



BALTIMORE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

In the Loop Quarterly Digest: Spring 2020 Issue

Keeping Maryland democrats engaged and informed!

Message from the Chair

Hi to all fellow Democrats in Baltimore County,

On behalf of the Baltimore County Democratic State Central Committee (CC), I wish you and your family good health. While we have had to stop our in-person meetings because of the COVID-19 pandemic, our committee continues to meet virtually. We are focused on doing what we can for our constituents and the upcoming elections.

As many of you already know, the presidential primary election has been rescheduled and is now taking place on June 2, 2020, primarily via mail-in ballots. Please keep your eyes out for your ballot, which will be mailed automatically to you and send it in as soon as you can. No postage is required. Remember, every vote counts - every vote matters.

We currently have members who have been active during this “lock-down” time period supporting the work of the party and also the needs of the community. Members have been active in the following ways:

- Filling vacancies on the Central Committee
- Organizing food drives for our immigrant community with [Amigos of Baltimore County](#)
- Collecting food and other necessary items for the [Student Support Network](#)
- Sewing masks for medical centers and food drive volunteers
- Writing letters for [Swing Left](#)
- Writing voter postcards for [Tony the Democrat](#)
- Phone banking for [Allies for PA 2020](#)
- Organizing with [Baltimore County for Joe Biden](#)
- Participating in [Maryland Women for Biden](#) and [Black Women for Joe Biden](#)

If you find you have some free time right now and would like to get involved in any of the activities listed above to help with this crucial election, please contact us at info@baltimorecountydems.com

Cheers,

Tara Eisenhower Ebersole

Chair, Baltimore County Democratic Party


Save The Date: 2020 Presidential Primary


MARYLAND'S PRIMARY ELECTION IS JUNE 2, 2020

MD DEMS

The June 2 Primary Election
is

VOTE BY MAIL

 **The deadline to register to vote or change your address is May 27.**

Your ballot must be postmarked on or before June 2. 

State Board of Elections Announcement

Maryland's 2020 Presidential Primary Election takes place on Tuesday, June 2, 2020, from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. The primary will be mainly a "vote by mail" election with an option to drop off ballots at designated locations on election day if you are unable to vote by mail. Eligible voters will automatically receive their voting ballot from early to mid-May at the address the State Board of Elections (SBE) has on file. All mailed ballots will include a return envelope and prepaid postage.

Important Links

Registered voters can check the address SBE has file for them online.

<https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch>

If you need to change your address you can do so online.

<https://elections.maryland.gov/voting/address.html>

To watch a short video on how to vote by mail, visit SBE's frequently asked questions page.

<https://www.elections.maryland.gov/elections/2020/index.html>

Legislative Snapshot

MARYLAND LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Gov. Hogan vetoed 37 bills passed by the Maryland General Assembly, including the Blueprint for Maryland's Future. Delegates and Senators can attempt to override the vetoes during the next legislative session. Here is a snapshot of the bills Hogan vetoed.

Education

Hogan vetoed the Blueprint for Maryland's Future, also known as the Kirwan Commission reform bill, which would have set aside about \$1.1 billion in new funding to strengthen Maryland schools over the next three years. If enacted into law the bill would have funded the expansion of pre-K, increased teacher wages, and enhanced career and college preparation at schools in areas with higher concentrations of poverty. The veto also nullifies the nearly \$2.2 billion in funding for school construction from the Built to Learn Act until the Kirwan bill becomes law.

Likewise, Hogan vetoed the Historically Black College and Universities (HBCUs) bill. The bill would have funded the \$580 million settlement against Maryland for allowing predominately white institutions to duplicate academic programs at Bowie State University, Coppin State University, Morgan State University, and University of Maryland Eastern Shore, resulting in disparate treatment.

Public Safety

Similarly, he vetoed the long-gun bill, which would have closed a loophole in the law allowing criminals to purchase rifles and shotguns through private sales and transfers by requiring individuals to obtain a federal background check.

Transportation

Hogan vetoed the MARC Train Expansion of Service Act that would expand the public transit line northbound to Delaware and southbound to Virginia aiming to provide access to more jobs, reduce congestion on major interstates, and help residents reduce their carbon footprint.

Healthcare

Finally, he vetoed a bill that would have created a funding source for the Prescription Drug Affordability Board. The board was established in 2019 to help legislators find ways to reduce the cost of prescription drugs.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHTS

BALTIMORE COUNTY'S HONORABLE MENTIONS



Baltimore County's newly appointed and elected officials

The Baltimore County Democratic State Central Committee had a busy year filing state senate, delegate, and central committee vacancies. There was also a special election in Maryland's 7th Congressional District.

Congratulations to:

Kweisi Mfume, U.S. House of Representatives, District 7

Charles Sydnor, State Senate, District 44

Shelly Hettleman, State Senate, District 11

Carl Jackson, State Delegate, District 8

Cathi Forbes, State Delegate, District 42A

Sheila Ruth, State Delegate, District 44B

Lisa M. Belcastro, State Delegate, District 11

Crystal R. Francis, Central Committee, District 6

Eric Washington, Central Committee, District 6

Alejandra Ivanovich, Central Committee, District 11

George E. White, Central Committee, District 44B

GET-OUT-THE-VOTE

BALTIMORE COUNTY GRASSROOTS CAMPAIGN EFFORTS

Democrats around the state are joining forces to support former Vice President Joe Biden, the presumptive Democratic nominee for President. We need your help to ensure America elects a dignified leader who will fight for all of us. Here is how you can get involved:

1. Contact a team below to express interest in volunteering
1. Recruit your family and friends to help
2. Attend a virtual event, host a virtual house party, or donate to a fundraiser
3. Make phone calls or text voters



Black Women for Biden (Maryland)

blackwomenforbiden@gmail.com



Women for Biden (Maryland)

<https://go.joebiden.com/page/s/women-for-biden>



Biden for Maryland

<https://www.bidenformaryland.com/get-involved>

bidenformaryland2020@gmail.com



Baltimore County Grassroots for Joe

baltco4joe@gmail.com

<https://www.facebook.com/baltco4joe/>

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

MAY 19, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 6, 2020

May 19, 2020

CENTRAL COMMITTEE: The Central Committee meets at 7:00 pm on Zoom. Email info@baltimorecountydems.com for more information or watch live on Facebook.

YOUNG DEMOCRATS: Join Young Dems at 7:00 pm for a webinar on the At-Large Delegate selection process. Visit the link below to register.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScMPd3DyPMD98X0HR_O59y4arn6XdKArGxo_R2Xj4yT3fwz_w/viewform?fbclid=IwAR2kFZoMoaPV2fnybuPwWgqn06sWnmQXJApnjavPwT0yWzOAA_o45R-QxRO

May 20, 2020 through June 6, 2020

BALTIMORE COUNTY VIRTUAL PHONE BANK: Join fellow Democrats around the county every Wednesday and Saturday for virtual phone banking. Register now.

<https://www.mobilize.us/mddems/event/265149>

May 23, 2020 through June 2, 2020

CENTRAL COMMITTEE: We are seeking volunteers to wave signs at important intersections in District 6 and District 10 each Saturday and weekdays leading up to election day. Email

info@baltimorecountydems.com to get involved.

May 30, 2020

DISTRICT 6 DEMOCRATS: Join District 6 at 3:00 pm for a virtual Get Out the Vote Rally via Zoom featuring local hometown heroes and statewide leaders. Email info@baltimorecountydems.com to get involved.

May 31, 2020

MARYLAND DEMS: Register for the Dems@Distance virtual Get Out the Vote Rally at 3:00 pm featuring the biggest names in politics.

<https://secure.ngpvan.com/xHckSSUig0u-VaDuOHVKMQ2?emci=a468a644-1496-ea11-86e9-00155d03b5dd&emdi=decb3935-2296-ea11-86e9-00155d03b5dd&ceid=9276755>

FUNDRAISING CORNER

Purchase Some Democratic Swag

Get Your T-Shirt or Tote Bag Today!



Many people have expressed interest in purchasing a custom-designed Baltimore County Democratic Party shirt and tote bag. The deadline to place your order is May 31, 2020. Show your support by placing an order online today via the following link <http://www.baltimorecountydems.com/t-shirt-page.html>.

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