Robey is just the person to carry the message of "equal representation" into the new \$140M courthouse.
Howard County Register of Wills	Democrat – Macfarlane, Byron Mr. Macfarlane, a native of Howard County, is a steadfast leader. We endorsed him in the Primary Election, and we are happily doing it again! With Mr. Macfarlane among our leaders, Howard Countians should be excited about the next chapter in our journey.
Howard County Judge of Orphans Court	Democrats – Dodd, Anne L. Fitch, Elizabeth Anne Turner, Leslie Smith Though Ms. Fitch is relatively new, with the experienced Ms. Dodd & Ms. Turner as part of the justice system, Howard County continually has strong leadership in this area. In terms of education, this group is probably the strongest in the region and mirrors the type of leadership that's most admired by Howard Countians.
Howard County Sheriff	Democrat – Harris, Marcus Mr. Harris is the strong choice for the people, and there is no doubt about it. Which is why it has taken AAIHC so long to share these endorsements because both candidates have a lot to offer. Mr. McMahan is well-liked, and he played in an instrumental role in the addressing the recent racial attacks in the schools. And Mr. Harris is one of the most professional police officers from Baltimore and well-liked by many. Given AAIHC and AACHC's desire for progressive leadership, Mr. Harris is endorsed for this position.

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<p>Howard County Board of Education (Non-partisan)</p>	<p><i>Glascock, Bob Mackey, Danny Pandey, Anita Taj, Sabina</i></p> <p>Seeking a change in policies that direct our school system, many in Howard County have focused on progressive leadership to make that change. These candidates understand (or have associated with) the progressive path toward educating equally all students in Howard County. We must fight for allocating proper funding to support rational policy (tax payers funds account for greatest share of county spending). In other words, Howard County Public School System must exercise a meaningful “cost-benefit-analysis” before spending our funds. AAIHC thinks these four candidates understand this.</p>