



2018 MARYLAND PRIMARY ELECTION DISTRICT 18

Every election year, the Maryland Catholic Conference surveys the state's candidates for Governor and General Assembly about their positions regarding issues of interest to Catholics. The responses of the Democratic and Republican primary candidates are below. The candidates were asked to either "Agree" or "Disagree" with a list of issue statements (see reverse side). A blank response to a statement means the candidate did not choose a position on that issue. Find your legislative district and view responses from all of Maryland's candidates: www.mdccatholic.org/elections. **Candidates were given the opportunity to provide a brief statement at the end of the survey on why Maryland Catholics should vote for them. Those comments are available at: www.mdccatholic.org/elections.**

PRIMARY ELECTION DAY: JUNE 26
EARLY VOTING: JUNE 14-21

Visit https://elections.maryland.gov/voting/early_voting.html for more information and for locations.

Answer Key

✓ = Agree | ✗ = Disagree | Blank = No response
D = Democrat | R = Republican | (*) = Incumbent

Column titles briefly describe issue topics. Please refer to the statement on the back of this sheet corresponding to the number at the top of each column when reviewing candidates' responses.

Office	Party	Name	District	1	2	3	4	5
				Poverty Assistance	Abortion Funding Restrictions	Immigration	K-12 Tuition Aid	Physician Assisted Suicide Ban
Governor	D	Rushern L. Baker, III		DID NOT RESPOND				
Governor	D	Valerie Ervin †		DID NOT RESPOND				
Governor	D	Ralph Jaffe		DID NOT RESPOND				
Governor	D	Ben Jealous		DID NOT RESPOND				
Governor	D	James Jones		DID NOT RESPOND				
Governor	D	Rich Madaleno		✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
Governor	D	Alec Ross		DID NOT RESPOND				
Governor	D	Jim Shea		✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Governor	D	Krish O'Mara Vignarajah		✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
Governor	R	Larry Hogan*		DID NOT RESPOND				
Senator	D	Dana Beyer	18	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
Senator	D	Michelle Carhart	18	DID NOT RESPOND				
Senator	D	Jeff Waldstreicher	18	DID NOT RESPOND				
Delegate	D	Al Carr*	18	DID NOT RESPOND				
Delegate	D	Ron Franks	18	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗
Delegate	D	Mila Johns	18	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
Delegate	D	Helga Luest	18	DID NOT RESPOND				
Delegate	D	Leslie Milano	18	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
Delegate	D	Joel Rubin	18	DID NOT RESPOND				
Delegate	D	Emily Shetty	18	DID NOT RESPOND				
Delegate	D	Jared Solomon	18	DID NOT RESPOND				
Delegate	R	Linda Willard	18	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓

† Valerie Ervin is running for Governor in place of her now-deceased running mate Kevin Kamenetz. Because Kamenetz passed so close to the primary election, his name will still appear on the ballot as the candidate.

Survey responses for candidates for U.S. Congress are available on separate survey sheets or at www.mdccatholic.org/elections.

CANDIDATE SURVEY STATEMENTS

The Maryland Catholic Conference does not endorse or oppose any candidate, under any circumstance, and no inference of endorsement or opposition should be concluded as a result of the information provided here.

- 1. ASSISTANCE TO THE POOR.** Funding in Maryland's budget should be maintained, and when necessary, increased to provide low-income residents access to basic necessities, such as food, housing, and healthcare.
- 2. ABORTION.** Maryland is one of four States to voluntarily direct state Medicaid funds to pay for all or most medically necessary abortions. The Maryland General Assembly should pass legislation to restrict the use of taxpayer dollars for abortion.
- 3. IMMIGRATION.** Maryland should prioritize protecting family unity by passing legislation that, except for cases involving individuals with serious criminal records, limits the participation of local law agencies in federal immigration enforcement efforts.
- 4. K-12 EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS.** The State of Maryland should continue to expand existing funding to provide scholarships for low-income students who wish to attend the K-12 nonpublic school best suited for their educational needs.
- 5. PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED SUICIDE BAN.** In 1999, the Maryland General Assembly passed legislation making it a felony for an individual to assist in another individual's suicide. Maryland should uphold the law in its current form and reject legislation to legalize the practice of physician-assisted suicide.

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