

Instructions

Making Selections



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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 46

Vote for 1

Bill Ferguson

Democratic

Emmanuel Digman

Republican

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 46

Vote for up to 3

Luke Clippinger

Democratic

Mark Edelson

Democratic

Robbyn Lewis

Democratic

Jeremy L. Amason

Republican

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

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Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

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Question 1
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Act of 2026

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

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The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

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School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

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The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

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Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

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The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment

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Charter Amendment

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Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

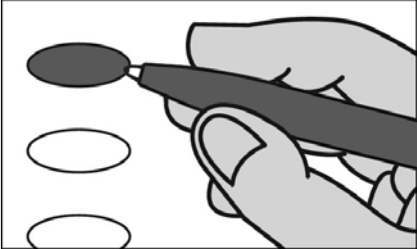
☐ For the Charter Amendment

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End of Ballot

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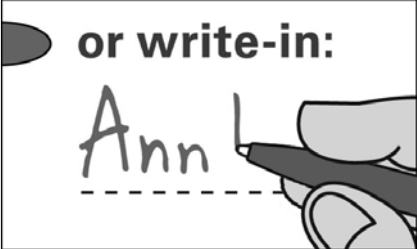


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Vote for 1

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Democratic

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Republican

☐ or write-in:

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☐ or write-in:

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Vote Yes or No

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☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney

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Democratic

☐ or write-in:

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Vote for 1

☐ Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Vote All Sides



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and

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Republican

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and

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

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☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 46

Vote for 1

Bill Ferguson

Democratic

Emmanuel Digman

Republican

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 46

Vote for up to 3

Luke Clippinger

Democratic

Mark Edelson

Democratic

Robbyn Lewis

Democratic

Jeremy L. Amason

Republican

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

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Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

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Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
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Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

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The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

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Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

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Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

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The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

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Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

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Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

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Yes

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State's Attorney

Vote for 1

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Democratic

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

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Question 2

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Bond Issue

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

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Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

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Question H

Charter Amendment

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Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

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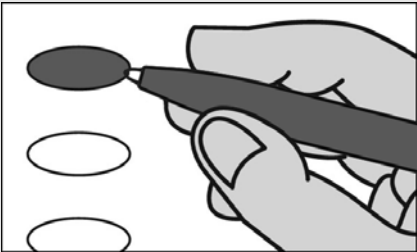
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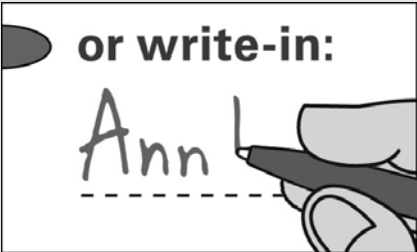


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Attorney General

Vote for 1

☐ Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

☐ James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

☐ or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

☐ Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

☐ Scott M. Collier

Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator

District 46

Vote for 1

☐ Bill Ferguson

Democratic

☐ Emmanuel Digman

Republican

☐ or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 46

Vote for up to 3

☐ Luke Clippinger

Democratic

☐ Mark Edelson

Democratic

☐ Robbyn Lewis

Democratic

☐ Jeremy L. Amason

Republican

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

☐ Catherine Chen

☐ Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

☐ Kimberly C. McBride

☐ Piper Faith McKeithen

☐ Hope Tipton

☐ Levi S. Zaslow

☐ or write-in:

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☐ or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

☐ Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

☐ Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

☐ Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

☐ Sonya Dunn

Republican

☐ or write-in:

Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

☐ Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

☐ Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

☐ Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

☐ Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

Vote All Sides



Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
☐ Andy Zipay Republican
☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
☐ Charles "Chuck" Bernstein Democratic
☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
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☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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☐ For

☐ Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

The Amendment also eliminates certain obsolete provisions in the Charter pertaining to street railways and trackless trolleys.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing franchises and minor privileges in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

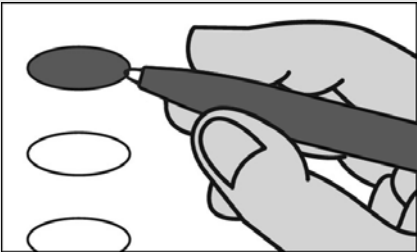
☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections

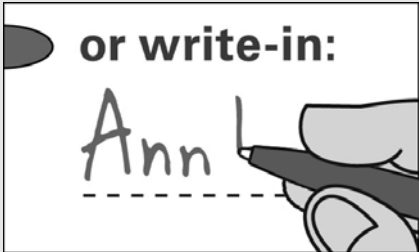


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Optional write-in



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Governor / Lt. Governor
Vote for 1

☐ Wes Moore
and
Aruna Miller
Democratic

☐ Dan Cox
and
Rob Krop
Republican

☐ Andy Ellis
and
Owen Silverman Andrews
Green

☐ Cathy White
and
Cathy Permut
Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

Comptroller
Vote for 1

☐ Brooke Elizabeth Lierman
Democratic

☐ Sonya Dunn
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Attorney General
Vote for 1

☐ Anthony G. Brown
Democratic

☐ James B. Rutledge, III
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Representative in Congress
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Vote for 1

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Democratic

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Republican

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State Senator
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☐ Bill Ferguson
Democratic

☐ Emmanuel Digman
Republican

☐ or write-in:

House of Delegates
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Vote for up to 3

☐ Luke Clippinger
Democratic

☐ Mark Edelson
Democratic

☐ Robbyn Lewis
Democratic

☐ Jeremy L. Amason
Republican

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court
Circuit 8
Vote for up to 6

☐ Catherine Chen

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☐ Piper Faith McKeithen

☐ Hope Tipton

☐ Levi S. Zaslow

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of
Maryland At Large
Dan Friedman
Vote Yes or No
For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney
Vote for 1

☐ Ivan J. Bates
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court
Vote for 1

☐ Xavier A. Conaway
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
☐ Andy Zipay Republican
☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
☐ Charles "Chuck" Bernstein Democratic
☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
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Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

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Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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☐ For

☐ Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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☐ For

☐ Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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☐ For

☐ Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

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Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

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Charter Amendment

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Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 46

Vote for 1

Bill Ferguson

Democratic

Emmanuel Digman

Republican

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 46

Vote for up to 3

Luke Clippinger

Democratic

Mark Edelson

Democratic

Robbyn Lewis

Democratic

Jeremy L. Amason

Republican

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

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Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

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Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ or write-in: _____
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Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
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Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

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The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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☐ For

☐ Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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☐ For

☐ Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

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Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

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Question I

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Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

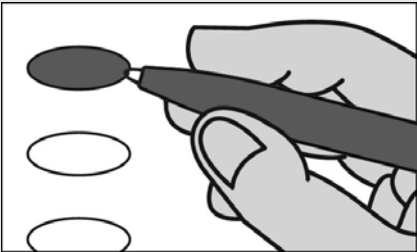
☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

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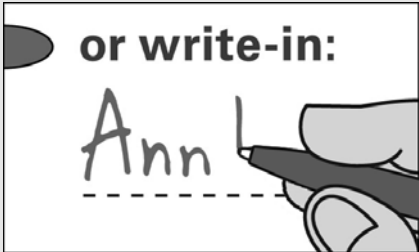


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House of Delegates
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Judge of the Circuit Court
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Piper Faith McKeithen

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Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of
Maryland At Large
Dan Friedman
Vote Yes or No
For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney
Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates
Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court
Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway
Democratic

or write-in:

Vote All Sides



Register of Wills Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
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☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
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Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ or write-in: _____
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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2
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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

- ☐ For the Constitutional Amendment
- ☐ Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3
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(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
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Representatives in Congress

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

- ☐ For the Constitutional Amendment
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Question A
Bond Issue
Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

- ☐ For
- ☐ Against



Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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☐ For

☐ Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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☐ For

☐ Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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☐ For

☐ Against

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Charter Amendment

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Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

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Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

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Question H

Charter Amendment

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Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

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and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 46

Vote for 1

Bill Ferguson

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Emmanuel Digman

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House of Delegates

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Vote for up to 3

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Judge of the Circuit Court

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Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

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or write-in:

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Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
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☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
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Constitutional Amendment
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Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

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Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

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The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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For

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Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

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Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

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Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

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For the Charter Amendment

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The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

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Charter Amendment

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Charter Amendment

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Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

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☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

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Vote Yes or No

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Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

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Vote for 1

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Democratic

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☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Domonique A. Flowers
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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

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Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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☐ For

☐ Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

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Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
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Question G

Charter Amendment

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

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Question H

Charter Amendment

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Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

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or write-in:

State Senator
District 46
Vote for 1

Bill Ferguson
Democratic

Emmanuel Digman
Republican

or write-in:

House of Delegates
District 46
Vote for up to 3

Luke Clippinger
Democratic

Mark Edelson
Democratic

Robbyn Lewis
Democratic

Jeremy L. Amason
Republican

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court
Circuit 8
Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of
Maryland At Large
Dan Friedman
Vote Yes or No
For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney
Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates
Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court
Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway
Democratic

or write-in:

Vote All Sides



Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
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☐ Domonique A. Flowers
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☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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☐ For

☐ Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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☐ For

☐ Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

The Amendment also eliminates certain obsolete provisions in the Charter pertaining to street railways and trackless trolleys.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing franchises and minor privileges in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

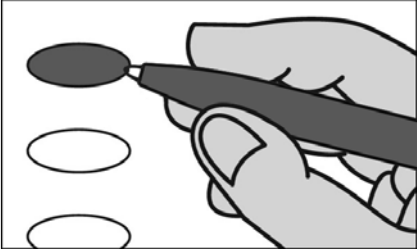
☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections

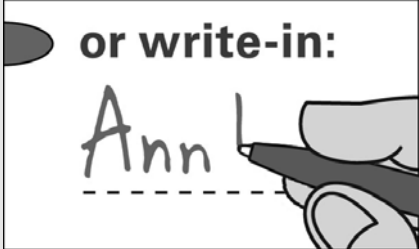


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Optional write-in



To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

Attorney General

Vote for 1

☐ Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

☐ James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

☐ or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

☐ Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

☐ Scott M. Collier

Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator

District 46

Vote for 1

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☐ or write-in:

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Vote for up to 6

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☐ Kimberly C. McBride

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☐ Hope Tipton

☐ Levi S. Zaslow

☐ or write-in:

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☐ or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

☐ Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

☐ Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

☐ Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

☐ Sonya Dunn

Republican

☐ or write-in:

Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

☐ Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

☐ Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

☐ Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

☐ Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

Vote All Sides



Register of Wills Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

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Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

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Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

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Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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Charter Amendment

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

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Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

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Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 40

Vote for 1

Antonio Hayes

Democratic

Alan Rebar

Working Class Party

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 40

Vote for up to 3

Marlon D. Amprey

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or write-in:

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Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

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Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

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or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

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Act of 2026

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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Constitutional Amendment

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FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

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Question A

Bond Issue

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The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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☐ For

☐ Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



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Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

The Amendment also eliminates certain obsolete provisions in the Charter pertaining to street railways and trackless trolleys.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

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Charter Amendment

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The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

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Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

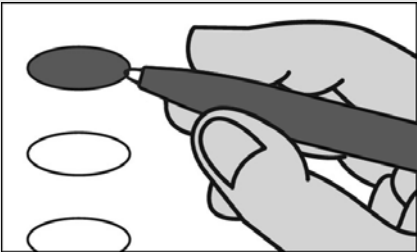
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End of Ballot

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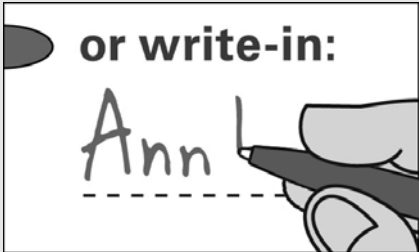


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Optional write-in



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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

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Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

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Democratic

or write-in:

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Vote for 1

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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☐ For

☐ Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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Charter Amendment

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
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Question G

Charter Amendment

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

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or write-in:

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Vote for 1

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Democratic

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Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

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Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 46

Vote for 1

Bill Ferguson

Democratic

Emmanuel Digman

Republican

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 46

Vote for up to 3

Luke Clippinger

Democratic

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Judge of the Circuit Court

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Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

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Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

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Board of Education At Large Vote for up to 2
☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
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Act of 2026

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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Bond Issue

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The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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For

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Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

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For

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Against

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Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

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For

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Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

The Amendment also eliminates certain obsolete provisions in the Charter pertaining to street railways and trackless trolleys.

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Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing franchises and minor privileges in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

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Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections



Fill in the oval to the left of the name of your choice. You must blacken the oval completely, and do not make any marks outside of the oval. You do not have to vote in every race.

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Optional write-in



To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

Governor / Lt. Governor
Vote for 1

☐ Wes Moore and Aruna Miller
Democratic

☐ Dan Cox and Rob Krop
Republican

☐ Andy Ellis and Owen Silverman Andrews
Green

☐ Cathy White and Cathy Permut
Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

Comptroller
Vote for 1

☐ Brooke Elizabeth Lierman
Democratic

☐ Sonya Dunn
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Attorney General
Vote for 1

☐ Anthony G. Brown
Democratic

☐ James B. Rutledge, III
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Representative in Congress
District 7
Vote for 1

☐ Kweisi Mfume
Democratic

☐ Scott M. Collier
Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator
District 45
Vote for 1

☐ Cory V. McCray
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

House of Delegates
District 45
Vote for up to 3

☐ Jackie Addison
Democratic

☐ Chanel A. Branch
Democratic

☐ Caylin Young
Democratic

☐ Renaud De'Aundre Brown
Green

☐ or write-in:

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Vote Yes or No
For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney
Vote for 1

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Democratic

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Bond Issue

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

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Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

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Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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Question I

Charter Amendment

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Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

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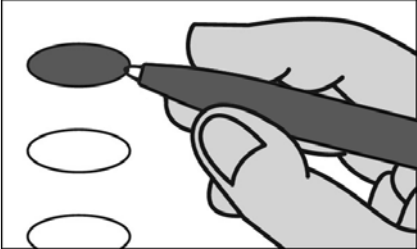
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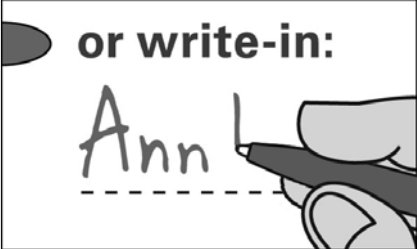


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Attorney General

Vote for 1

☐ Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

☐ James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

☐ or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

☐ Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

☐ Scott M. Collier

Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator

District 46

Vote for 1

☐ Bill Ferguson

Democratic

☐ Emmanuel Digman

Republican

☐ or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 46

Vote for up to 3

☐ Luke Clippinger

Democratic

☐ Mark Edelson

Democratic

☐ Robbyn Lewis

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Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

☐ Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

☐ Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

☐ Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

☐ Sonya Dunn

Republican

☐ or write-in:

Vote All Sides



Register of Wills Vote for 1
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☐ Andy Zipay Republican
☐ or write-in: _____

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Sheriff Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
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Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
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Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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For

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Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

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For

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Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

The Amendment also eliminates certain obsolete provisions in the Charter pertaining to street railways and trackless trolleys.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing franchises and minor privileges in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

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Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

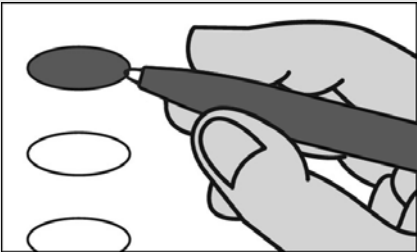
☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections

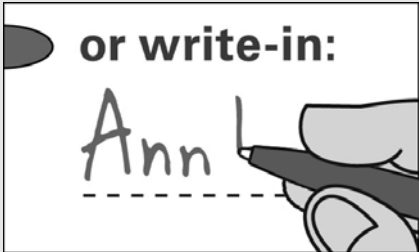


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Optional write-in



To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 45

Vote for 1

Cory V. McCray

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 45

Vote for up to 3

Jackie Addison

Democratic

Chanel A. Branch

Democratic

Caylin Young

Democratic

Renaud De'Aundre Brown

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Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

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Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

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Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Vote All Sides



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☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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Question A

Bond Issue

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

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Question C

Bond Issue

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Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment

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Charter Amendment

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Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

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End of Ballot

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Optional write-in

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Ann L

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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore and Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox and Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis and Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White and Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 45

Vote for 1

Cory V. McCray

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

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Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
☐ Andy Zipay Republican
☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
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Act of 2026

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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For

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Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

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For

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Against

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Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

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The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

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For

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Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

The Amendment also eliminates certain obsolete provisions in the Charter pertaining to street railways and trackless trolleys.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing franchises and minor privileges in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

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Question I

Charter Amendment

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The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

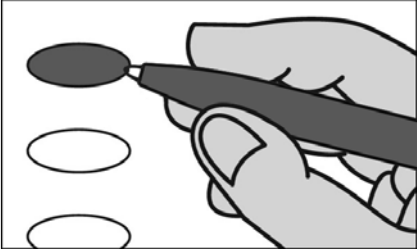
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End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections

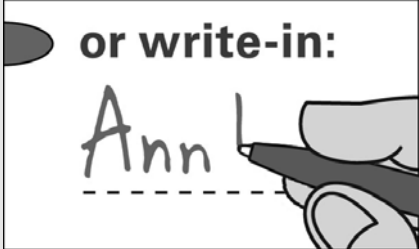


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To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 46

Vote for 1

Bill Ferguson

Democratic

Emmanuel Digman

Republican

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 46

Vote for up to 3

Luke Clippinger

Democratic

Mark Edelson

Democratic

Robbyn Lewis

Democratic

Jeremy L. Amason

Republican

or write-in:

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Judge of the Circuit Court

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Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

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or write-in:

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Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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Bond Issue

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Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

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For the Charter Amendment

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Vote All Sides

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Charter Amendment

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
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Charter Amendment

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

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End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections



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and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

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Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 46

Vote for 1

Bill Ferguson

Democratic

Emmanuel Digman

Republican

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 46

Vote for up to 3

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Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

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Clerk of the Circuit Court

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The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

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For

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Against

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Bond Issue

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Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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☐ For

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Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

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The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

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☐ Against

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Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

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Vote All Sides

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Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
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Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

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End of Ballot

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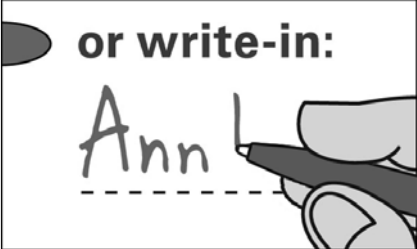


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Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

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Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

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Bond Issue

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For the Charter Amendment

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
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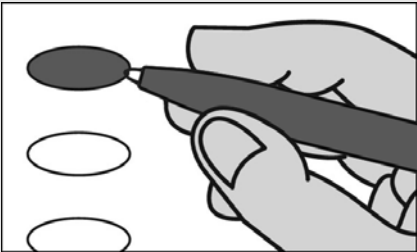
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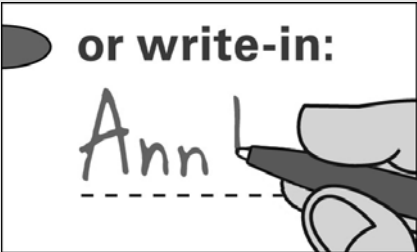
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and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

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Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

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Vote for 1

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Vote for 1

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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For

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Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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☐ For

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Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

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The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

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Contract Bidding and Awards

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Vote All Sides

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Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
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Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

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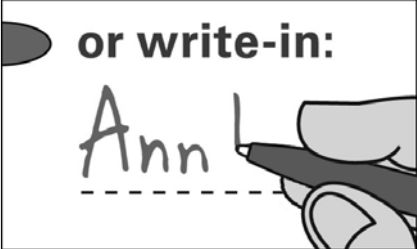
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Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

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Republican

Andy Ellis

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Green

Cathy White

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

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Democratic

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Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

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Democratic

or write-in:

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Bond Issue

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For the Charter Amendment

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Vote All Sides

Question F

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
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Question G

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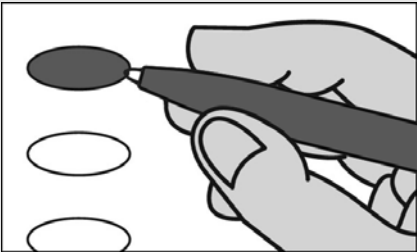
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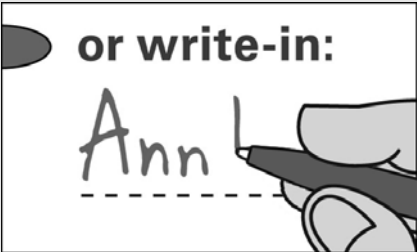
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Democratic

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and

Rob Krop

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Green

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Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

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or write-in:

State Senator

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Vote for 1

Cory V. McCray

Democratic

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House of Delegates

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Vote for up to 3

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Judge of the Circuit Court

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Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

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or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

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Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

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Vote for 1

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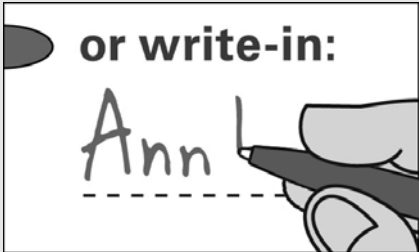


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Green

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and

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Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

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or write-in:

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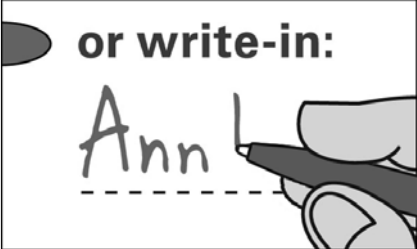
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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
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Charter Amendment

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☐ Against the Charter Amendment

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Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

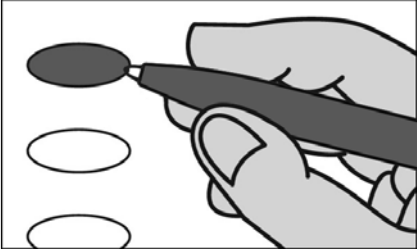
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End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections

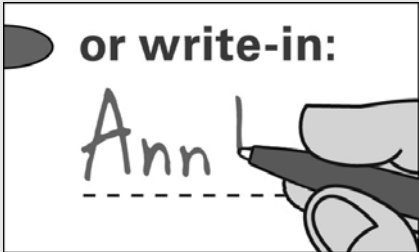


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Optional write-in



To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

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Wes Moore
and
Aruna Miller
Democratic

☐

Dan Cox
and
Rob Krop
Republican

☐

Andy Ellis
and
Owen Silverman Andrews
Green

☐

Cathy White
and
Cathy Permut
Working Class Party

☐

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

☐

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman
Democratic

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Sonya Dunn
Republican

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or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

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Anthony G. Brown
Democratic

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James B. Rutledge, III
Republican

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or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

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Kweisi Mfume
Democratic

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Scott M. Collier
Republican

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or write-in:

State Senator

District 45

Vote for 1

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Cory V. McCray
Democratic

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or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 45

Vote for up to 3

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Jackie Addison
Democratic

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Chanel A. Branch
Democratic

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Caylin Young
Democratic

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Renaud De'Aundre Brown
Green

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or write-in:

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or write-in:

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or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

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Catherine Chen

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Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

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Kimberly C. McBride

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Piper Faith McKeithen

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Hope Tipton

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Levi S. Zaslow

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or write-in:

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or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

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Yes

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No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

☐

Ivan J. Bates
Democratic

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or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

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Xavier A. Conaway
Democratic

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or write-in:

Vote All Sides



Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
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☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

Non-Partisan Contest Candidates in this contest may or may not be affiliated with any political party
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☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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For

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Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

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Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

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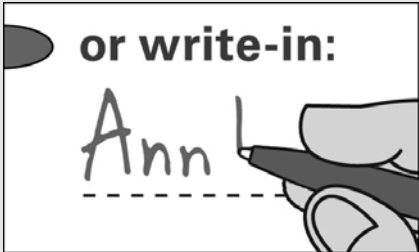


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Vote for 1

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and

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Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

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Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

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Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

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or write-in:

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District 7

Vote for 1

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Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 45

Vote for 1

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Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

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Vote for up to 3

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Caylin Young

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Renaud De'Aundre Brown

Green

or write-in:

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or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

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Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

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Sheriff Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ or write-in: _____
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(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

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The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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For

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Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

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Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

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Optional write-in



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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 45

Vote for 1

Cory V. McCray

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

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Vote for up to 3

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Democratic

Chanel A. Branch

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or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

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Register of Wills Vote for 1
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Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
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Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

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The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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☐ For

☐ Against

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Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

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The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

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☐ For

☐ Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

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Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

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Vote All Sides

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and

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Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

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Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

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or write-in:

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District 7

Vote for 1

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Republican

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Vote for 1

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Democratic

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House of Delegates

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or write-in:

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Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

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Register of Wills Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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☐ For

☐ Against

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The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

The Amendment also eliminates certain obsolete provisions in the Charter pertaining to street railways and trackless trolleys.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing franchises and minor privileges in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections



Fill in the oval to the left of the name of your choice. You must blacken the oval completely, and do not make any marks outside of the oval. You do not have to vote in every race.

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Do not cross out or erase, or your vote may not count. If you make a mistake or a stray mark, you may ask for a new ballot.

Optional write-in



To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 45

Vote for 1

Cory V. McCray

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 45

Vote for up to 3

Jackie Addison

Democratic

Chanel A. Branch

Democratic

Caylin Young

Democratic

Renaud De'Aundre Brown

Green

or write-in:

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Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

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Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Vote All Sides



Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
☐ Andy Zipay Republican
☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
☐ Charles "Chuck" Bernstein Democratic
☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
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☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

Non-Partisan Contest Candidates in this contest may or may not be affiliated with any political party
Board of Education At Large Vote for up to 2
☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

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For

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Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

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Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

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Question I

Charter Amendment

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Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

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Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections

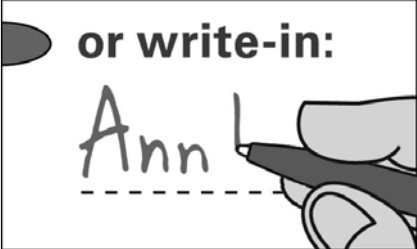


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Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 45

Vote for 1

Cory V. McCray

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 45

Vote for up to 3

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Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

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Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
☐ Charles "Chuck" Bernstein Democratic
☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

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Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
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Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

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Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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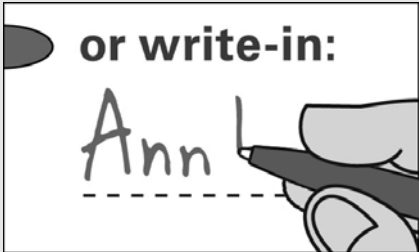


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Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

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Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

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or write-in:

State Senator

District 45

Vote for 1

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or write-in:

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Vote for up to 3

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or write-in:

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Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

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Vote for 1

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Democratic

☐ Dan Cox and Rob Krop
Republican

☐ Andy Ellis and Owen Silverman Andrews
Green

☐ Cathy White and Cathy Permut
Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

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Democratic

☐ Sonya Dunn
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Attorney General

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Republican

☐ or write-in:

Representative in Congress
District 7

Vote for 1

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Democratic

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Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator
District 45

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Democratic

☐ or write-in:

House of Delegates
District 45

Vote for up to 3

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Democratic

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Circuit 8

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☐ or write-in:

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☐ or write-in:

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Judge, Appellate Court of
Maryland At Large
Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No
For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

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Vote for 1

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☐ or write-in:

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The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

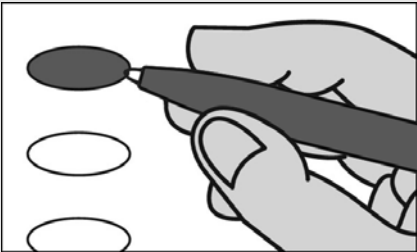
☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections



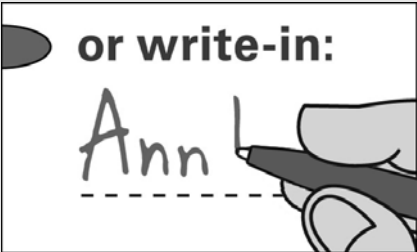
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or write-in:



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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 45

Vote for 1

Cory V. McCray

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 45

Vote for up to 3

Jackie Addison

Democratic

Chanel A. Branch

Democratic

Caylin Young

Democratic

Renaud De'Aundre Brown

Green

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Vote All Sides



Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
☐ Andy Zipay Republican
☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
☐ Charles "Chuck" Bernstein Democratic
☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

Non-Partisan Contest Candidates in this contest may or may not be affiliated with any political party
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☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

The Amendment also eliminates certain obsolete provisions in the Charter pertaining to street railways and trackless trolleys.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

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Department of Water and Wastewater

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The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

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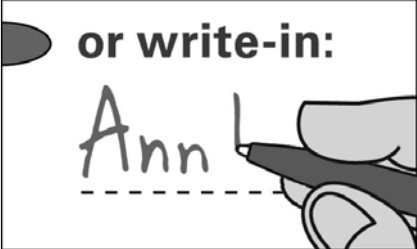


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Optional write-in



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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 43

Vote for 1

Mary Washington

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 43A

Vote for up to 2

Regina T. Boyce

Democratic

Elizabeth Embry

Democratic

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Vote All Sides



Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
☐ Andy Zipay Republican
☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
☐ Charles "Chuck" Bernstein Democratic
☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

Non-Partisan Contest Candidates in this contest may or may not be affiliated with any political party
Board of Education At Large Vote for up to 2
☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
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Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

☐

For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐

For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

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☐ For

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Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

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Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections

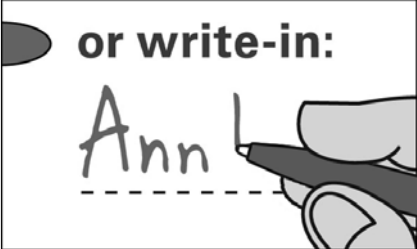


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and

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Democratic

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and

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and

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Working Class Party

or write-in:

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Vote for 1

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Republican

or write-in:

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District 7

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Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

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Democratic

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Vote All Sides



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A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Bond Issue

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Bond Issue

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Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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☐ For

☐ Against

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

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Charter Amendment

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



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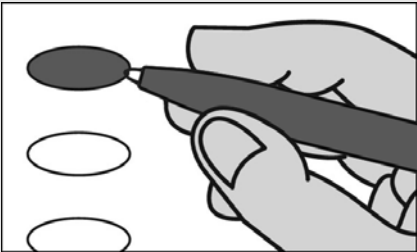
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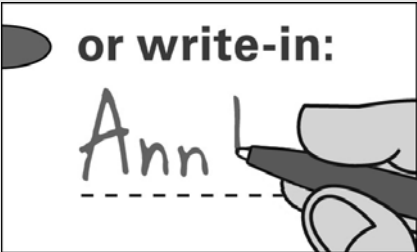
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Green

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Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

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Democratic

Sonya Dunn

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Vote for 1

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Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Vote All Sides



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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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For the Charter Amendment

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Vote All Sides

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The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections



Fill in the oval to the left of the name of your choice. You must blacken the oval completely, and do not make any marks outside of the oval. You do not have to vote in every race.

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Do not cross out or erase, or your vote may not count. If you make a mistake or a stray mark, you may ask for a new ballot.

Optional write-in



To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 43

Vote for 1

Mary Washington

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 43A

Vote for up to 2

Regina T. Boyce

Democratic

Elizabeth Embry

Democratic

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

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Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
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☐ Charles "Chuck" Bernstein Democratic
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☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____
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Sheriff Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ or write-in: _____
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Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

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(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

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Bond Issue

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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For

Against

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For

Against

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Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

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For the Charter Amendment

Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

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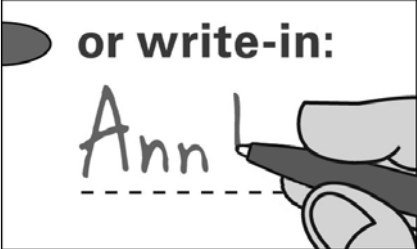
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or write-in:



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Vote for 1

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and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

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Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

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or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Vote All Sides



Register of Wills Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
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☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
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☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Domonique A. Flowers
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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

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Public Infrastructure Loan

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Charter Amendment

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
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Charter Amendment

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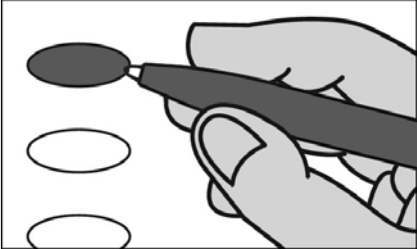
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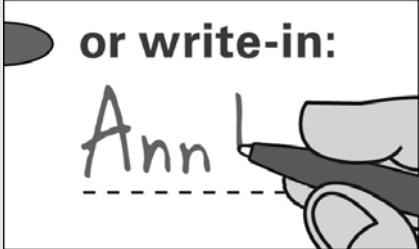


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Optional write-in



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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 43

Vote for 1

Mary Washington

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 43A

Vote for up to 2

Regina T. Boyce

Democratic

Elizabeth Embry

Democratic

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Vote All Sides



Register of Wills Vote for 1
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☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
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☐ or write-in: _____

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Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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☐ For

☐ Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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☐ For

☐ Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

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Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
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Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

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Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

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Department of Water and Wastewater

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and

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Democratic

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Rob Krop

Republican

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or write-in:

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Vote for 1

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Democratic

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Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

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Democratic

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Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 45

Vote for 1

Cory V. McCray

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 45

Vote for up to 3

Jackie Addison

Democratic

Chanel A. Branch

Democratic

Caylin Young

Democratic

Renaud De'Aundre Brown

Green

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

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Piper Faith McKeithen

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Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

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or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

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Sheriff Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____
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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

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Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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Charter Amendment

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Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections



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Optional write-in



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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 45

Vote for 1

Cory V. McCray

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 45

Vote for up to 3

Jackie Addison

Democratic

Chanel A. Branch

Democratic

Caylin Young

Democratic

Renaud De'Aundre Brown

Green

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
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Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

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A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

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Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

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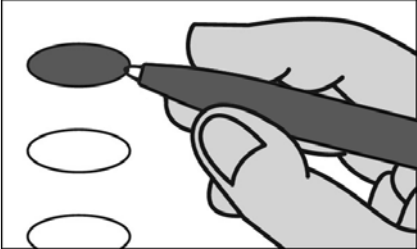
☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections

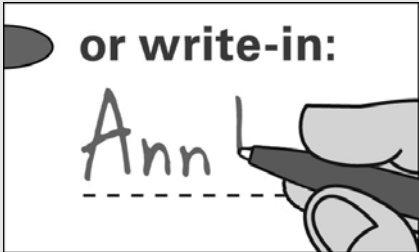


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Vote for 1

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and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

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or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 43

Vote for 1

Mary Washington

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 43A

Vote for up to 2

Regina T. Boyce

Democratic

Elizabeth Embry

Democratic

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Vote All Sides



Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
☐ Andy Zipay Republican
☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
☐ Charles "Chuck" Bernstein Democratic
☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____
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Sheriff Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

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Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

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Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

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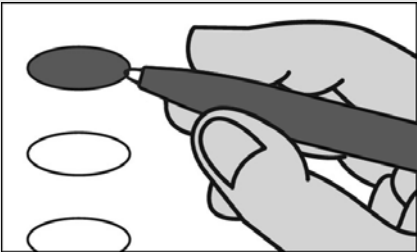
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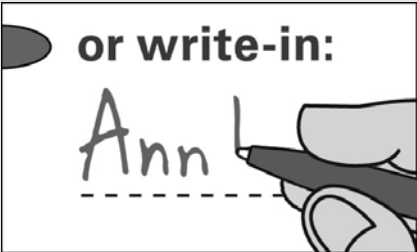
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Vote for 1

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and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

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Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

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Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

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Vote All Sides



Register of Wills Vote for 1
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Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
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Act of 2026

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A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

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A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

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The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

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Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

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Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

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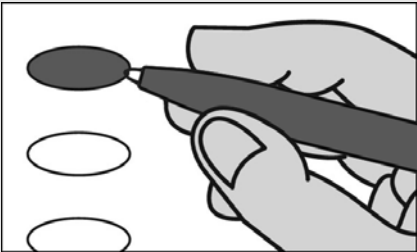
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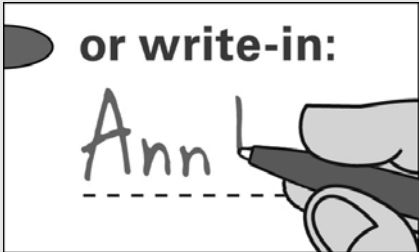


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Vote for 1

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and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

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Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

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Vote for 1

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Democratic

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or write-in:

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James B. Rutledge, III

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Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Vote All Sides



Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
☐ Andy Zipay Republican
☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
☐ Charles "Chuck" Bernstein Democratic
☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
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Sheriff Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
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Constitutional Amendment
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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

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The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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☐ For

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Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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☐ For

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Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

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Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

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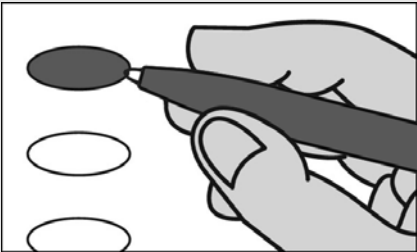
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End of Ballot

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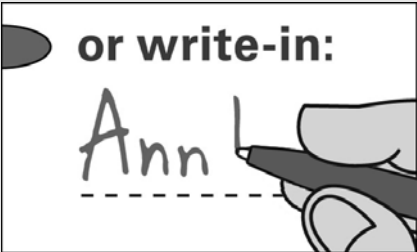


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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 43

Vote for 1

Mary Washington

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 43A

Vote for up to 2

Regina T. Boyce

Democratic

Elizabeth Embry

Democratic

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

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Clerk of the Circuit Court

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Democratic

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Vote All Sides



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Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

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The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

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Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

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Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

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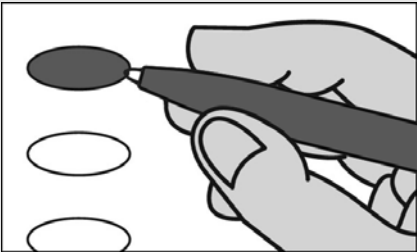
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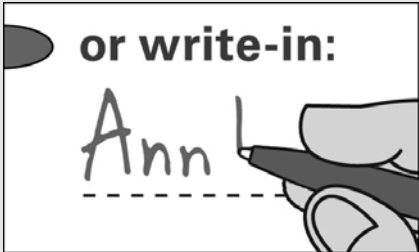


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Democratic

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and

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Green

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and

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Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

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Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

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Vote for 1

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Democratic

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or write-in:

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District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 45

Vote for 1

Cory V. McCray

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 45

Vote for up to 3

Jackie Addison

Democratic

Chanel A. Branch

Democratic

Caylin Young

Democratic

Renaud De'Aundre Brown

Green

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
☐ Andy Zipay Republican
☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
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☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
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Sheriff Vote for 1
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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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For

Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

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For

Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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Charter Amendment

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Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

For the Charter Amendment

Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

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Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

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End of Ballot

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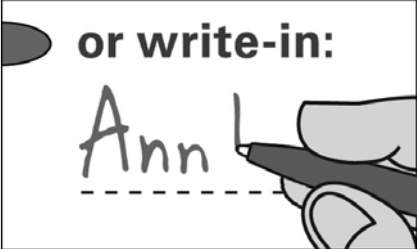
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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

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Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

DemocraticSonya Dunnor write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

DemocraticJames B. Rutledge, IIIor write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

DemocraticScott M. Collieror write-in:

State Senator

District 43

Vote for 1

Mary Washington

Democraticor write-in:

House of Delegates

District 43A

Vote for up to 2

Regina T. Boyce

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Judge of the Circuit Court

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Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

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Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

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Vote for 1

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Vote All Sides



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(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
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A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

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(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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Constitutional Amendment

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FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

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Bond Issue

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The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Question B

Bond Issue

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Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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☐ For

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The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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☐ For

☐ Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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Charter Amendment

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Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

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Working Class Party

or write-in:

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Vote for 1

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Republican

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or write-in:

State Senator

District 45

Vote for 1

Cory V. McCray

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 45

Vote for up to 3

Jackie Addison

Democratic

Chanel A. Branch

Democratic

Caylin Young

Democratic

Renaud De'Aundre Brown

Green

or write-in:

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Judge of the Circuit Court

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Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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Bond Issue

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

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Bond Issue

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☐ For

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Vote All Sides

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Charter Amendment

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Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
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Franchises and Minor Privileges

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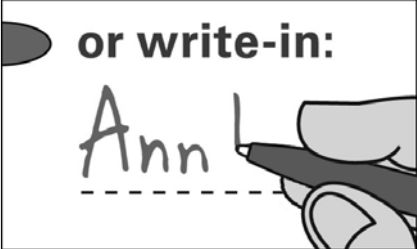
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or write-in:



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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 45

Vote for 1

Cory V. McCray

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 45

Vote for up to 3

Jackie Addison

Democratic

Chanel A. Branch

Democratic

Caylin Young

Democratic

Renaud De'Aundre Brown

Green

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
☐ Andy Zipay Republican
☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
☐ Charles "Chuck" Bernstein Democratic
☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
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Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
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Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing franchises and minor privileges in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

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and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

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and

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Republican

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or write-in:

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Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

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Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

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Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 45

Vote for 1

Cory V. McCray

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

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Vote for up to 3

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Renaud De'Aundre Brown

Green

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Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

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Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
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☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
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Sheriff Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
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A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing franchises and minor privileges in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

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Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

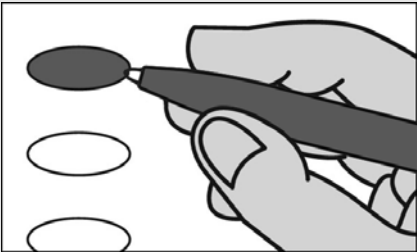
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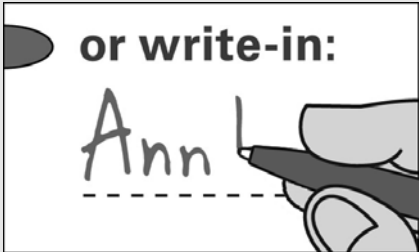


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Attorney General

Vote for 1

☐ Anthony G. Brown
Democratic

☐ James B. Rutledge, III
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

☐ Kweisi Mfume
Democratic

☐ Scott M. Collier
Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator

District 46

Vote for 1

☐ Bill Ferguson
Democratic

☐ Emmanuel Digman
Republican

☐ or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 46

Vote for up to 3

☐ Luke Clippinger
Democratic

☐ Mark Edelson
Democratic

☐ Robbyn Lewis
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Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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Affordable Housing Loan

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The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

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The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

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Question G

Charter Amendment

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Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

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Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

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State Senator

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Cory V. McCray

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

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Vote for up to 3

Jackie Addison

Democratic

Chanel A. Branch

Democratic

Caylin Young

Democratic

Renaud De'Aundre Brown

Green

or write-in:

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Judge of the Circuit Court

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Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

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Vote Yes or No

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Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

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Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

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Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

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Question H

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Department of Water and Wastewater

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

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End of Ballot

Official Ballot
Gubernatorial General Election
November 3, 2026
State of Maryland, Baltimore City

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Act of 2026

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

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Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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☐ For

☐ Against

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Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

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☐ For

☐ Against

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Bond Issue

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The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

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Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

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Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

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Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

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Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

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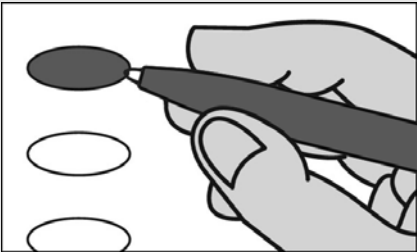
☐ For the Charter Amendment

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End of Ballot

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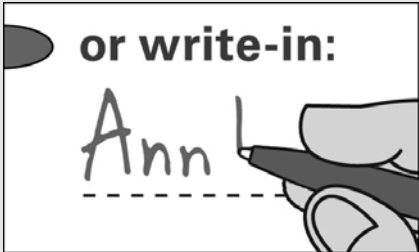


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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 40

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House of Delegates

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Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

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For the Charter Amendment

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Vote All Sides

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

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Charter Amendment

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

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End of Ballot

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Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

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Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

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Kweisi Mfume

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Republican

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or write-in:

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Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

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Act of 2026

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A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

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A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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For

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Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

The Amendment also eliminates certain obsolete provisions in the Charter pertaining to street railways and trackless trolleys.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing franchises and minor privileges in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

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Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections



Fill in the oval to the left of the name of your choice. You must blacken the oval completely, and do not make any marks outside of the oval. You do not have to vote in every race.

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Optional write-in



To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 40

Vote for 1

Antonio Hayes

Democratic

Alan Rebar

Working Class Party

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 40

Vote for up to 3

Marlon D. Amprey

Democratic

Tiffany Welch

Democratic

Melissa Wells

Democratic

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Vote All Sides



Register of Wills Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
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☐ or write-in: _____
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Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

Non-Partisan Contest Candidates in this contest may or may not be affiliated with any political party
Board of Education At Large Vote for up to 2
☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Bond Issue

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Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

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Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

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Charter Amendment

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

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Charter Amendment

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Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

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The Amendment also eliminates certain obsolete provisions in the Charter pertaining to street railways and trackless trolleys.

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Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing franchises and minor privileges in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

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Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

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Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

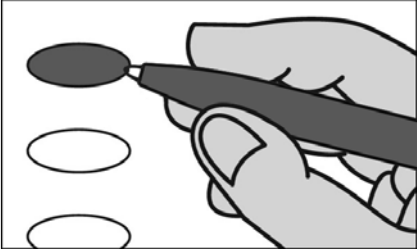
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End of Ballot

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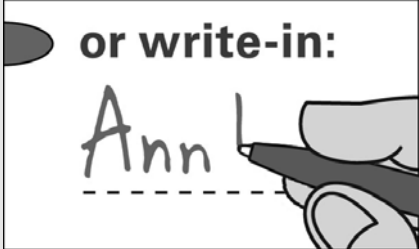


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Optional write-in



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Attorney General

Vote for 1

☐ Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

☐ James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

☐ or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

☐ Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

☐ Scott M. Collier

Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator

District 40

Vote for 1

☐ Antonio Hayes

Democratic

☐ Alan Rebar

Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 40

Vote for up to 3

☐ Marlon D. Amprey

Democratic

☐ Tiffany Welch

Democratic

☐ Melissa Wells

Democratic

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

☐ Catherine Chen

☐ Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

☐ Kimberly C. McBride

☐ Piper Faith McKeithen

☐ Hope Tipton

☐ Levi S. Zaslow

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

☐ Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

☐ Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

☐ Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

☐ Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

☐ Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

☐ Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

☐ Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

☐ Sonya Dunn

Republican

☐ or write-in:

Vote All Sides



Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
☐ Andy Zipay Republican
☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
☐ Charles "Chuck" Bernstein Democratic
☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

Non-Partisan Contest Candidates in this contest may or may not be affiliated with any political party
Board of Education At Large Vote for up to 2
☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

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Act of 2026

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☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

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FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

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The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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For

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Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

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The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

The Amendment also eliminates certain obsolete provisions in the Charter pertaining to street railways and trackless trolleys.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing franchises and minor privileges in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

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Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

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Fill in the oval to the left of the name of your choice. You must blacken the oval completely, and do not make any marks outside of the oval. You do not have to vote in every race.

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Optional write-in



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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 46

Vote for 1

Bill Ferguson

Democratic

Emmanuel Digman

Republican

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 46

Vote for up to 3

Luke Clippinger

Democratic

Mark Edelson

Democratic

Robbyn Lewis

Democratic

Jeremy L. Amason

Republican

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

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or write-in:

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☐ or write-in: _____
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Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

Non-Partisan Contest Candidates in this contest may or may not be affiliated with any political party
Board of Education At Large Vote for up to 2
☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
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Bond Issue

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Bond Issue

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Charter Amendment

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

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Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

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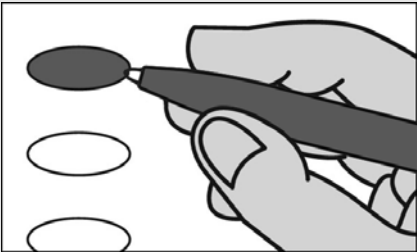
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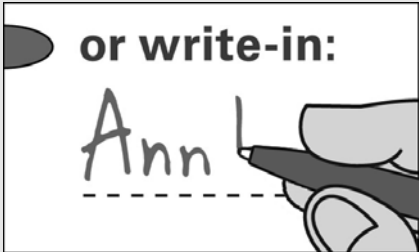


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Optional write-in



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Attorney General

Vote for 1

☐ Anthony G. Brown
Democratic

☐ James B. Rutledge, III
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

☐ Kweisi Mfume
Democratic

☐ Scott M. Collier
Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator

District 46

Vote for 1

☐ Bill Ferguson
Democratic

☐ Emmanuel Digman
Republican

☐ or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 46

Vote for up to 3

☐ Luke Clippinger
Democratic

☐ Mark Edelson
Democratic

☐ Robbyn Lewis
Democratic

☐ Jeremy L. Amason
Republican

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

☐ Catherine Chen

☐ Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

☐ Kimberly C. McBride

☐ Piper Faith McKeithen

☐ Hope Tipton

☐ Levi S. Zaslow

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

☐ Ivan J. Bates
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

☐ Xavier A. Conaway
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

☐ Wes Moore
and
Aruna Miller
Democratic

☐ Dan Cox
and
Rob Krop
Republican

☐ Andy Ellis
and
Owen Silverman Andrews
Green

☐ Cathy White
and
Cathy Permut
Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

☐ Brooke Elizabeth Lierman
Democratic

☐ Sonya Dunn
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Vote All Sides



Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
☐ Andy Zipay Republican
☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
☐ Charles "Chuck" Bernstein Democratic
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☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

Non-Partisan Contest Candidates in this contest may or may not be affiliated with any political party
Board of Education At Large Vote for up to 2
☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

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Question A

Bond Issue

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Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

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For

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Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

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Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

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Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

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Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections

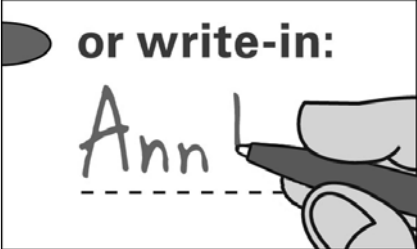


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Optional write-in



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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

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Republican

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District 7

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Kweisi Mfume

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State Senator

District 43

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Mary Washington

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Vote for up to 2

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Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

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Vote for 1

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☐ or write-in: _____

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Bond Issue

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Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

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☐ For

☐ Against

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Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

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Charter Amendment

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

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Charter Amendment

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Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

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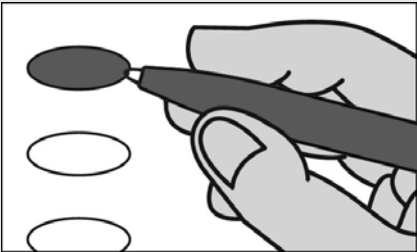
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End of Ballot

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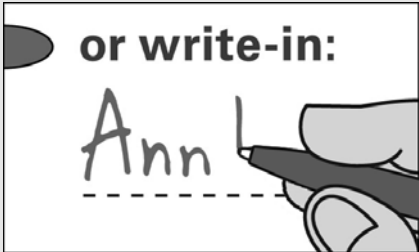


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Vote for 1

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and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 43

Vote for 1

Mary Washington

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

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Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

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Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____
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A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections



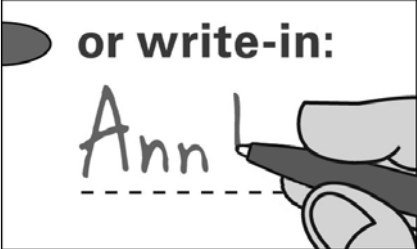
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Optional write-in

or write-in:



To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 43

Vote for 1

Mary Washington

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 43A

Vote for up to 2

Regina T. Boyce

Democratic

Elizabeth Embry

Democratic

or write-in:or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-HillKimberly C. McBridePiper Faith McKeithenHope TiptonLevi S. Zaslowor write-in:or write-in:or write-in:or write-in:or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Vote All Sides



Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
☐ Andy Zipay Republican
☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
☐ Charles "Chuck" Bernstein Democratic
☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

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Board of Education At Large Vote for up to 2
☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
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Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Constitutional Amendment

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

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The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing franchises and minor privileges in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

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Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

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Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections

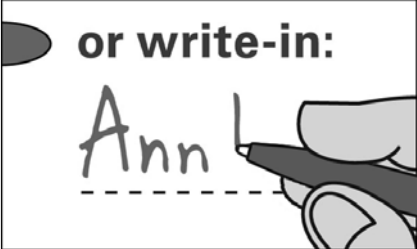


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Optional write-in



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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 43

Vote for 1

Mary Washington

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 43A

Vote for up to 2

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Democratic

Elizabeth Embry

Democratic

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
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☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
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Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

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Board of Education At Large Vote for up to 2
☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

The Amendment also eliminates certain obsolete provisions in the Charter pertaining to street railways and trackless trolleys.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing franchises and minor privileges in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections



Fill in the oval to the left of the name of your choice. You must blacken the oval completely, and do not make any marks outside of the oval. You do not have to vote in every race.

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Do not cross out or erase, or your vote may not count. If you make a mistake or a stray mark, you may ask for a new ballot.

Optional write-in



To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 43

Vote for 1

Mary Washington

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 43A

Vote for up to 2

Regina T. Boyce

Democratic

Elizabeth Embry

Democratic

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
☐ Andy Zipay Republican
☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
☐ Charles "Chuck" Bernstein Democratic
☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____
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Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Temporary Appointments on the
Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

- ☐ For the Constitutional Amendment
- ☐ Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Election Districts – General Assembly and
Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

- ☐ For the Constitutional Amendment
- ☐ Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A
Bond Issue
Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

- ☐ For
- ☐ Against



Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

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Against

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Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing franchises and minor privileges in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

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Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

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Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections



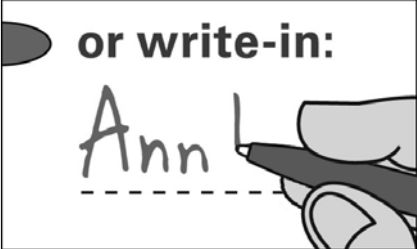
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or write-in:



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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 43

Vote for 1

Mary Washington

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 43A

Vote for up to 2

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or write-in:

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Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

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or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Vote All Sides



Register of Wills Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
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Sheriff Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ or write-in: _____
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A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

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Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections

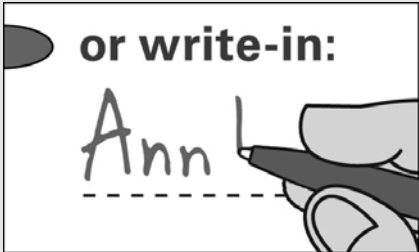


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Optional write-in



To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

Governor / Lt. Governor
Vote for 1

☐ Wes Moore
and
Aruna Miller
Democratic

☐ Dan Cox
and
Rob Krop
Republican

☐ Andy Ellis
and
Owen Silverman Andrews
Green

☐ Cathy White
and
Cathy Permut
Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

Comptroller
Vote for 1

☐ Brooke Elizabeth Lierman
Democratic

☐ Sonya Dunn
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Attorney General
Vote for 1

☐ Anthony G. Brown
Democratic

☐ James B. Rutledge, III
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Representative in Congress
District 7
Vote for 1

☐ Kweisi Mfume
Democratic

☐ Scott M. Collier
Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator
District 43
Vote for 1

☐ Mary Washington
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

House of Delegates
District 43A
Vote for up to 2

☐ Regina T. Boyce
Democratic

☐ Elizabeth Embry
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court
Circuit 8
Vote for up to 6

☐ Catherine Chen

☐ Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

☐ Kimberly C. McBride

☐ Piper Faith McKeithen

☐ Hope Tipton

☐ Levi S. Zaslow

☐ or write-in:

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☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of
Maryland At Large
Dan Friedman
Vote Yes or No
For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney
Vote for 1

☐ Ivan J. Bates
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court
Vote for 1

☐ Xavier A. Conaway
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

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☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Domonique A. Flowers
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Question 1
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Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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Bond Issue

School Loan

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Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

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Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

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Charter Amendment

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Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

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Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

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Charter Amendment

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

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Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 43

Vote for 1

Mary Washington

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 43A

Vote for up to 2

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Democratic

Elizabeth Embry

Democratic

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

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Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

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The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

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For

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Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

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Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

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Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

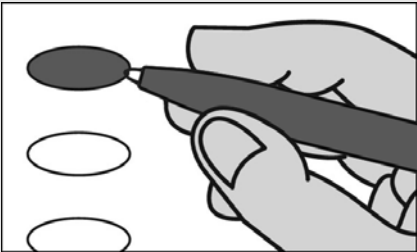
☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections



Fill in the oval to the left of the name of your choice. You must blacken the oval completely, and do not make any marks outside of the oval. You do not have to vote in every race.



Do not cross out or erase, or your vote may not count. If you make a mistake or a stray mark, you may ask for a new ballot.

Optional write-in



To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

☐ Wes Moore and Aruna Miller
Democratic

☐ Dan Cox and Rob Krop
Republican

☐ Andy Ellis and Owen Silverman Andrews
Green

☐ Cathy White and Cathy Permut
Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

☐ Brooke Elizabeth Lierman
Democratic

☐ Sonya Dunn
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

☐ Anthony G. Brown
Democratic

☐ James B. Rutledge, III
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Representative in Congress
District 7

Vote for 1

☐ Kweisi Mfume
Democratic

☐ Scott M. Collier
Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator
District 40

Vote for 1

☐ Antonio Hayes
Democratic

☐ Alan Rebar
Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

House of Delegates
District 40

Vote for up to 3

☐ Marlon D. Amprey
Democratic

☐ Tiffany Welch
Democratic

☐ Melissa Wells
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court
Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

☐ Catherine Chen

☐ Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

☐ Kimberly C. McBride

☐ Piper Faith McKeithen

☐ Hope Tipton

☐ Levi S. Zaslow

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of
Maryland At Large
Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No
For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

☐ Ivan J. Bates
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

☐ Xavier A. Conaway
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
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☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
☐ Charles "Chuck" Bernstein Democratic
☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
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☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

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Board of Education At Large Vote for up to 2
☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
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Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

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For

Against

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Bond Issue

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Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

For

Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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For

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Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

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Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

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For the Charter Amendment

Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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Question I

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

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☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Official Ballot

Gubernatorial General Election

November 3, 2026

State of Maryland, Baltimore City

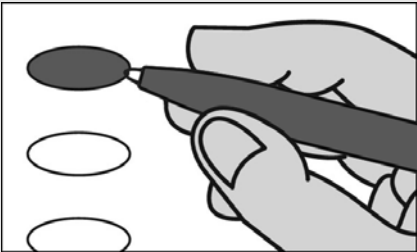
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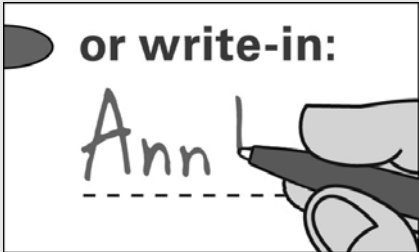


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Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 43

Vote for 1

Mary Washington

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 43A

Vote for up to 2

Regina T. Boyce

Democratic

Elizabeth Embry

Democratic

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Vote All Sides



Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
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☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
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☐ or write-in: _____
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Sheriff Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Jamar Day
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☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

The Amendment also eliminates certain obsolete provisions in the Charter pertaining to street railways and trackless trolleys.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing franchises and minor privileges in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections



Fill in the oval to the left of the name of your choice. You must blacken the oval completely, and do not make any marks outside of the oval. You do not have to vote in every race.

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Optional write-in



To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 40

Vote for 1

Antonio Hayes

Democratic

Alan Rebar

Working Class Party

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 40

Vote for up to 3

Marlon D. Amprey

Democratic

Tiffany Welch

Democratic

Melissa Wells

Democratic

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
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☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
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Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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Bond Issue

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Bond Issue

School Loan

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

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☐ For

☐ Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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☐ For

☐ Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

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Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

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Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

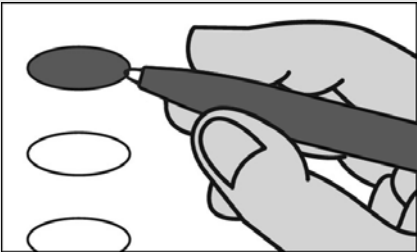
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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Instructions

Making Selections

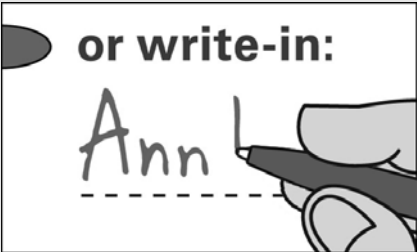


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Optional write-in



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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

☐ Wes Moore and Aruna Miller
Democratic

☐ Dan Cox and Rob Krop
Republican

☐ Andy Ellis and Owen Silverman Andrews
Green

☐ Cathy White and Cathy Permut
Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

☐ Brooke Elizabeth Lierman
Democratic

☐ Sonya Dunn
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

☐ Anthony G. Brown
Democratic

☐ James B. Rutledge, III
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Representative in Congress
District 7

Vote for 1

☐ Kweisi Mfume
Democratic

☐ Scott M. Collier
Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator
District 45

Vote for 1

☐ Cory V. McCray
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

House of Delegates
District 45

Vote for up to 3

☐ Jackie Addison
Democratic

☐ Chanel A. Branch
Democratic

☐ Caylin Young
Democratic

☐ Renaud De'Aundre Brown
Green

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court
Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

☐ Catherine Chen

☐ Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

☐ Kimberly C. McBride

☐ Piper Faith McKeithen

☐ Hope Tipton

☐ Levi S. Zaslow

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of
Maryland At Large
Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No
For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

☐ Ivan J. Bates
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

☐ Xavier A. Conaway
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
☐ Andy Zipay Republican
☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
☐ Charles "Chuck" Bernstein Democratic
☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
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Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

For

Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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For

Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

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Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

For

Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

For the Charter Amendment

Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

The Amendment also eliminates certain obsolete provisions in the Charter pertaining to street railways and trackless trolleys.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing franchises and minor privileges in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

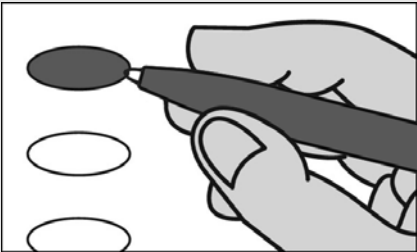
☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections



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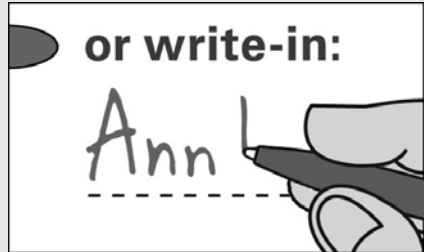
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Optional write-in

or write-in:

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To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

Governor / Lt. Governor
Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller
Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General
Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress
District 2
Vote for 1

John "Johnny O" Olszewski, Jr.

Democratic

Dave Wallace

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator
District 41
Vote for 1

Malcolm P. Ruff

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates
District 41
Vote for up to 3

S. I. "Sandy" Rosenberg

Democratic

Sean A. Stinnett

Democratic

Ryan Turner

Democratic

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court
Circuit 8
Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large
Dan Friedman
Vote Yes or No
For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney
Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court
Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Vote All Sides

Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
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☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
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☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

Non-Partisan Contest Candidates in this contest may or may not be affiliated with any political party
Board of Education At Large Vote for up to 2
☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Temporary Appointments on the
Commission on Judicial Disabilities

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

- ☐ For the Constitutional Amendment
- ☐ Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
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Representatives in Congress

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- ☐ For the Constitutional Amendment
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Bond Issue
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- ☐ For
- ☐ Against



Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

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For

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Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

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For

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Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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Against

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Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

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Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

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☐ Against the Charter Amendment

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Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

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Department of Water and Wastewater

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

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Optional write-in

or write-in:

Ann L



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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 2

Vote for 1

John "Johnny O" Olszewski, Jr.

Democratic

Dave Wallace

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 40

Vote for 1

Antonio Hayes

Democratic

Alan Rebar

Working Class Party

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 40

Vote for up to 3

Marlon D. Amprey

Democratic

Tiffany Welch

Democratic

Melissa Wells

Democratic

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Vote All Sides



Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
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☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
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☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

Non-Partisan Contest Candidates in this contest may or may not be affiliated with any political party
Board of Education At Large Vote for up to 2
☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

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Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

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The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

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Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections

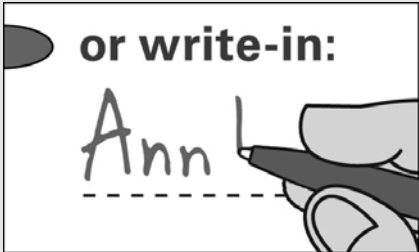


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Optional write-in



To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 40

Vote for 1

Antonio Hayes

Democratic

Alan Rebar

Working Class Party

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 40

Vote for up to 3

Marlon D. Amprey

Democratic

Tiffany Welch

Democratic

Melissa Wells

Democratic

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Judge of the Circuit Court

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or write-in:

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or write-in:

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Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

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Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

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☐ or write-in: _____

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Constitutional Amendment
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Act of 2026

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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Bond Issue

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

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Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

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Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

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Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

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Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

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Charter Amendment

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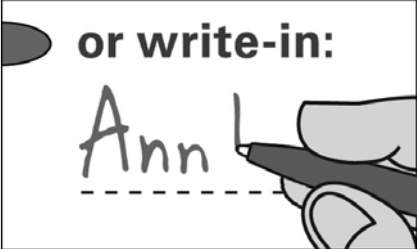
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or write-in:



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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore
and
Aruna Miller
Democratic

Dan Cox
and
Rob Krop
Republican

Andy Ellis
and
Owen Silverman Andrews
Green

Cathy White
and
Cathy Permut
Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman
Democratic

Sonya Dunn
Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown
Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III
Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 2

Vote for 1

John "Johnny O" Olszewski, Jr.
Democratic

Dave Wallace
Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 40

Vote for 1

Antonio Hayes
Democratic

Alan Rebar
Working Class Party

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 40

Vote for up to 3

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or write-in:

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Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates
Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway
Democratic

or write-in:

Vote All Sides



Register of Wills Vote for 1
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Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

The Amendment also eliminates certain obsolete provisions in the Charter pertaining to street railways and trackless trolleys.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing franchises and minor privileges in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections



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Optional write-in



To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 40

Vote for 1

Antonio Hayes

Democratic

Alan Rebar

Working Class Party

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 40

Vote for up to 3

Marlon D. Amprey

Democratic

Tiffany Welch

Democratic

Melissa Wells

Democratic

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
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Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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Constitutional Amendment

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Bond Issue

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

For

Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

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For

Against

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Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

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For

Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

For the Charter Amendment

Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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The Amendment also eliminates certain obsolete provisions in the Charter pertaining to street railways and trackless trolleys.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

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Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

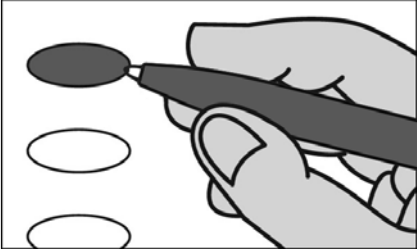
☐ For the Charter Amendment

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End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections

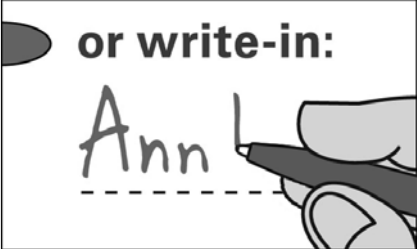


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Attorney General

Vote for 1

☐ Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

☐ James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

☐ or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

☐ Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

☐ Scott M. Collier

Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator

District 40

Vote for 1

☐ Antonio Hayes

Democratic

☐ Alan Rebar

Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 40

Vote for up to 3

☐ Marlon D. Amprey

Democratic

☐ Tiffany Welch

Democratic

☐ Melissa Wells

Democratic

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

☐ Catherine Chen

☐ Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

☐ Kimberly C. McBride

☐ Piper Faith McKeithen

☐ Hope Tipton

☐ Levi S. Zaslow

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

☐ Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

☐ Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

☐ Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

☐ Sonya Dunn

Republican

☐ or write-in:

Vote All Sides



Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
☐ Andy Zipay Republican
☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
☐ Charles "Chuck" Bernstein Democratic
☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
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Sheriff Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

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A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

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Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

The Amendment also eliminates certain obsolete provisions in the Charter pertaining to street railways and trackless trolleys.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing franchises and minor privileges in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

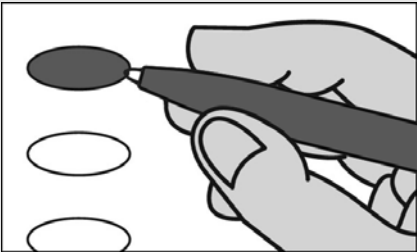
☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections

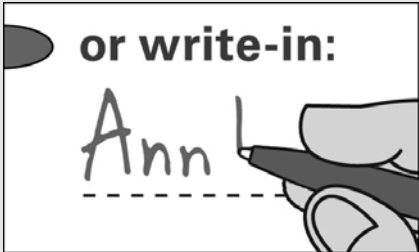


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Optional write-in



To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 40

Vote for 1

Antonio Hayes

Democratic

Alan Rebar

Working Class Party

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 40

Vote for up to 3

Marlon D. Amprey

Democratic

Tiffany Welch

Democratic

Melissa Wells

Democratic

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Vote All Sides



Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
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Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
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Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

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Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

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☐ For

☐ Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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☐ For

☐ Against

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Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

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Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

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End of Ballot

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Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

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Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 40

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Alan Rebar

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or write-in:

House of Delegates

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Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

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or write-in:

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Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

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Vote All Sides



Register of Wills Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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Question 2

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ For the Constitutional Amendment

☐ Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

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Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
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Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

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☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

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Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

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Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

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Optional write-in



To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 40

Vote for 1

Antonio Hayes

Democratic

Alan Rebar

Working Class Party

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 40

Vote for up to 3

Marlon D. Amprey

Democratic

Tiffany Welch

Democratic

Melissa Wells

Democratic

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Vote All Sides



Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
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☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
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☐ or write-in: _____
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Sheriff Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
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Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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☐ For

☐ Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

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The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

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Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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Department of Water and Wastewater

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Governor / Lt. Governor
Vote for 1

☐ Wes Moore
and
Aruna Miller
Democratic

☐ Dan Cox
and
Rob Krop
Republican

☐ Andy Ellis
and
Owen Silverman Andrews
Green

☐ Cathy White
and
Cathy Permut
Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

Comptroller
Vote for 1

☐ Brooke Elizabeth Lierman
Democratic

☐ Sonya Dunn
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Attorney General
Vote for 1

☐ Anthony G. Brown
Democratic

☐ James B. Rutledge, III
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Representative in Congress
District 7
Vote for 1

☐ Kweisi Mfume
Democratic

☐ Scott M. Collier
Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator
District 40
Vote for 1

☐ Antonio Hayes
Democratic

☐ Alan Rebar
Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

House of Delegates
District 40
Vote for up to 3

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Democratic

☐ Tiffany Welch
Democratic

☐ Melissa Wells
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

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☐ or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court
Circuit 8
Vote for up to 6

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☐ Kimberly C. McBride

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☐ Hope Tipton

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☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of
Maryland At Large
Dan Friedman
Vote Yes or No
For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney
Vote for 1

☐ Ivan J. Bates
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court
Vote for 1

☐ Xavier A. Conaway
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
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Sheriff Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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Question C

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Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

The Amendment also eliminates certain obsolete provisions in the Charter pertaining to street railways and trackless trolleys.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing franchises and minor privileges in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections



Fill in the oval to the left of the name of your choice. You must blacken the oval completely, and do not make any marks outside of the oval. You do not have to vote in every race.

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Do not cross out or erase, or your vote may not count. If you make a mistake or a stray mark, you may ask for a new ballot.

Optional write-in



To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 40

Vote for 1

Antonio Hayes

Democratic

Alan Rebar

Working Class Party

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 40

Vote for up to 3

Marlon D. Amprey

Democratic

Tiffany Welch

Democratic

Melissa Wells

Democratic

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
☐ Andy Zipay Republican
☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
☐ Charles "Chuck" Bernstein Democratic
☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

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Board of Education At Large Vote for up to 2
☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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For

Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

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For

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Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

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For

Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

For the Charter Amendment

Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

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Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

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Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections



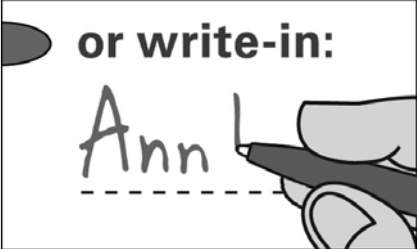
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Optional write-in

or write-in:



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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore
and
Aruna Miller
Democratic

Dan Cox
and
Rob Krop
Republican

Andy Ellis
and
Owen Silverman Andrews
Green

Cathy White
and
Cathy Permut
Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman
Democratic

Sonya Dunn
Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown
Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III
Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 2

Vote for 1

John "Johnny O" Olszewski, Jr.
Democratic

Dave Wallace
Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 40

Vote for 1

Antonio Hayes
Democratic

Alan Rebar
Working Class Party

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 40

Vote for up to 3

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Democratic

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Democratic

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or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

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Piper Faith McKeithen

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or write-in:

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Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates
Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway
Democratic

or write-in:

Vote All Sides



Register of Wills Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ or write-in: _____
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Sheriff Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

Non-Partisan Contest Candidates in this contest may or may not be affiliated with any political party
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☐ Domonique A. Flowers
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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

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The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

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Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

The Amendment also eliminates certain obsolete provisions in the Charter pertaining to street railways and trackless trolleys.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

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Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections



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Optional write-in



To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 40

Vote for 1

Antonio Hayes

Democratic

Alan Rebar

Working Class Party

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 40

Vote for up to 3

Marlon D. Amprey

Democratic

Tiffany Welch

Democratic

Melissa Wells

Democratic

or write-in:

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Judge of the Circuit Court

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Vote for up to 6

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Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
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Sheriff Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
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Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

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The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections

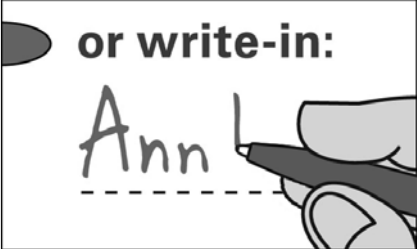


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and

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Democratic

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Republican

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Green

Cathy White

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Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

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Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

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Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

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or write-in:

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Republican

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State Senator

District 40

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House of Delegates

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Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

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or write-in:

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Xavier A. Conaway

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

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Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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Bond Issue

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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Bond Issue

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

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Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

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Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

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Charter Amendment

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

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Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

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Making Selections

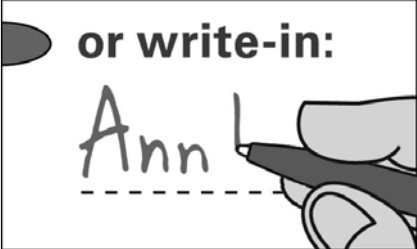


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Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

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Republican

or write-in:

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or write-in:

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Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

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Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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Constitutional Amendment

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Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

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For

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Against

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Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

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Gubernatorial General Election

November 3, 2026

State of Maryland, Baltimore City

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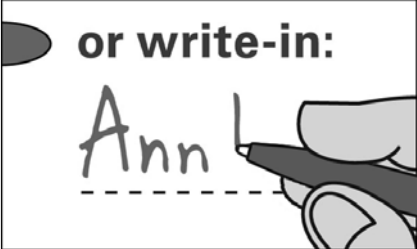


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Working Class Party

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Vote for 1

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Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

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or write-in:

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The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections



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Optional write-in



To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 40

Vote for 1

Antonio Hayes

Democratic

Alan Rebar

Working Class Party

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 40

Vote for up to 3

Marlon D. Amprey

Democratic

Tiffany Welch

Democratic

Melissa Wells

Democratic

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
☐ Andy Zipay Republican
☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
☐ Charles "Chuck" Bernstein Democratic
☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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☐ For

☐ Against

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Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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☐ For

☐ Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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☐ Against

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Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

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Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

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Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

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Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

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The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

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Governor / Lt. Governor
Vote for 1

☐ Wes Moore
and
Aruna Miller
Democratic

☐ Dan Cox
and
Rob Krop
Republican

☐ Andy Ellis
and
Owen Silverman Andrews
Green

☐ Cathy White
and
Cathy Permut
Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

Comptroller
Vote for 1

☐ Brooke Elizabeth Lierman
Democratic

☐ Sonya Dunn
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Attorney General
Vote for 1

☐ Anthony G. Brown
Democratic

☐ James B. Rutledge, III
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Representative in Congress
District 7
Vote for 1

☐ Kweisi Mfume
Democratic

☐ Scott M. Collier
Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator
District 41
Vote for 1

☐ Malcolm P. Ruff
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

House of Delegates
District 41
Vote for up to 3

☐ S. I. "Sandy" Rosenberg
Democratic

☐ Sean A. Stinnett
Democratic

☐ Ryan Turner
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court
Circuit 8
Vote for up to 6

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☐ Piper Faith McKeithen

☐ Hope Tipton

☐ Levi S. Zaslow

☐ or write-in:

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☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of
Maryland At Large
Dan Friedman
Vote Yes or No
For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney
Vote for 1

☐ Ivan J. Bates
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court
Vote for 1

☐ Xavier A. Conaway
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☐ or write-in: _____

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

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Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

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Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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The Amendment also eliminates certain obsolete provisions in the Charter pertaining to street railways and trackless trolleys.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections

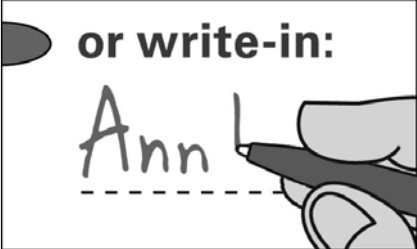


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Do not cross out or erase, or your vote may not count. If you make a mistake or a stray mark, you may ask for a new ballot.

Optional write-in



To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

☐ Wes Moore and Aruna Miller

Democratic

☐ Dan Cox and Rob Krop

Republican

☐ Andy Ellis and Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

☐ Cathy White and Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

☐ Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

☐ Sonya Dunn

Republican

☐ or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

☐ Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

☐ James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

☐ or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

☐ Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

☐ Scott M. Collier

Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator

District 41

Vote for 1

☐ Malcolm P. Ruff

Democratic

☐ or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 41

Vote for up to 3

☐ S. I. "Sandy" Rosenberg

Democratic

☐ Sean A. Stinnett

Democratic

☐ Ryan Turner

Democratic

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

☐ Catherine Chen

☐ Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

☐ Kimberly C. McBride

☐ Piper Faith McKeithen

☐ Hope Tipton

☐ Levi S. Zaslow

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

☐ Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

☐ Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
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☐ Andy Zipay Republican
☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
☐ Charles "Chuck" Bernstein Democratic
☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

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Board of Education At Large Vote for up to 2
☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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☐ For

☐ Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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☐ Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

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Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

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Vote for 1

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and
Aruna Miller
Democratic

☐ Dan Cox
and
Rob Krop
Republican

☐ Andy Ellis
and
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Green

☐ Cathy White
and
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Democratic

☐ Sonya Dunn
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Attorney General
Vote for 1

☐ Anthony G. Brown
Democratic

☐ James B. Rutledge, III
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Representative in Congress
District 7
Vote for 1

☐ Kweisi Mfume
Democratic

☐ Scott M. Collier
Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator
District 41
Vote for 1

☐ Malcolm P. Ruff
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

House of Delegates
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☐ Hope Tipton

☐ Levi S. Zaslow

☐ or write-in:

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Judge, Appellate Court of
Maryland At Large
Dan Friedman
Vote Yes or No
For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney
Vote for 1

☐ Ivan J. Bates
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court
Vote for 1

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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Domonique A. Flowers
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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

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Charter Amendment

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Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

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End of Ballot

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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 40

Vote for 1

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Democratic

Alan Rebar

Working Class Party

or write-in:

House of Delegates

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Vote for up to 3

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Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Vote All Sides



Register of Wills Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
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Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

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Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

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Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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Question G

Charter Amendment

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Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

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and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

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Rob Krop

Republican

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Working Class Party

or write-in:

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Vote for 1

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Democratic

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Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

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Ivan J. Bates

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

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(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



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☐ For the Charter Amendment

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Charter Amendment

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Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

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End of Ballot

Instructions

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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 40

Vote for 1

Antonio Hayes

Democratic

Alan Rebar

Working Class Party

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 40

Vote for up to 3

Marlon D. Amprey

Democratic

Tiffany Welch

Democratic

Melissa Wells

Democratic

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

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or write-in:

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Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

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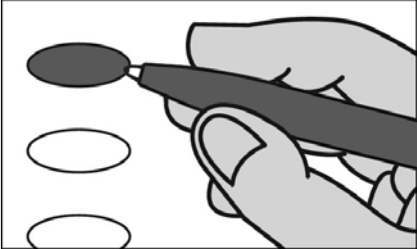
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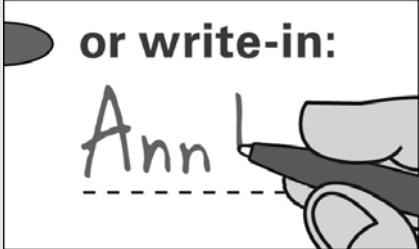


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Democratic

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Republican

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Green

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Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 41

Vote for 1

Malcolm P. Ruff

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 41

Vote for up to 3

S. I. "Sandy" Rosenberg

Democratic

Sean A. Stinnett

Democratic

Ryan Turner

Democratic

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

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Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Vote All Sides



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Act of 2026

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

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The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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☐ For

☐ Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

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☐ For

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Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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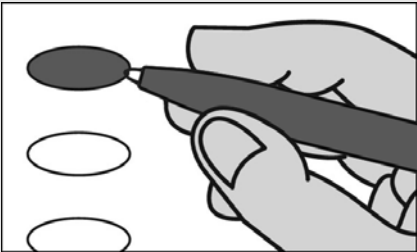
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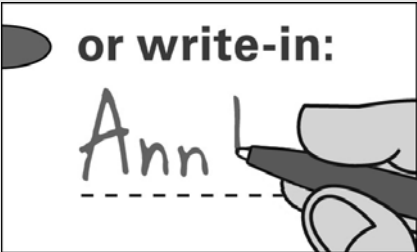
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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

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Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

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Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

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Xavier A. Conaway

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Register of Wills Vote for 1
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Constitutional Amendment
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Act of 2026

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A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

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A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

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Bond Issue

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The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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For

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Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

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The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

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Bond Issue

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The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

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Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment

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Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

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Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

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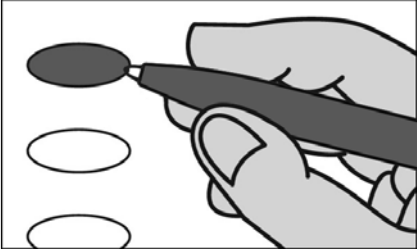
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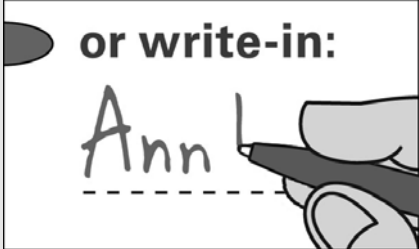


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Vote for 1

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and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

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and

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Working Class Party

or write-in:

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Vote for 1

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or write-in:

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Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Vote All Sides



Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
☐ Andy Zipay Republican
☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
☐ Charles "Chuck" Bernstein Democratic
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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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Question A

Bond Issue

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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Question C

Bond Issue

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

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Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question G

Charter Amendment

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Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

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The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

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Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

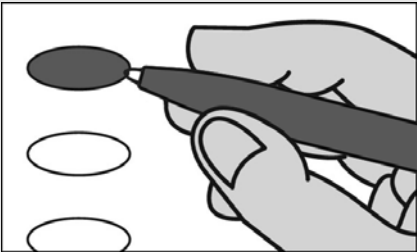
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End of Ballot



Instructions

Making Selections

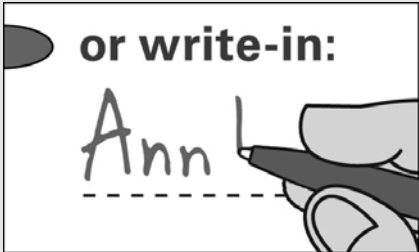


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Governor / Lt. Governor
Vote for 1

Wes Moore
and
Aruna Miller
Democratic

Dan Cox
and
Rob Krop
Republican

Andy Ellis
and
Owen Silverman Andrews
Green

Cathy White
and
Cathy Permut
Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller
Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman
Democratic

Sonya Dunn
Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General
Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown
Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III
Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress
District 7
Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume
Democratic

Scott M. Collier
Republican

or write-in:

State Senator
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Malcolm P. Ruff
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Judge, Appellate Court of
Maryland At Large
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Vote Yes or No
For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney
Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates
Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court
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Xavier A. Conaway
Democratic

or write-in:

Vote All Sides



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Constitutional Amendment
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Act of 2026

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Bond Issue

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Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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Bond Issue

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For the Charter Amendment

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Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

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Question I

Charter Amendment

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Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

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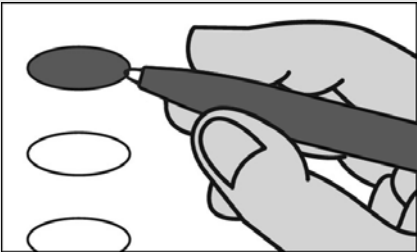
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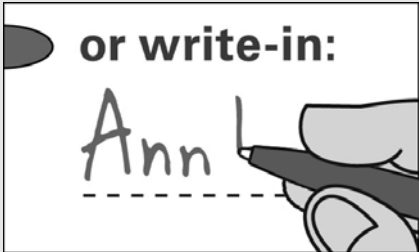


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Vote for 1

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and
Aruna Miller
Democratic

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Rob Krop
Republican

☐ Andy Ellis
and
Owen Silverman Andrews
Green

☐ Cathy White
and
Cathy Permut
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☐ or write-in:

Comptroller
Vote for 1

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Democratic

☐ Sonya Dunn
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Attorney General
Vote for 1

☐ Anthony G. Brown
Democratic

☐ James B. Rutledge, III
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Representative in Congress
District 7
Vote for 1

☐ Kweisi Mfume
Democratic

☐ Scott M. Collier
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Judge of the Circuit Court
Circuit 8
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Judge, Appellate Court of
Maryland At Large
Dan Friedman
Vote Yes or No
For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney
Vote for 1

☐ Ivan J. Bates
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court
Vote for 1

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Democratic

☐ or write-in:

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

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(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

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Bond Issue

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For the Charter Amendment

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Vote All Sides

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The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

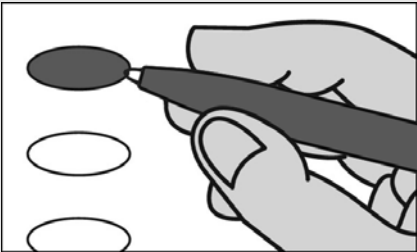
☐ For the Charter Amendment

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End of Ballot

Instructions

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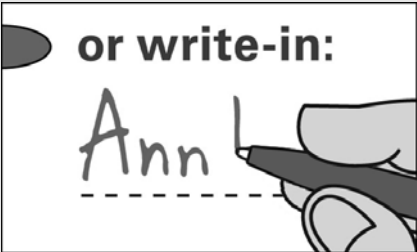


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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

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State Senator

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Vote for up to 3

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Levi S. Zaslow

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Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

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Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

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Arbitration Reform for State Employees
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Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

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Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

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Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

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The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

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The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

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Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

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The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

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Official Ballot

Gubernatorial General Election

November 3, 2026

State of Maryland, Baltimore City

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Working Class Party

or write-in:

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Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

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Affordable Housing Loan

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

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For the Charter Amendment

Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

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Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
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The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Official Ballot
Gubernatorial General Election
November 3, 2026
State of Maryland, Baltimore City

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Instructions

Making Selections



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Governor / Lt. Governor
Vote for 1

Wes Moore
and
Aruna Miller
Democratic

Dan Cox
and
Rob Krop
Republican

Andy Ellis
and
Owen Silverman Andrews
Green

Cathy White
and
Cathy Permut
Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller
Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman
Democratic

Sonya Dunn
Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General
Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown
Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III
Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress
District 7
Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume
Democratic

Scott M. Collier
Republican

or write-in:

State Senator
District 40
Vote for 1

Antonio Hayes
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Alan Rebar
Working Class Party

or write-in:

House of Delegates
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Vote for up to 3

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or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of
Maryland At Large
Dan Friedman
Vote Yes or No
For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney
Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates
Democratic

or write-in:

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Xavier A. Conaway
Democratic

or write-in:

Vote All Sides



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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ or write-in: _____
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Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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For

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Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

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For

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Against

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Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

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The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

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Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

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Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



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Charter Amendment

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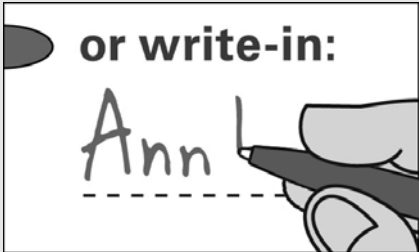


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Vote for 1

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and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

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Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 40

Vote for 1

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Democratic

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House of Delegates

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Vote for up to 3

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or write-in:

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Judge of the Circuit Court

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Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

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Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

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Sheriff Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ or write-in: _____
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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

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The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

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Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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☐ For

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Question C

Bond Issue

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☐ For

☐ Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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☐ Against

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Charter Amendment

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Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



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Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

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End of Ballot

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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

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District 7

Vote for 1

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Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

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Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

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Democratic

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Constitutional Amendment
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Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

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A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

- ☐ For the Constitutional Amendment
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FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

- ☐ For
- ☐ Against



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School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

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Democratic

or write-in:

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Vote for 1

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

- ☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**
- ☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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Constitutional Amendment

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Bond Issue

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

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Bond Issue

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Vote All Sides

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

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Governor / Lt. Governor
Vote for 1

☐ Wes Moore and Aruna Miller
Democratic

☐ Dan Cox and Rob Krop
Republican

☐ Andy Ellis and Owen Silverman Andrews
Green

☐ Cathy White and Cathy Permut
Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

Comptroller
Vote for 1

☐ Brooke Elizabeth Lierman
Democratic

☐ Sonya Dunn
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Attorney General
Vote for 1

☐ Anthony G. Brown
Democratic

☐ James B. Rutledge, III
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Representative in Congress
District 7
Vote for 1

☐ Kweisi Mfume
Democratic

☐ Scott M. Collier
Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator
District 40
Vote for 1

☐ Antonio Hayes
Democratic

☐ Alan Rebar
Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

House of Delegates
District 40
Vote for up to 3

☐ Marlon D. Amprey
Democratic

☐ Tiffany Welch
Democratic

☐ Melissa Wells
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

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Circuit 8
Vote for up to 6

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☐ Hope Tipton

☐ Levi S. Zaslow

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

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☐ or write-in:

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Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large
Dan Friedman
Vote Yes or No
For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

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Vote for 1

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Democratic

☐ or write-in:

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Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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Constitutional Amendment

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FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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☐ For

☐ Against

Question C

Bond Issue

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Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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☐ For

☐ Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

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Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

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Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

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Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

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Republican

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Representative in Congress
District 7
Vote for 1

☐ Kweisi Mfume
Democratic

☐ Scott M. Collier
Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator
District 40
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Vote Yes or No
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☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney
Vote for 1

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Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court
Vote for 1

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☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

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Question 2

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

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For

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Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

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For

Against

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Charter Amendment

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Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

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For the Charter Amendment

Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
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Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 40

Vote for 1

Antonio Hayes

Democratic

Alan Rebar

Working Class Party

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 40

Vote for up to 3

Marlon D. Amprey

Democratic

Tiffany Welch

Democratic

Melissa Wells

Democratic

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

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Piper Faith McKeithen

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Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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For

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Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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☐ For

☐ Against

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Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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☐ For

☐ Against

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Vote All Sides

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

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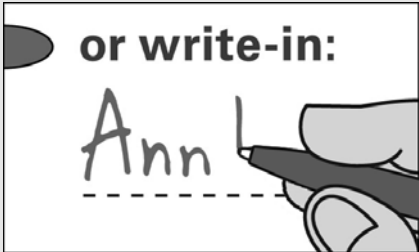


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Vote for 1

☐ Wes Moore and Aruna Miller
Democratic

☐ Dan Cox and Rob Krop
Republican

☐ Andy Ellis and Owen Silverman Andrews
Green

☐ Cathy White and Cathy Permut
Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

Comptroller
Vote for 1

☐ Brooke Elizabeth Lierman
Democratic

☐ Sonya Dunn
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Attorney General
Vote for 1

☐ Anthony G. Brown
Democratic

☐ James B. Rutledge, III
Republican

☐ or write-in:

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District 7
Vote for 1

☐ Kweisi Mfume
Democratic

☐ Scott M. Collier
Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator
District 40
Vote for 1

☐ Antonio Hayes
Democratic

☐ Alan Rebar
Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

House of Delegates
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Democratic

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☐ or write-in:

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☐ or write-in:

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Circuit 8
Vote for up to 6

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☐ Kimberly C. McBride

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☐ Hope Tipton

☐ Levi S. Zaslow

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large
Dan Friedman
Vote Yes or No
For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney
Vote for 1

☐ Ivan J. Bates
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court
Vote for 1

☐ Xavier A. Conaway
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

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☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
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End of Ballot

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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Bond Issue

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Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

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Question D

Bond Issue

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Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

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Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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For

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Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

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Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

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Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing franchises and minor privileges in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

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Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

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Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 40

Vote for 1

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Democratic

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Working Class Party

or write-in:

House of Delegates

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Vote for up to 3

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Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

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☐ or write-in: _____

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Bond Issue

School Loan

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Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

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Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

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Vote All Sides

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Charter Amendment

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

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Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

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Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

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Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

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Vote for 1

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and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

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Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

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Republican

or write-in:

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House of Delegates

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Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

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Xavier A. Conaway

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☐ or write-in: _____
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Sheriff Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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For

Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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For

Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

For

Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

For the Charter Amendment

Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

The Amendment also eliminates certain obsolete provisions in the Charter pertaining to street railways and trackless trolleys.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing franchises and minor privileges in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections



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Do not cross out or erase, or your vote may not count. If you make a mistake or a stray mark, you may ask for a new ballot.

Optional write-in



To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 40

Vote for 1

Antonio Hayes

Democratic

Alan Rebar

Working Class Party

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 40

Vote for up to 3

Marlon D. Amprey

Democratic

Tiffany Welch

Democratic

Melissa Wells

Democratic

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Vote All Sides



Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
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☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
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☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Bond Issue

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Bond Issue

School Loan

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☐ For

☐ Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

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☐ For

☐ Against

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Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

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☐ For

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Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

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Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

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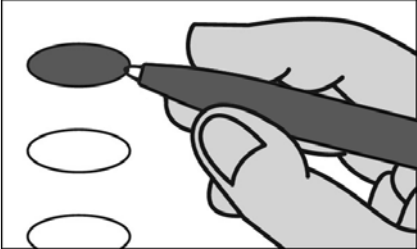
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End of Ballot

Instructions

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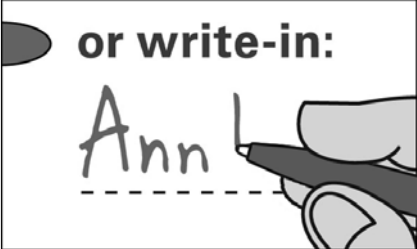


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Optional write-in



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Attorney General

Vote for 1

☐ Anthony G. Brown
Democratic

☐ James B. Rutledge, III
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

☐ Kweisi Mfume
Democratic

☐ Scott M. Collier
Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator

District 40

Vote for 1

☐ Antonio Hayes
Democratic

☐ Alan Rebar
Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 40

Vote for up to 3

☐ Marlon D. Amprey
Democratic

☐ Tiffany Welch
Democratic

☐ Melissa Wells
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

☐ Catherine Chen

☐ Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

☐ Kimberly C. McBride

☐ Piper Faith McKeithen

☐ Hope Tipton

☐ Levi S. Zaslow

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

☐ Ivan J. Bates
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

☐ Xavier A. Conaway
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

☐ Brooke Elizabeth Lierman
Democratic

☐ Sonya Dunn
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

☐ Wes Moore
and
Aruna Miller
Democratic

☐ Dan Cox
and
Rob Krop
Republican

☐ Andy Ellis
and
Owen Silverman Andrews
Green

☐ Cathy White
and
Cathy Permut
Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

Vote All Sides



Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
☐ Andy Zipay Republican
☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
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☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

Non-Partisan Contest Candidates in this contest may or may not be affiliated with any political party
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☐ or write-in: _____
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A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

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Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

The Amendment also eliminates certain obsolete provisions in the Charter pertaining to street railways and trackless trolleys.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing franchises and minor privileges in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Official Ballot

Gubernatorial General Election

November 3, 2026

State of Maryland, Baltimore City

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Optional write-in



To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 40

Vote for 1

Antonio Hayes

Democratic

Alan Rebar

Working Class Party

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 40

Vote for up to 3

Marlon D. Amprey

Democratic

Tiffany Welch

Democratic

Melissa Wells

Democratic

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Vote All Sides



Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
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☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
☐ Charles "Chuck" Bernstein Democratic
☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
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☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

Non-Partisan Contest Candidates in this contest may or may not be affiliated with any political party
Board of Education At Large Vote for up to 2
☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
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Constitutional Amendment
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Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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Constitutional Amendment

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Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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☐ For

☐ Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

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☐ For

☐ Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

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☐ For

☐ Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

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Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

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Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

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Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

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Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

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Governor / Lt. Governor
Vote for 1

☐ Wes Moore and Aruna Miller
Democratic

☐ Dan Cox and Rob Krop
Republican

☐ Andy Ellis and Owen Silverman Andrews
Green

☐ Cathy White and Cathy Permut
Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

Comptroller
Vote for 1

☐ Brooke Elizabeth Lierman
Democratic

☐ Sonya Dunn
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Attorney General
Vote for 1

☐ Anthony G. Brown
Democratic

☐ James B. Rutledge, III
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Representative in Congress
District 7
Vote for 1

☐ Kweisi Mfume
Democratic

☐ Scott M. Collier
Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator
District 40
Vote for 1

☐ Antonio Hayes
Democratic

☐ Alan Rebar
Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

House of Delegates
District 40
Vote for up to 3

☐ Marlon D. Amprey
Democratic

☐ Tiffany Welch
Democratic

☐ Melissa Wells
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court
Circuit 8
Vote for up to 6

☐ Catherine Chen

☐ Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

☐ Kimberly C. McBride

☐ Piper Faith McKeithen

☐ Hope Tipton

☐ Levi S. Zaslow

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large
Dan Friedman
Vote Yes or No
For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney
Vote for 1

☐ Ivan J. Bates
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court
Vote for 1

☐ Xavier A. Conaway
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Vote All Sides



Register of Wills Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ or write-in: _____
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☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
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☐ or write-in: _____
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☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

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Question 3

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The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

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Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

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- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

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Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

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Optional write-in



To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

Governor / Lt. Governor
Vote for 1

Wes Moore
and
Aruna Miller
Democratic

Dan Cox
and
Rob Krop
Republican

Andy Ellis
and
Owen Silverman Andrews
Green

Cathy White
and
Cathy Permut
Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller
Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman
Democratic

Sonya Dunn
Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General
Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown
Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III
Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress
District 7
Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume
Democratic

Scott M. Collier
Republican

or write-in:

State Senator
District 40
Vote for 1

Antonio Hayes
Democratic

Alan Rebar
Working Class Party

or write-in:

House of Delegates
District 40
Vote for up to 3

Marlon D. Amprey
Democratic

Tiffany Welch
Democratic

Melissa Wells
Democratic

or write-in:

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or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court
Circuit 8
Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

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Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

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Maryland At Large
Dan Friedman
Vote Yes or No
For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney
Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates
Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court
Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway
Democratic

or write-in:

Vote All Sides



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☐ or write-in: _____

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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☐ For

☐ Against

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Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

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The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

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Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Official Ballot
Gubernatorial General Election
November 3, 2026
State of Maryland, Baltimore City

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Vote for 1

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and
Aruna Miller
Democratic

☐ Dan Cox
and
Rob Krop
Republican

☐ Andy Ellis
and
Owen Silverman Andrews
Green

☐ Cathy White
and
Cathy Permut
Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

Comptroller
Vote for 1

☐ Brooke Elizabeth Lierman
Democratic

☐ Sonya Dunn
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Attorney General
Vote for 1

☐ Anthony G. Brown
Democratic

☐ James B. Rutledge, III
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Representative in Congress
District 7
Vote for 1

☐ Kweisi Mfume
Democratic

☐ Scott M. Collier
Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator
District 40
Vote for 1

☐ Antonio Hayes
Democratic

☐ Alan Rebar
Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

House of Delegates
District 40
Vote for up to 3

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Democratic

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Democratic

☐ Melissa Wells
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☐ or write-in:

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☐ or write-in:

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Judge, Appellate Court of
Maryland At Large
Dan Friedman
Vote Yes or No
For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney
Vote for 1

☐ Ivan J. Bates
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court
Vote for 1

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Against

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The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

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☐ Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

The Amendment also eliminates certain obsolete provisions in the Charter pertaining to street railways and trackless trolleys.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing franchises and minor privileges in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections



Fill in the oval to the left of the name of your choice. You must blacken the oval completely, and do not make any marks outside of the oval. You do not have to vote in every race.

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Do not cross out or erase, or your vote may not count. If you make a mistake or a stray mark, you may ask for a new ballot.

Optional write-in



To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 40

Vote for 1

Antonio Hayes

Democratic

Alan Rebar

Working Class Party

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 40

Vote for up to 3

Marlon D. Amprey

Democratic

Tiffany Welch

Democratic

Melissa Wells

Democratic

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
☐ Andy Zipay Republican
☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
☐ Charles "Chuck" Bernstein Democratic
☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

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Board of Education At Large Vote for up to 2
☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

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Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

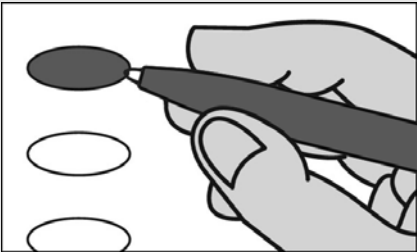
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November 3, 2026
State of Maryland, Baltimore City

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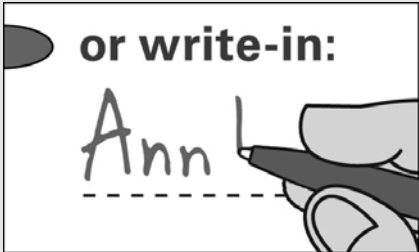


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Governor / Lt. Governor
Vote for 1

☐ Wes Moore
and
Aruna Miller
Democratic

☐ Dan Cox
and
Rob Krop
Republican

☐ Andy Ellis
and
Owen Silverman Andrews
Green

☐ Cathy White
and
Cathy Permut
Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

Comptroller
Vote for 1

☐ Brooke Elizabeth Lierman
Democratic

☐ Sonya Dunn
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Attorney General
Vote for 1

☐ Anthony G. Brown
Democratic

☐ James B. Rutledge, III
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Representative in Congress
District 7
Vote for 1

☐ Kweisi Mfume
Democratic

☐ Scott M. Collier
Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator
District 40
Vote for 1

☐ Antonio Hayes
Democratic

☐ Alan Rebar
Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

House of Delegates
District 40
Vote for up to 3

☐ Marlon D. Amprey
Democratic

☐ Tiffany Welch
Democratic

☐ Melissa Wells
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court
Circuit 8
Vote for up to 6

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☐ Kimberly C. McBride

☐ Piper Faith McKeithen

☐ Hope Tipton

☐ Levi S. Zaslow

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of
Maryland At Large
Dan Friedman
Vote Yes or No
For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney
Vote for 1

☐ Ivan J. Bates
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court
Vote for 1

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Democratic

☐ or write-in:

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Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

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The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

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Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

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Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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The Amendment also eliminates certain obsolete provisions in the Charter pertaining to street railways and trackless trolleys.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

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Gubernatorial General Election

November 3, 2026

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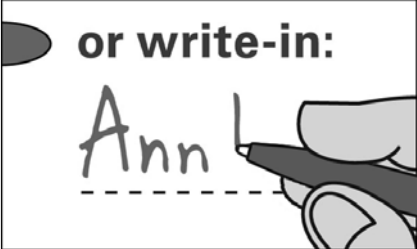


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Do not cross out or erase, or your vote may not count. If you make a mistake or a stray mark, you may ask for a new ballot.

Optional write-in



To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 40

Vote for 1

Antonio Hayes

Democratic

Alan Rebar

Working Class Party

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 40

Vote for up to 3

Marlon D. Amprey

Democratic

Tiffany Welch

Democratic

Melissa Wells

Democratic

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
☐ Andy Zipay Republican
☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
☐ Charles "Chuck" Bernstein Democratic
☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
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Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

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Board of Education At Large Vote for up to 2
☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
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Constitutional Amendment
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Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

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The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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☐ For

☐ Against

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Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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☐ For

☐ Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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☐ Against

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Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

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Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

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Question I

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

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Governor / Lt. Governor
Vote for 1

☐ Wes Moore and Aruna Miller
Democratic

☐ Dan Cox and Rob Krop
Republican

☐ Andy Ellis and Owen Silverman Andrews
Green

☐ Cathy White and Cathy Permut
Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

Comptroller
Vote for 1

☐ Brooke Elizabeth Lierman
Democratic

☐ Sonya Dunn
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Attorney General
Vote for 1

☐ Anthony G. Brown
Democratic

☐ James B. Rutledge, III
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Representative in Congress
District 7
Vote for 1

☐ Kweisi Mfume
Democratic

☐ Scott M. Collier
Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator
District 40
Vote for 1

☐ Antonio Hayes
Democratic

☐ Alan Rebar
Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

House of Delegates
District 40
Vote for up to 3

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Democratic

☐ Tiffany Welch
Democratic

☐ Melissa Wells
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court
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☐ Levi S. Zaslow

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Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large
Dan Friedman
Vote Yes or No
For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney
Vote for 1

☐ Ivan J. Bates
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court
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☐ or write-in: _____

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

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The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

For

Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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For

Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

For the Charter Amendment

Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

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Question I

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Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

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Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Official Ballot

Gubernatorial General Election

November 3, 2026

State of Maryland, Baltimore City

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Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 40

Vote for 1

Antonio Hayes

Democratic

Alan Rebar

Working Class Party

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 40

Vote for up to 3

Marlon D. Amprey

Democratic

Tiffany Welch

Democratic

Melissa Wells

Democratic

or write-in:

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or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

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Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

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Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

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Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

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Vote All Sides



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Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
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Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

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A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

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Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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Constitutional Amendment

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FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

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The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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For

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Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

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For

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Charter Amendment

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For the Charter Amendment

Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

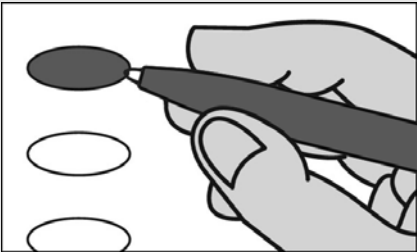
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End of Ballot

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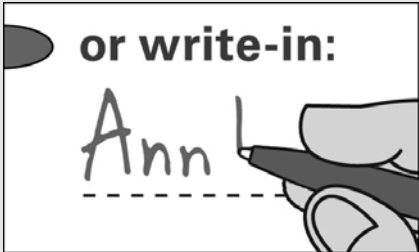


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and

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Democratic

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and

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Republican

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and

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Working Class Party

or write-in:

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Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

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Republican

or write-in:

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Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

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Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 41

Vote for 1

Malcolm P. Ruff

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 41

Vote for up to 3

S. I. "Sandy" Rosenberg

Democratic

Sean A. Stinnett

Democratic

Ryan Turner

Democratic

or write-in:

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Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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School Loan

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Community and Economic Development Loan

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The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

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Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

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Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

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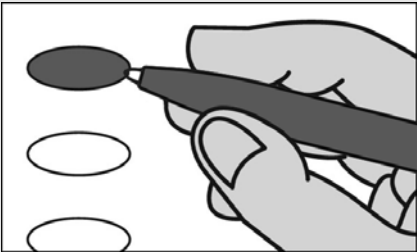
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End of Ballot

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Making Selections

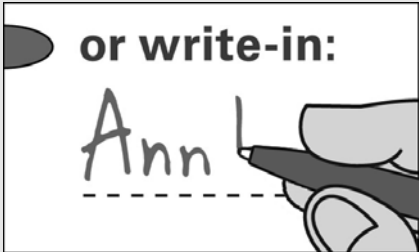


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Optional write-in



To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

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Wes Moore
and
Aruna Miller
Democratic

☐

Dan Cox
and
Rob Krop
Republican

☐

Andy Ellis
and
Owen Silverman Andrews
Green

☐

Cathy White
and
Cathy Permut
Working Class Party

☐

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

☐

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman
Democratic

☐

Sonya Dunn
Republican

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or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

☐

Anthony G. Brown
Democratic

☐

James B. Rutledge, III
Republican

☐

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

☐

Kweisi Mfume
Democratic

☐

Scott M. Collier
Republican

☐

or write-in:

State Senator

District 41

Vote for 1

☐

Malcolm P. Ruff
Democratic

☐

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 41

Vote for up to 3

☐

S. I. "Sandy" Rosenberg
Democratic

☐

Sean A. Stinnett
Democratic

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Ryan Turner
Democratic

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or write-in:

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or write-in:

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or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

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Catherine Chen

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Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

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Kimberly C. McBride

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Piper Faith McKeithen

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Hope Tipton

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Levi S. Zaslow

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or write-in:

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or write-in:

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or write-in:

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or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

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Yes

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No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

☐

Ivan J. Bates
Democratic

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or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

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Xavier A. Conaway
Democratic

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or write-in:

Vote All Sides



Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
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☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
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☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
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☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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☐ For

☐ Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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☐ For

☐ Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



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Charter Amendment

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☐ Against the Charter Amendment

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Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

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Gubernatorial General Election

November 3, 2026

State of Maryland, Baltimore City

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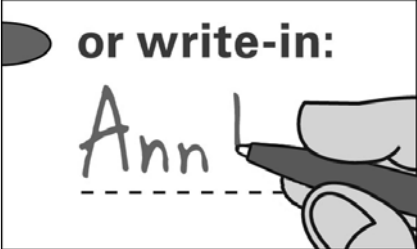


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Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 40

Vote for 1

Antonio Hayes

Democratic

Alan Rebar

Working Class Party

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 40

Vote for up to 3

Marlon D. Amprey

Democratic

Tiffany Welch

Democratic

Melissa Wells

Democratic

or write-in:

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or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

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Piper Faith McKeithen

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or write-in:

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Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

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or write-in:

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

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(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

For

Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

For

Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

For

Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

For the Charter Amendment

Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

The Amendment also eliminates certain obsolete provisions in the Charter pertaining to street railways and trackless trolleys.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Official Ballot

Gubernatorial General Election

November 3, 2026

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Instructions

Making Selections



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Optional write-in



To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 40

Vote for 1

Antonio Hayes

Democratic

Alan Rebar

Working Class Party

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 40

Vote for up to 3

Marlon D. Amprey

Democratic

Tiffany Welch

Democratic

Melissa Wells

Democratic

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
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☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
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Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ For the Constitutional Amendment

☐ Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ For the Constitutional Amendment

☐ Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

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Bond Issue

School Loan

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For

Against

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Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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For

Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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For

Against

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Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

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Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

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For the Charter Amendment

Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

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Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

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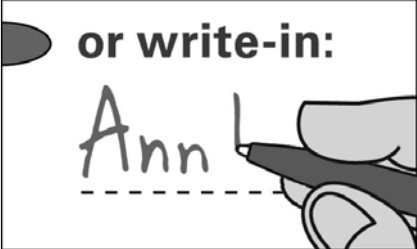


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Optional write-in



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Governor / Lt. Governor
Vote for 1

☐ Wes Moore
and
Aruna Miller
Democratic

☐ Dan Cox
and
Rob Krop
Republican

☐ Andy Ellis
and
Owen Silverman Andrews
Green

☐ Cathy White
and
Cathy Permut
Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

Comptroller
Vote for 1

☐ Brooke Elizabeth Lierman
Democratic

☐ Sonya Dunn
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Attorney General
Vote for 1

☐ Anthony G. Brown
Democratic

☐ James B. Rutledge, III
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Representative in Congress
District 7
Vote for 1

☐ Kweisi Mfume
Democratic

☐ Scott M. Collier
Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator
District 40
Vote for 1

☐ Antonio Hayes
Democratic

☐ Alan Rebar
Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

House of Delegates
District 40
Vote for up to 3

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Democratic

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Democratic

☐ Melissa Wells
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court
Circuit 8
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☐ Levi S. Zaslow

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

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Judge, Appellate Court of
Maryland At Large
Dan Friedman
Vote Yes or No
For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney
Vote for 1

☐ Ivan J. Bates
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court
Vote for 1

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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ or write-in: _____
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☐ Domonique A. Flowers
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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Temporary Appointments on the
Commission on Judicial Disabilities

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

- ☐ For the Constitutional Amendment
- ☐ Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3
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(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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- ☐ For
- ☐ Against



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Bond Issue

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For

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Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F
Charter Amendment
Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing franchises and minor privileges in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections



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Optional write-in



To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 40

Vote for 1

Antonio Hayes

Democratic

Alan Rebar

Working Class Party

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 40

Vote for up to 3

Marlon D. Amprey

Democratic

Tiffany Welch

Democratic

Melissa Wells

Democratic

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
☐ Andy Zipay Republican
☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
☐ Charles "Chuck" Bernstein Democratic
☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

Non-Partisan Contest Candidates in this contest may or may not be affiliated with any political party
Board of Education At Large Vote for up to 2
☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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For

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Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

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For

Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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For

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Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

For the Charter Amendment

Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

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Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

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Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Official Ballot
Gubernatorial General Election
November 3, 2026
State of Maryland, Baltimore City

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Governor / Lt. Governor
Vote for 1

☐ Wes Moore and Aruna Miller
Democratic

☐ Dan Cox and Rob Krop
Republican

☐ Andy Ellis and Owen Silverman Andrews
Green

☐ Cathy White and Cathy Permut
Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

Comptroller
Vote for 1

☐ Brooke Elizabeth Lierman
Democratic

☐ Sonya Dunn
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Attorney General
Vote for 1

☐ Anthony G. Brown
Democratic

☐ James B. Rutledge, III
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Representative in Congress
District 7
Vote for 1

☐ Kweisi Mfume
Democratic

☐ Scott M. Collier
Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator
District 40
Vote for 1

☐ Antonio Hayes
Democratic

☐ Alan Rebar
Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

House of Delegates
District 40
Vote for up to 3

☐ Marlon D. Amprey
Democratic

☐ Tiffany Welch
Democratic

☐ Melissa Wells
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

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☐ or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court
Circuit 8
Vote for up to 6

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☐ Levi S. Zaslow

☐ or write-in:

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☐ or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large
Dan Friedman
Vote Yes or No
For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney
Vote for 1

☐ Ivan J. Bates
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court
Vote for 1

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Sheriff Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

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(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

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The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

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☐ For

☐ Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

The Amendment also eliminates certain obsolete provisions in the Charter pertaining to street railways and trackless trolleys.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Official Ballot
Gubernatorial General Election
November 3, 2026
State of Maryland, Baltimore City

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Instructions

Making Selections



Fill in the oval to the left of the name of your choice. You must blacken the oval completely, and do not make any marks outside of the oval. You do not have to vote in every race.

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Optional write-in



To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

Governor / Lt. Governor
Vote for 1

☐ Wes Moore
and
Aruna Miller
Democratic

☐ Dan Cox
and
Rob Krop
Republican

☐ Andy Ellis
and
Owen Silverman Andrews
Green

☐ Cathy White
and
Cathy Permut
Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

Comptroller
Vote for 1

☐ Brooke Elizabeth Lierman
Democratic

☐ Sonya Dunn
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Attorney General
Vote for 1

☐ Anthony G. Brown
Democratic

☐ James B. Rutledge, III
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Representative in Congress
District 7
Vote for 1

☐ Kweisi Mfume
Democratic

☐ Scott M. Collier
Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator
District 40
Vote for 1

☐ Antonio Hayes
Democratic

☐ Alan Rebar
Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

House of Delegates
District 40
Vote for up to 3

☐ Marlon D. Amprey
Democratic

☐ Tiffany Welch
Democratic

☐ Melissa Wells
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court
Circuit 8
Vote for up to 6

☐ Catherine Chen

☐ Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

☐ Kimberly C. McBride

☐ Piper Faith McKeithen

☐ Hope Tipton

☐ Levi S. Zaslow

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of
Maryland At Large
Dan Friedman
Vote Yes or No
For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney
Vote for 1

☐ Ivan J. Bates
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court
Vote for 1

☐ Xavier A. Conaway
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
☐ Andy Zipay Republican
☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
☐ Charles "Chuck" Bernstein Democratic
☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

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Board of Education At Large Vote for up to 2
☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

☐

For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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☐ For

☐ Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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☐ For

☐ Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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☐ For

☐ Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

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Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

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Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

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Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

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Optional write-in



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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 40

Vote for 1

Antonio Hayes

Democratic

Alan Rebar

Working Class Party

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 40

Vote for up to 3

Marlon D. Amprey

Democratic

Tiffany Welch

Democratic

Melissa Wells

Democratic

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Vote All Sides



Register of Wills Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ or write-in: _____
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☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

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Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

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The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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Bond Issue

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The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

The Amendment also eliminates certain obsolete provisions in the Charter pertaining to street railways and trackless trolleys.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Official Ballot

Gubernatorial General Election

November 3, 2026

State of Maryland, Baltimore City

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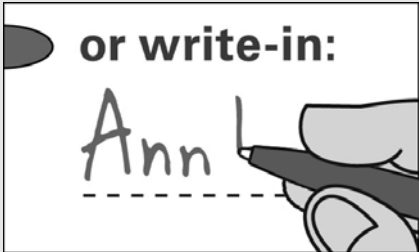


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Optional write-in



To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 40

Vote for 1

Antonio Hayes

Democratic

Alan Rebar

Working Class Party

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 40

Vote for up to 3

Marlon D. Amprey

Democratic

Tiffany Welch

Democratic

Melissa Wells

Democratic

or write-in:

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or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

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Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
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☐ Andy Zipay Republican
☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
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☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
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Sheriff Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Jamar Day
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☐ or write-in: _____
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Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ For the Constitutional Amendment

☐ Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ For the Constitutional Amendment

☐ Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

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Question I

Charter Amendment

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Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

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Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

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November 3, 2026

State of Maryland, Baltimore City

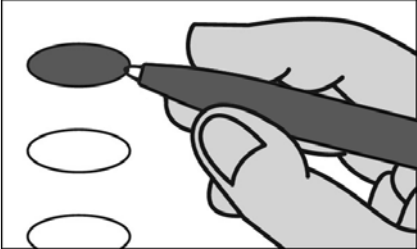
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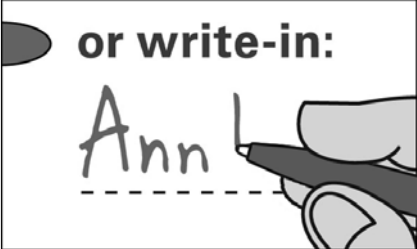


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Optional write-in



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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

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Wes Moore
and
Aruna Miller
Democratic

☐

Dan Cox
and
Rob Krop
Republican

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Andy Ellis
and
Owen Silverman Andrews
Green

☐

Cathy White
and
Cathy Permut
Working Class Party

☐

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

☐

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman
Democratic

☐

Sonya Dunn
Republican

☐

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

☐

Anthony G. Brown
Democratic

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James B. Rutledge, III
Republican

☐

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

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Kweisi Mfume
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Scott M. Collier
Republican

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or write-in:

State Senator

District 40

Vote for 1

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Antonio Hayes
Democratic

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Alan Rebar
Working Class Party

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or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 40

Vote for up to 3

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Marlon D. Amprey
Democratic

☐

Tiffany Welch
Democratic

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Melissa Wells
Democratic

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or write-in:

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or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

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Catherine Chen

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Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

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Kimberly C. McBride

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Piper Faith McKeithen

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Hope Tipton

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Levi S. Zaslow

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or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

☐

Yes

☐

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

☐

Ivan J. Bates
Democratic

☐

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

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Xavier A. Conaway
Democratic

☐

or write-in:

Vote All Sides



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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Temporary Appointments on the
Commission on Judicial Disabilities

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

- ☐ For the Constitutional Amendment
- ☐ Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
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- ☐ For the Constitutional Amendment
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Question A
Bond Issue
Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

- ☐ For
- ☐ Against



Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

The Amendment also eliminates certain obsolete provisions in the Charter pertaining to street railways and trackless trolleys.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing franchises and minor privileges in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections



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Do not cross out or erase, or your vote may not count. If you make a mistake or a stray mark, you may ask for a new ballot.

Optional write-in



To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 40

Vote for 1

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Democratic

Alan Rebar

Working Class Party

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 40

Vote for up to 3

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Democratic

Tiffany Welch

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Melissa Wells

Democratic

or write-in:

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or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

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Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Vote All Sides



Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
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☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
☐ Charles "Chuck" Bernstein Democratic
☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
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☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

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The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

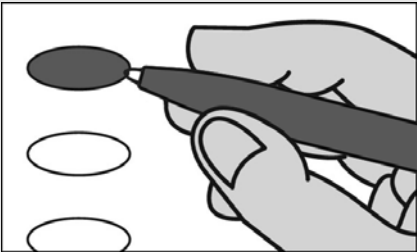
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End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections

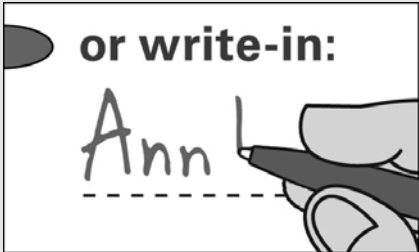


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Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

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Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

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Republican

or write-in:

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Vote for 1

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Republican

or write-in:

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District 40

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Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

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Register of Wills Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Domonique A. Flowers
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☐ or write-in: _____
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Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
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A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

The Amendment also eliminates certain obsolete provisions in the Charter pertaining to street railways and trackless trolleys.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing franchises and minor privileges in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections



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Do not cross out or erase, or your vote may not count. If you make a mistake or a stray mark, you may ask for a new ballot.

Optional write-in



To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 40

Vote for 1

Antonio Hayes

Democratic

Alan Rebar

Working Class Party

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 40

Vote for up to 3

Marlon D. Amprey

Democratic

Tiffany Welch

Democratic

Melissa Wells

Democratic

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

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or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
☐ Andy Zipay Republican
☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
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☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
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☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ For the Constitutional Amendment

☐ Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ For the Constitutional Amendment

☐ Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

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Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
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Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

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Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

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Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

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Vote for 1

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and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 41

Vote for 1

Malcolm P. Ruff

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 41

Vote for up to 3

S. I. "Sandy" Rosenberg

Democratic

Sean A. Stinnett

Democratic

Ryan Turner

Democratic

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

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or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
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☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

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A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

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Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

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Charter Amendment

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Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

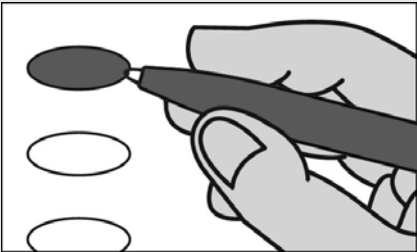
☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections

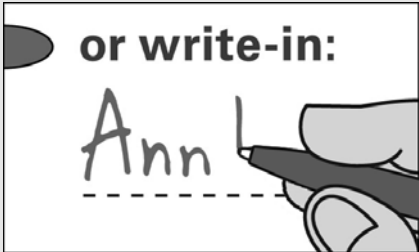


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Optional write-in



To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 41

Vote for 1

Malcolm P. Ruff

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 41

Vote for up to 3

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Judge of the Circuit Court

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Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

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or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Vote All Sides



Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
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Sheriff Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

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A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

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The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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Community and Economic Development Loan

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The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

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Against

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Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

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End of Ballot

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Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

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State Senator

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Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

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Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

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Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

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Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

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Register of Wills Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____
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Sheriff Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Domonique A. Flowers
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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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Affordable Housing Loan

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

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Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

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Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

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Charter Amendment

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For the Charter Amendment

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Vote All Sides

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



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Charter Amendment

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The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

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The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

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Question H

Charter Amendment

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Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

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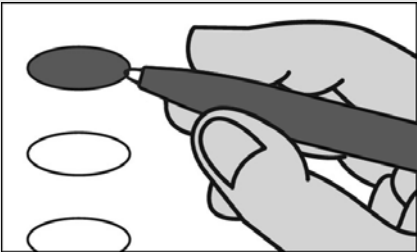
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End of Ballot

Instructions

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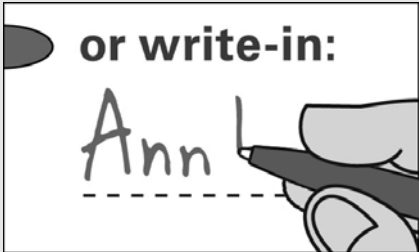


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Governor / Lt. Governor
Vote for 1

Wes Moore
and
Aruna Miller
Democratic

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and
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Republican

Andy Ellis
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Green

Cathy White
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Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller
Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman
Democratic

Sonya Dunn
Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General
Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown
Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III
Republican

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Scott M. Collier
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or write-in:

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or write-in:

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or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of
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Dan Friedman
Vote Yes or No
For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney
Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates
Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court
Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway
Democratic

or write-in:

Vote All Sides



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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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Vote for 1

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and
Aruna Miller
Democratic

☐ Dan Cox
and
Rob Krop
Republican

☐ Andy Ellis
and
Owen Silverman Andrews
Green

☐ Cathy White
and
Cathy Permut
Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

Comptroller
Vote for 1

☐ Brooke Elizabeth Lierman
Democratic

☐ Sonya Dunn
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Attorney General
Vote for 1

☐ Anthony G. Brown
Democratic

☐ James B. Rutledge, III
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Representative in Congress
District 7
Vote for 1

☐ Kweisi Mfume
Democratic

☐ Scott M. Collier
Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator
District 40
Vote for 1

☐ Antonio Hayes
Democratic

☐ Alan Rebar
Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

House of Delegates
District 40
Vote for up to 3

☐ Marlon D. Amprey
Democratic

☐ Tiffany Welch
Democratic

☐ Melissa Wells
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court
Circuit 8
Vote for up to 6

☐ Catherine Chen

☐ Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

☐ Kimberly C. McBride

☐ Piper Faith McKeithen

☐ Hope Tipton

☐ Levi S. Zaslow

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of
Maryland At Large
Dan Friedman
Vote Yes or No
For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney
Vote for 1

☐ Ivan J. Bates
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court
Vote for 1

☐ Xavier A. Conaway
Democratic

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☐ or write-in: _____

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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For

Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

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For

Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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For

Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

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For the Charter Amendment

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Antonio Hayes

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or write-in:

House of Delegates

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Vote for up to 3

Marlon D. Amprey

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Vote Yes or No

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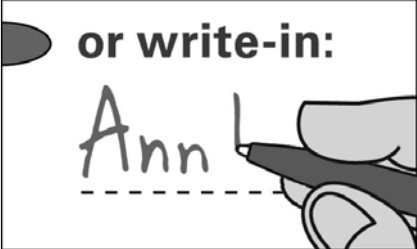


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State Senator

District 46

Vote for 1

Bill Ferguson

Democratic

Emmanuel Digman

Republican

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 46

Vote for up to 3

Luke Clippinger

Democratic

Mark Edelson

Democratic

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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For

Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

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For

Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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For

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Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Vote All Sides

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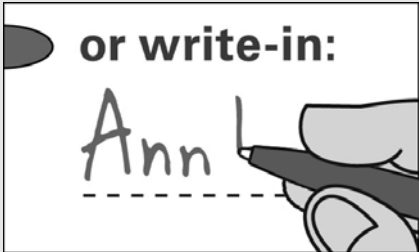


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or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 40

Vote for 1

Antonio Hayes

Democratic

Alan Rebar

Working Class Party

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 40

Vote for up to 3

Marlon D. Amprey

Democratic

Tiffany Welch

Democratic

Melissa Wells

Democratic

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
☐ Andy Zipay Republican
☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
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☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

The Amendment also eliminates certain obsolete provisions in the Charter pertaining to street railways and trackless trolleys.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing franchises and minor privileges in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

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Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

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Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Official Ballot

Gubernatorial General Election

November 3, 2026

State of Maryland, Baltimore City

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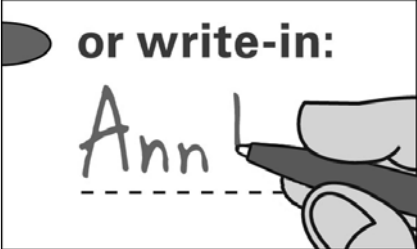


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Optional write-in



To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

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Piper Faith McKeithen

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Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

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or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

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Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

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☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
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Sheriff Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

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(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

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The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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☐ Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

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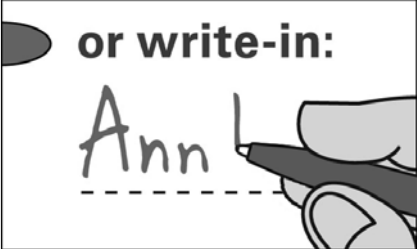


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and
Aruna Miller
Democratic

☐ Dan Cox
and
Rob Krop
Republican

☐ Andy Ellis
and
Owen Silverman Andrews
Green

☐ Cathy White
and
Cathy Permut
Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

Comptroller
Vote for 1

☐ Brooke Elizabeth Lierman
Democratic

☐ Sonya Dunn
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Attorney General
Vote for 1

☐ Anthony G. Brown
Democratic

☐ James B. Rutledge, III
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Representative in Congress
District 7
Vote for 1

☐ Kweisi Mfume
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☐ Scott M. Collier
Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator
District 46
Vote for 1

☐ Bill Ferguson
Democratic

☐ Emmanuel Digman
Republican

☐ or write-in:

House of Delegates
District 46
Vote for up to 3

☐ Luke Clippinger
Democratic

☐ Mark Edelson
Democratic

☐ Robbyn Lewis
Democratic

☐ Jeremy L. Amason
Republican

☐ or write-in:

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☐ or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court
Circuit 8
Vote for up to 6

☐ Catherine Chen

☐ Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

☐ Kimberly C. McBride

☐ Piper Faith McKeithen

☐ Hope Tipton

☐ Levi S. Zaslow

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of
Maryland At Large
Dan Friedman
Vote Yes or No
For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney
Vote for 1

☐ Ivan J. Bates
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court
Vote for 1

☐ Xavier A. Conaway
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
☐ Charles "Chuck" Bernstein Democratic
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☐ or write-in: _____
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Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

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Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
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Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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For

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Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

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Charter Amendment

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Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections



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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

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Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

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Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

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Republican

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Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

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Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

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Xavier A. Conaway

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

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Question H

Charter Amendment

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Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Official Ballot

Gubernatorial General Election

November 3, 2026

State of Maryland, Baltimore City

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Making Selections

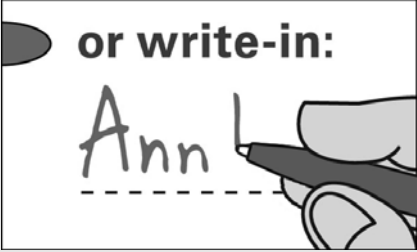


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Republican

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

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Sheriff Vote for 1
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Act of 2026

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

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FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

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Bond Issue

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The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

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Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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☐ For

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Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

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Vote All Sides

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Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



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Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

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Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

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Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

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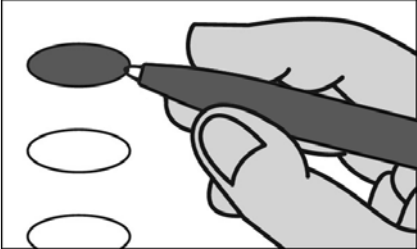
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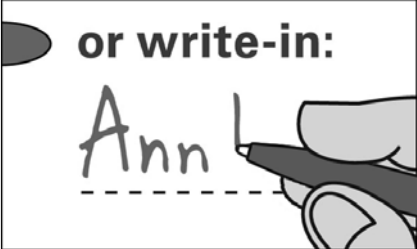


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Attorney General

Vote for 1

☐ Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

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Republican

☐ or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

☐ Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

☐ Scott M. Collier

Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator

District 46

Vote for 1

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Democratic

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☐ or write-in:

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Vote for up to 3

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Democratic

☐ Mark Edelson

Democratic

☐ Robbyn Lewis

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☐ No

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Vote for 1

☐ Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

☐ Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

☐ Sonya Dunn

Republican

☐ or write-in:

Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

☐ Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

☐ Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

☐ Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

☐ Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

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Vote All Sides



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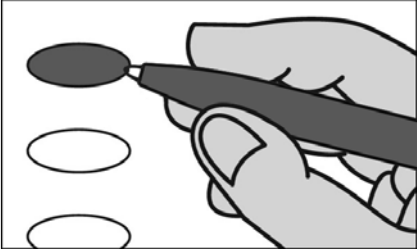
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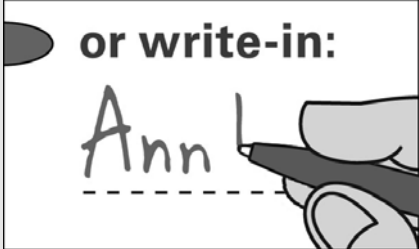


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Democratic

☐ Robbyn Lewis

Democratic

☐ Jeremy L. Amason

Republican

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

☐ Catherine Chen

☐ Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

☐ Kimberly C. McBride

☐ Piper Faith McKeithen

☐ Hope Tipton

☐ Levi S. Zaslow

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

☐ Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

☐ Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

☐ Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

☐ Sonya Dunn

Republican

☐ or write-in:

Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

☐ Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

☐ Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

☐ Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

☐ Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

Vote All Sides



Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
☐ Andy Zipay Republican
☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Charles "Chuck" Bernstein Democratic
☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
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☐ or write-in: _____
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Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
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☐ or write-in: _____
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Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ For the Constitutional Amendment

☐ Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ For the Constitutional Amendment

☐ Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

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☐ For

☐ Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

The Amendment also eliminates certain obsolete provisions in the Charter pertaining to street railways and trackless trolleys.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections

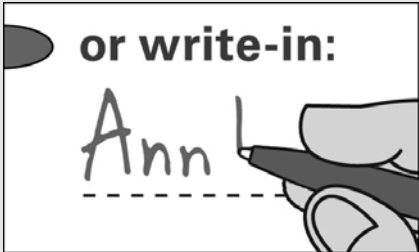


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Optional write-in



To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 46

Vote for 1

Bill Ferguson

Democratic

Emmanuel Digman

Republican

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 46

Vote for up to 3

Luke Clippinger

Democratic

Mark Edelson

Democratic

Robbyn Lewis

Democratic

Jeremy L. Amason

Republican

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

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Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

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☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
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☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

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A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

For

Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

For

Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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For

Against

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Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

For the Charter Amendment

Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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Question I

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

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Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

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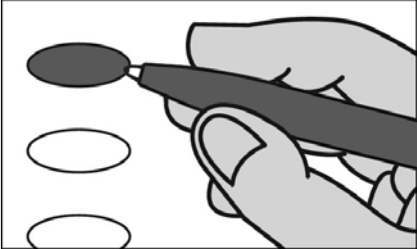
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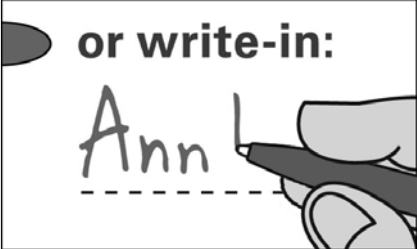


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Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 46

Vote for 1

Bill Ferguson

Democratic

Emmanuel Digman

Republican

or write-in:

House of Delegates

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Vote for up to 3

Luke Clippinger

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or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

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Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

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Piper Faith McKeithen

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Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

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or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Vote All Sides



Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
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☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
☐ Charles "Chuck" Bernstein Democratic
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Sheriff Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ or write-in: _____
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Constitutional Amendment
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Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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☐ For

☐ Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

The Amendment also eliminates certain obsolete provisions in the Charter pertaining to street railways and trackless trolleys.

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Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing franchises and minor privileges in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

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Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

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Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections



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Optional write-in



To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

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Vote Yes or No

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Vote for 1

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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Bond Issue

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

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☐ For

☐ Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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☐ For

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Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

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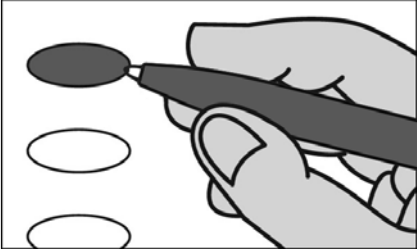
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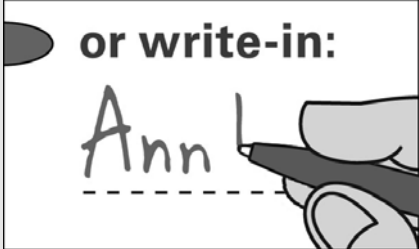


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☐ Kimberly C. McBride

☐ Piper Faith McKeithen

☐ Hope Tipton

☐ Levi S. Zaslow

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

☐ Ivan J. Bates
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

☐ Xavier A. Conaway
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

☐ Brooke Elizabeth Lierman
Democratic

☐ Sonya Dunn
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

☐ Wes Moore
and
Aruna Miller
Democratic

☐ Dan Cox
and
Rob Krop
Republican

☐ Andy Ellis
and
Owen Silverman Andrews
Green

☐ Cathy White
and
Cathy Permut
Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

Vote All Sides



Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ or write-in: _____
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Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
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Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

The Amendment also eliminates certain obsolete provisions in the Charter pertaining to street railways and trackless trolleys.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing franchises and minor privileges in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

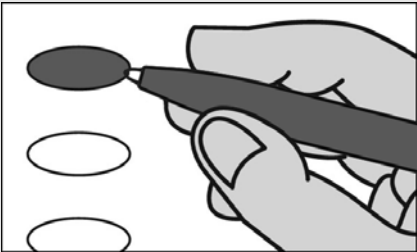
☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections

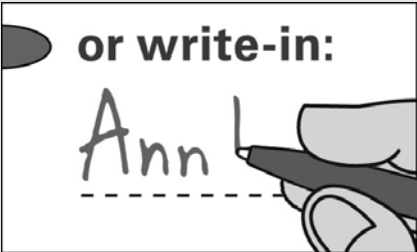


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Optional write-in



To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

Attorney General

Vote for 1

☐ Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

☐ James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

☐ or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

☐ Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

☐ Scott M. Collier

Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator

District 46

Vote for 1

☐ Bill Ferguson

Democratic

☐ Emmanuel Digman

Republican

☐ or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 46

Vote for up to 3

☐ Luke Clippinger

Democratic

☐ Mark Edelson

Democratic

☐ Robbyn Lewis

Democratic

☐ Jeremy L. Amason

Republican

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

☐ Catherine Chen

☐ Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

☐ Kimberly C. McBride

☐ Piper Faith McKeithen

☐ Hope Tipton

☐ Levi S. Zaslow

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

☐ Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

☐ Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

☐ Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

☐ Sonya Dunn

Republican

☐ or write-in:

Vote All Sides



Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
☐ Andy Zipay Republican
☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
☐ Charles "Chuck" Bernstein Democratic
☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
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Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

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Board of Education At Large Vote for up to 2
☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
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A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Temporary Appointments on the
Commission on Judicial Disabilities

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A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

- ☐ For the Constitutional Amendment
- ☐ Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
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Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

- ☐ For the Constitutional Amendment
- ☐ Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A
Bond Issue
Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

- ☐ For
- ☐ Against



Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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Charter Amendment

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Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

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Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

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Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

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Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

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Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

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Vote for 1

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Democratic

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Robbyn Lewis

Democratic

Jeremy L. Amason

Republican

or write-in:

or write-in:

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Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

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Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

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Democratic

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Vote for 1

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Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ or write-in: _____
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Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
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Act of 2026

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A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

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The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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☐ For

☐ Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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☐ For

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Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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☐ Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F
Charter Amendment
Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



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Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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The Amendment also eliminates certain obsolete provisions in the Charter pertaining to street railways and trackless trolleys.

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Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing franchises and minor privileges in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

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Question I

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Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

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Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections



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Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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☐ For the Constitutional Amendment

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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☐ For

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

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Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

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Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
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Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

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Charter Amendment

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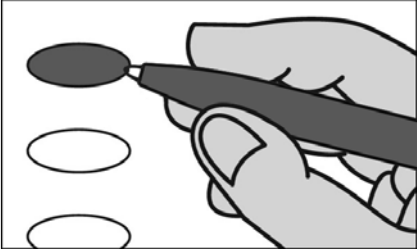
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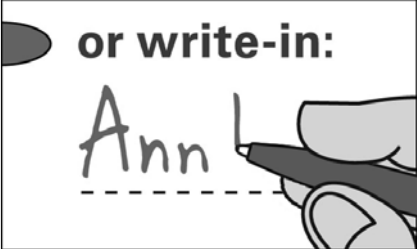


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Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

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Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

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Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

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Democratic

or write-in:

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Vote for 1

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Democratic

or write-in:

Vote All Sides



Register of Wills Vote for 1
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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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☐ For

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Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

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☐ For

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Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

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☐ Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

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Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
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Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

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Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

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Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

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☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

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Bond Issue

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Bond Issue

School Loan

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Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

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Against

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Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

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Charter Amendment

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
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Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

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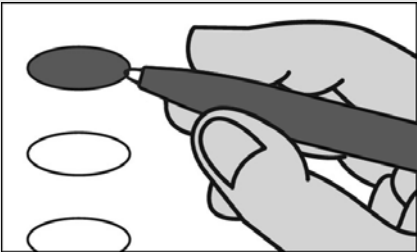
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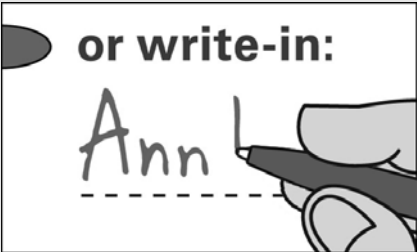


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☐ or write-in: _____

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Act of 2026

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Against

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Bond Issue

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For

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Against

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Against

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The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

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Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Vote All Sides

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Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



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Charter Amendment

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

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Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

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Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

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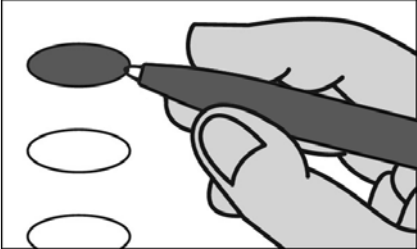
☐ For the Charter Amendment

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End of Ballot

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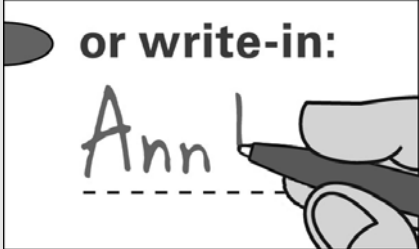


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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

☐ Wes Moore and Aruna Miller

Democratic

☐ Dan Cox and Rob Krop

Republican

☐ Andy Ellis and Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

☐ Cathy White and Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

☐ Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

☐ Sonya Dunn

Republican

☐ or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

☐ Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

☐ James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

☐ or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

☐ Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

☐ Scott M. Collier

Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator

District 46

Vote for 1

☐ Bill Ferguson

Democratic

☐ Emmanuel Digman

Republican

☐ or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 46

Vote for up to 3

☐ Luke Clippinger

Democratic

☐ Mark Edelson

Democratic

☐ Robbyn Lewis

Democratic

☐ Jeremy L. Amason

Republican

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

☐ Catherine Chen

☐ Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

☐ Kimberly C. McBride

☐ Piper Faith McKeithen

☐ Hope Tipton

☐ Levi S. Zaslow

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

☐ Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

☐ Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Vote All Sides



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End of Ballot

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and

Rob Krop

Republican

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Green

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Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

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James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

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Bill Ferguson

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House of Delegates

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Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

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Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Bond Issue

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Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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For

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Against

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For

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Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Vote All Sides

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The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



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Charter Amendment

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Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

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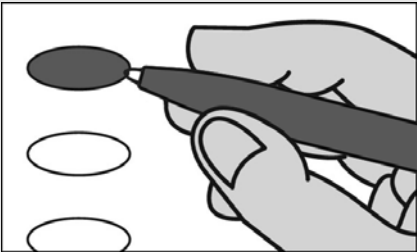
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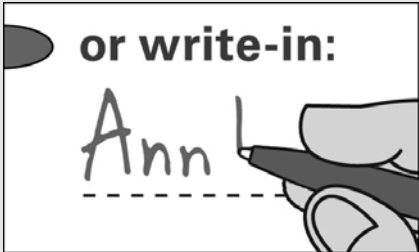


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Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

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Democratic

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Green

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Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

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Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 46

Vote for 1

Bill Ferguson

Democratic

Emmanuel Digman

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or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 46

Vote for up to 3

Luke Clippinger

Democratic

Mark Edelson

Democratic

Robbyn Lewis

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Republican

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

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Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

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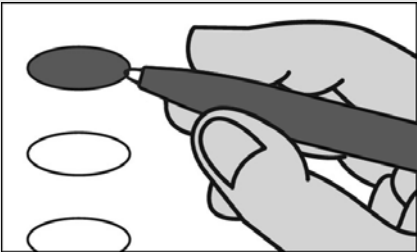
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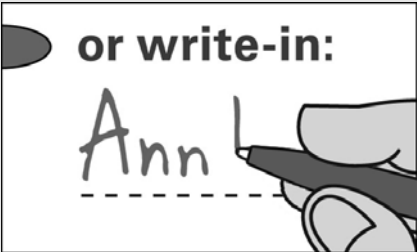


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Vote for 1

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Democratic

☐ Dan Cox and Rob Krop

Republican

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Green

☐ Cathy White and Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

☐ Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

☐ Sonya Dunn

Republican

☐ or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

☐ Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

☐ James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

☐ or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

☐ Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

☐ Scott M. Collier

Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator

District 46

Vote for 1

☐ Bill Ferguson

Democratic

☐ Emmanuel Digman

Republican

☐ or write-in:

House of Delegates

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Vote for up to 3

☐ Luke Clippinger

Democratic

☐ Mark Edelson

Democratic

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Republican

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Judge of the Circuit Court

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☐ or write-in:

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☐ or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

☐ Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

☐ Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
☐ Andy Zipay Republican
☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Charles "Chuck" Bernstein Democratic
☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

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Board of Education At Large Vote for up to 2
☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

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Constitutional Amendment
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Act of 2026

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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Bond Issue

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The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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For

Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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For

Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

For

Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

For the Charter Amendment

Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

The Amendment also eliminates certain obsolete provisions in the Charter pertaining to street railways and trackless trolleys.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections



Fill in the oval to the left of the name of your choice. You must blacken the oval completely, and do not make any marks outside of the oval. You do not have to vote in every race.

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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 46

Vote for 1

Bill Ferguson

Democratic

Emmanuel Digman

Republican

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 46

Vote for up to 3

Luke Clippinger

Democratic

Mark Edelson

Democratic

Robbyn Lewis

Democratic

Jeremy L. Amason

Republican

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

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Bond Issue

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For

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Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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☐ For

☐ Against

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Bond Issue

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☐ For

☐ Against

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Public Infrastructure Loan

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Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

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Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

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Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

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Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

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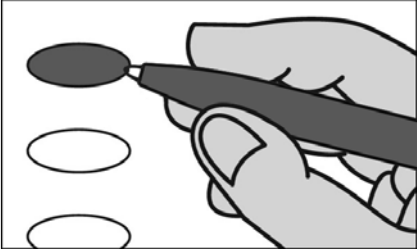
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End of Ballot

Instructions

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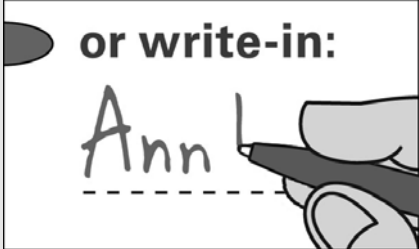


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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

☐ Wes Moore and Aruna Miller

Democratic

☐ Dan Cox and Rob Krop

Republican

☐ Andy Ellis and Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

☐ Cathy White and Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

☐ Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

☐ Sonya Dunn

Republican

☐ or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

☐ Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

☐ James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

☐ or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

☐ Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

☐ Scott M. Collier

Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator

District 46

Vote for 1

☐ Bill Ferguson

Democratic

☐ Emmanuel Digman

Republican

☐ or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 46

Vote for up to 3

☐ Luke Clippinger

Democratic

☐ Mark Edelson

Democratic

☐ Robbyn Lewis

Democratic

☐ Jeremy L. Amason

Republican

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

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☐ Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

☐ Kimberly C. McBride

☐ Piper Faith McKeithen

☐ Hope Tipton

☐ Levi S. Zaslow

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

☐ Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

☐ Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Vote All Sides



Register of Wills Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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Act of 2026

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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For

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Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

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For

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Against

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Bond Issue

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The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

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Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

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Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



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Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

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Charter Amendment

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Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

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Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Official Ballot
Gubernatorial General Election
November 3, 2026
State of Maryland, Baltimore City

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Governor / Lt. Governor
Vote for 1

☐ Wes Moore
and
Aruna Miller
Democratic

☐ Dan Cox
and
Rob Krop
Republican

☐ Andy Ellis
and
Owen Silverman Andrews
Green

☐ Cathy White
and
Cathy Permut
Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

Comptroller
Vote for 1

☐ Brooke Elizabeth Lierman
Democratic

☐ Sonya Dunn
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Attorney General
Vote for 1

☐ Anthony G. Brown
Democratic

☐ James B. Rutledge, III
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Representative in Congress
District 7
Vote for 1

☐ Kweisi Mfume
Democratic

☐ Scott M. Collier
Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator
District 46
Vote for 1

☐ Bill Ferguson
Democratic

☐ Emmanuel Digman
Republican

☐ or write-in:

House of Delegates
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Vote for up to 3

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Democratic

☐ Mark Edelson
Democratic

☐ Robbyn Lewis
Democratic

☐ Jeremy L. Amason
Republican

☐ or write-in:

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Judge of the Circuit Court
Circuit 8
Vote for up to 6

☐ Catherine Chen

☐ Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

☐ Kimberly C. McBride

☐ Piper Faith McKeithen

☐ Hope Tipton

☐ Levi S. Zaslow

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

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☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of
Maryland At Large
Dan Friedman
Vote Yes or No
For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney
Vote for 1

☐ Ivan J. Bates
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court
Vote for 1

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Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

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Charter Amendment

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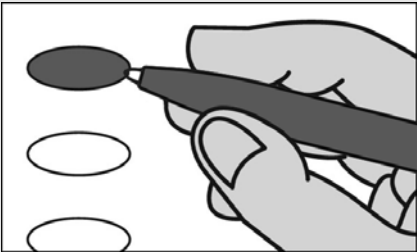
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End of Ballot

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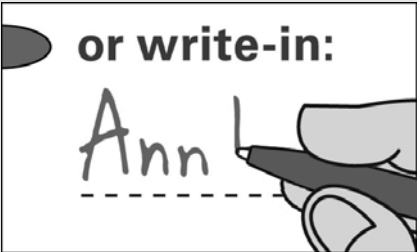
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Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 46

Vote for 1

Bill Ferguson

Democratic

Emmanuel Digman

Republican

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 46

Vote for up to 3

Luke Clippinger

Democratic

Mark Edelson

Democratic

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Democratic

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Republican

or write-in:

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or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Vote All Sides



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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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For

Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

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The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

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For

Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

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For

Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

For the Charter Amendment

Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



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Charter Amendment

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Charter Amendment

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Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

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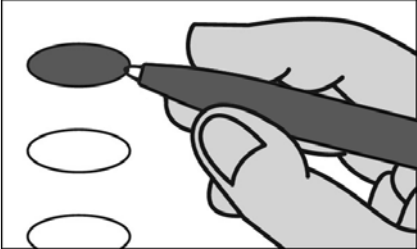
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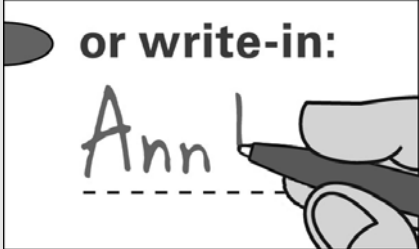


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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

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and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

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Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 46

Vote for 1

Bill Ferguson

Democratic

Emmanuel Digman

Republican

or write-in:

House of Delegates

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Vote for up to 3

Luke Clippinger

Democratic

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Democratic

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Jeremy L. Amason

Republican

or write-in:

or write-in:

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Vote for up to 6

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or write-in:

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Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

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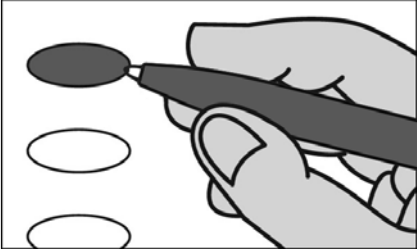
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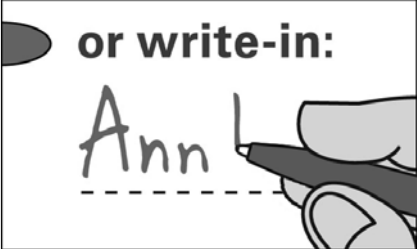


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Green

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Attorney General

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Representative in Congress

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Yes

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No

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Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

- ☐ For the Constitutional Amendment
- ☐ Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Election Districts – General Assembly and
Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

- ☐ For the Constitutional Amendment
- ☐ Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A
Bond Issue
Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

- ☐ For
- ☐ Against



Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

The Amendment also eliminates certain obsolete provisions in the Charter pertaining to street railways and trackless trolleys.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing franchises and minor privileges in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

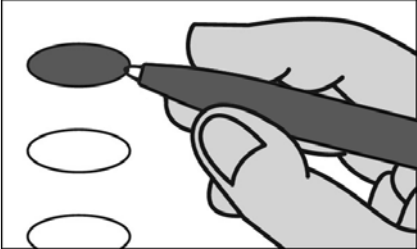
☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections

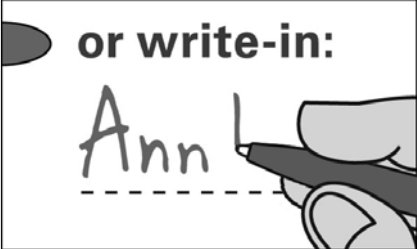


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Do not cross out or erase, or your vote may not count. If you make a mistake or a stray mark, you may ask for a new ballot.

Optional write-in



To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

Attorney General

Vote for 1

☐ Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

☐ James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

☐ or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

☐ Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

☐ Scott M. Collier

Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator

District 46

Vote for 1

☐ Bill Ferguson

Democratic

☐ Emmanuel Digman

Republican

☐ or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 46

Vote for up to 3

☐ Luke Clippinger

Democratic

☐ Mark Edelson

Democratic

☐ Robbyn Lewis

Democratic

☐ Jeremy L. Amason

Republican

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

☐ Catherine Chen

☐ Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

☐ Kimberly C. McBride

☐ Piper Faith McKeithen

☐ Hope Tipton

☐ Levi S. Zaslow

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

☐ Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

☐ Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

☐ Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

☐ Sonya Dunn

Republican

☐ or write-in:

Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

☐ Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

☐ Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

☐ Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

☐ Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

Vote All Sides



Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
☐ Andy Zipay Republican
☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
☐ Charles "Chuck" Bernstein Democratic
☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
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☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

Non-Partisan Contest Candidates in this contest may or may not be affiliated with any political party
Board of Education At Large Vote for up to 2
☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

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The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

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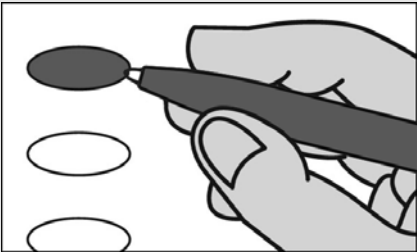
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End of Ballot

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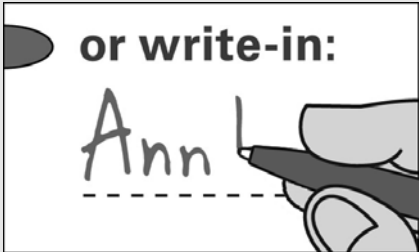


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Optional write-in



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Attorney General

Vote for 1

☐ Anthony G. Brown
Democratic

☐ James B. Rutledge, III
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

☐ Kweisi Mfume
Democratic

☐ Scott M. Collier
Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator

District 46

Vote for 1

☐ Bill Ferguson
Democratic

☐ Emmanuel Digman
Republican

☐ or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 46

Vote for up to 3

☐ Luke Clippinger
Democratic

☐ Mark Edelson
Democratic

☐ Robbyn Lewis
Democratic

☐ Jeremy L. Amason
Republican

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

☐ Catherine Chen

☐ Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

☐ Kimberly C. McBride

☐ Piper Faith McKeithen

☐ Hope Tipton

☐ Levi S. Zaslow

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

☐ Ivan J. Bates
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

☐ Xavier A. Conaway
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

☐ Brooke Elizabeth Lierman
Democratic

☐ Sonya Dunn
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

☐ Wes Moore
and
Aruna Miller
Democratic

☐ Dan Cox
and
Rob Krop
Republican

☐ Andy Ellis
and
Owen Silverman Andrews
Green

☐ Cathy White
and
Cathy Permut
Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

Vote All Sides



Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
☐ Andy Zipay Republican
☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
☐ Charles "Chuck" Bernstein Democratic
☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

Non-Partisan Contest Candidates in this contest may or may not be affiliated with any political party
Board of Education At Large Vote for up to 2
☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

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A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

The Amendment also eliminates certain obsolete provisions in the Charter pertaining to street railways and trackless trolleys.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing franchises and minor privileges in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

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Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

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and

Aruna Miller

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Republican

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Green

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and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

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Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

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Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 41

Vote for 1

Malcolm P. Ruff

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 41

Vote for up to 3

S. I. "Sandy" Rosenberg

Democratic

Sean A. Stinnett

Democratic

Ryan Turner

Democratic

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

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Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

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Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
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Bond Issue

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Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Against

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Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

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Charter Amendment

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

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Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

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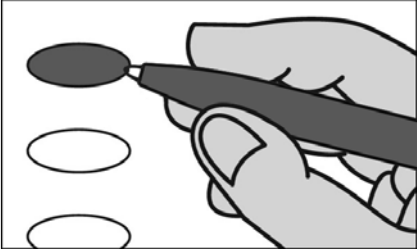
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End of Ballot

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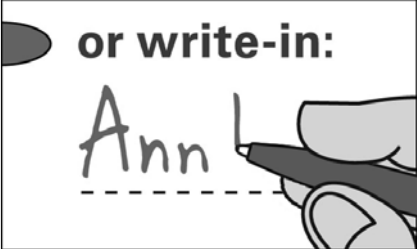


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Republican

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Green

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and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

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Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

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James B. Rutledge, III

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or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 46

Vote for 1

Bill Ferguson

Democratic

Emmanuel Digman

Republican

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 46

Vote for up to 3

Luke Clippinger

Democratic

Mark Edelson

Democratic

Robbyn Lewis

Democratic

Jeremy L. Amason

Republican

or write-in:

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or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

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Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

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or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Vote All Sides



Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
☐ Andy Zipay Republican
☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
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☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

Non-Partisan Contest Candidates in this contest may or may not be affiliated with any political party
Board of Education At Large Vote for up to 2
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☐ Domonique A. Flowers
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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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Constitutional Amendment

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

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☐ For

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Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

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The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



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Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

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The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

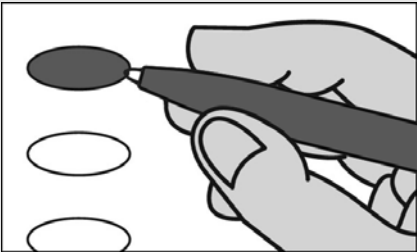
☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections

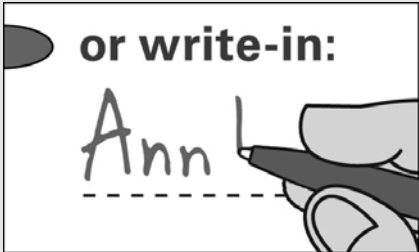


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Optional write-in



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Governor / Lt. Governor
Vote for 1

☐ Wes Moore
and
Aruna Miller
Democratic

☐ Dan Cox
and
Rob Krop
Republican

☐ Andy Ellis
and
Owen Silverman Andrews
Green

☐ Cathy White
and
Cathy Permut
Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

Comptroller
Vote for 1

☐ Brooke Elizabeth Lierman
Democratic

☐ Sonya Dunn
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Attorney General
Vote for 1

☐ Anthony G. Brown
Democratic

☐ James B. Rutledge, III
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Representative in Congress
District 7
Vote for 1

☐ Kweisi Mfume
Democratic

☐ Scott M. Collier
Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator
District 46
Vote for 1

☐ Bill Ferguson
Democratic

☐ Emmanuel Digman
Republican

☐ or write-in:

House of Delegates
District 46
Vote for up to 3

☐ Luke Clippinger
Democratic

☐ Mark Edelson
Democratic

☐ Robbyn Lewis
Democratic

☐ Jeremy L. Amason
Republican

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court
Circuit 8
Vote for up to 6

☐ Catherine Chen

☐ Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

☐ Kimberly C. McBride

☐ Piper Faith McKeithen

☐ Hope Tipton

☐ Levi S. Zaslow

☐ or write-in:

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Judge, Appellate Court of
Maryland At Large
Dan Friedman
Vote Yes or No
For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney
Vote for 1

☐ Ivan J. Bates
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court
Vote for 1

☐ Xavier A. Conaway
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
☐ Andy Zipay Republican
☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ or write-in: _____

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Board of Education At Large Vote for up to 2
☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
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Act of 2026

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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 46

Vote for 1

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Emmanuel Digman

Republican

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Luke Clippinger

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Jeremy L. Amason

Republican

or write-in:

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Sonya Dunn

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or write-in:

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or write-in:

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Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

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Democratic

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The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

The Amendment also eliminates certain obsolete provisions in the Charter pertaining to street railways and trackless trolleys.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing franchises and minor privileges in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

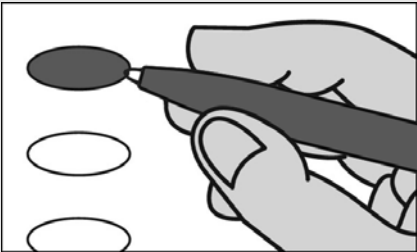
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End of Ballot

Instructions

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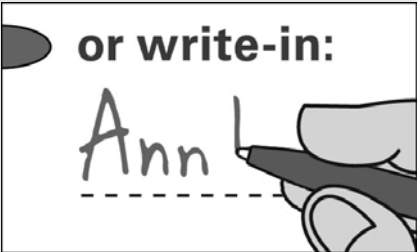


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Optional write-in



To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 46

Vote for 1

Bill Ferguson

Democratic

Emmanuel Digman

Republican

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 46

Vote for up to 3

Luke Clippinger

Democratic

Mark Edelson

Democratic

Robbyn Lewis

Democratic

Jeremy L. Amason

Republican

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Vote All Sides

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Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
☐ Andy Zipay Republican
☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
☐ Charles "Chuck" Bernstein Democratic
☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
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Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

Non-Partisan Contest Candidates in this contest may or may not be affiliated with any political party
Board of Education At Large Vote for up to 2
☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

For

Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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For

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Charter Amendment

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Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

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For the Charter Amendment

Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

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Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

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Republican

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Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

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or write-in:

Representative in Congress

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State Senator

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Yes

No

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Vote for 1

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Sheriff Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Domonique A. Flowers
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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

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Question I

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Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

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Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections

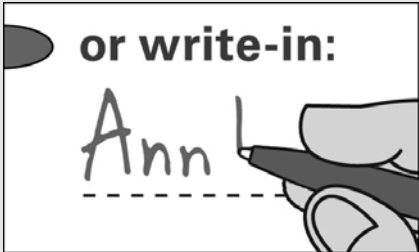


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Do not cross out or erase, or your vote may not count. If you make a mistake or a stray mark, you may ask for a new ballot.

Optional write-in



To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 46

Vote for 1

Bill Ferguson

Democratic

Emmanuel Digman

Republican

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 46

Vote for up to 3

Luke Clippinger

Democratic

Mark Edelson

Democratic

Robbyn Lewis

Democratic

Jeremy L. Amason

Republican

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

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Board of Education At Large Vote for up to 2
☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ For the Constitutional Amendment

☐ Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ For the Constitutional Amendment

☐ Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

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☐ For

☐ Against

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Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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☐ For

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Question C

Bond Issue

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☐ For

☐ Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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☐ For

☐ Against

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Charter Amendment

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Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

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Charter Amendment

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Department of Water and Wastewater

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

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Vote for 1

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and

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Democratic

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and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 46

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Bill Ferguson

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or write-in:

House of Delegates

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Yes

No

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Vote for 1

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Sheriff Vote for 1
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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

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(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

The Amendment also eliminates certain obsolete provisions in the Charter pertaining to street railways and trackless trolleys.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing franchises and minor privileges in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections



Fill in the oval to the left of the name of your choice. You must blacken the oval completely, and do not make any marks outside of the oval. You do not have to vote in every race.

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Optional write-in



To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 46

Vote for 1

Bill Ferguson

Democratic

Emmanuel Digman

Republican

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 46

Vote for up to 3

Luke Clippinger

Democratic

Mark Edelson

Democratic

Robbyn Lewis

Democratic

Jeremy L. Amason

Republican

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

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or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
☐ Andy Zipay Republican
☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
☐ Charles "Chuck" Bernstein Democratic
☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

Non-Partisan Contest Candidates in this contest may or may not be affiliated with any political party
Board of Education At Large Vote for up to 2
☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

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Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
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Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

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Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

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Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

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End of Ballot

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Vote for 1

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and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 46

Vote for 1

Bill Ferguson

Democratic

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Republican

or write-in:

House of Delegates

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Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

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Clerk of the Circuit Court

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Xavier A. Conaway

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Register of Wills Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

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Board of Education At Large Vote for up to 2
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☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
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A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Temporary Appointments on the
Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

- ☐ For the Constitutional Amendment
- ☐ Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Election Districts – General Assembly and
Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

- ☐ For the Constitutional Amendment
- ☐ Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A
Bond Issue
Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

- ☐ For
- ☐ Against



Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

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☐ Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

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The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing franchises and minor privileges in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

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The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

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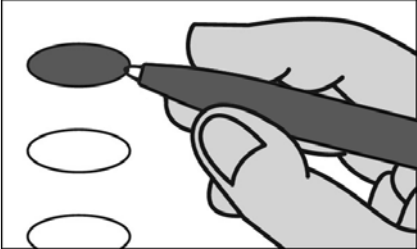
☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections

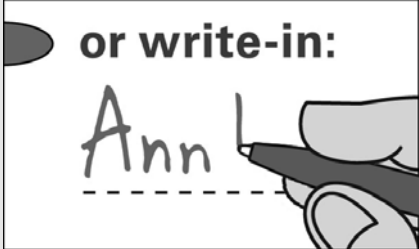


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Optional write-in



To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

Attorney General

Vote for 1

☐ Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

☐ James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

☐ or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

☐ Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

☐ Scott M. Collier

Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator

District 46

Vote for 1

☐ Bill Ferguson

Democratic

☐ Emmanuel Digman

Republican

☐ or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 46

Vote for up to 3

☐ Luke Clippinger

Democratic

☐ Mark Edelson

Democratic

☐ Robbyn Lewis

Democratic

☐ Jeremy L. Amason

Republican

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

☐ Catherine Chen

☐ Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

☐ Kimberly C. McBride

☐ Piper Faith McKeithen

☐ Hope Tipton

☐ Levi S. Zaslow

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

☐ Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

☐ Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

☐ Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

☐ Sonya Dunn

Republican

☐ or write-in:

Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

☐ Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

☐ Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

☐ Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

☐ Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

Vote All Sides



Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
☐ Andy Zipay Republican
☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
☐ Charles "Chuck" Bernstein Democratic
☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

Non-Partisan Contest Candidates in this contest may or may not be affiliated with any political party
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☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

☐

For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

☐

Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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☐ For

☐ Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

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Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

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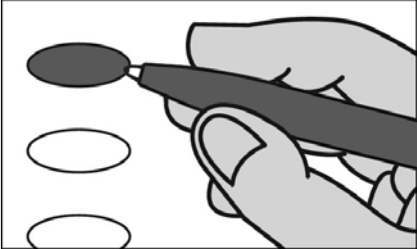
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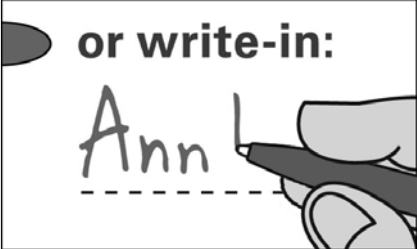


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Optional write-in



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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 46

Vote for 1

Bill Ferguson

Democratic

Emmanuel Digman

Republican

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 46

Vote for up to 3

Luke Clippinger

Democratic

Mark Edelson

Democratic

Robbyn Lewis

Democratic

Jeremy L. Amason

Republican

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Vote All Sides



Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
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☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
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☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____
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Sheriff Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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Board of Education At Large Vote for up to 2
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☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Temporary Appointments on the
Commission on Judicial Disabilities

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

- ☐ For the Constitutional Amendment
- ☐ Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
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Representatives in Congress

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

- ☐ For
- ☐ Against



Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

For

Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

For

Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

For

Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

For the Charter Amendment

Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

The Amendment also eliminates certain obsolete provisions in the Charter pertaining to street railways and trackless trolleys.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing franchises and minor privileges in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

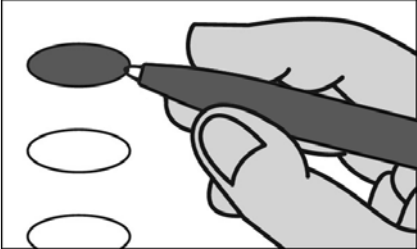
☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections

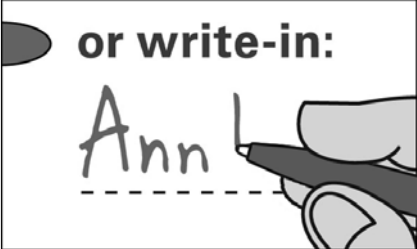


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Optional write-in



To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 46

Vote for 1

Bill Ferguson

Democratic

Emmanuel Digman

Republican

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 46

Vote for up to 3

Luke Clippinger

Democratic

Mark Edelson

Democratic

Robbyn Lewis

Democratic

Jeremy L. Amason

Republican

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Vote All Sides

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Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
☐ Andy Zipay Republican
☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
☐ Charles "Chuck" Bernstein Democratic
☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

Non-Partisan Contest Candidates in this contest may or may not be affiliated with any political party
Board of Education At Large Vote for up to 2
☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

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For

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Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

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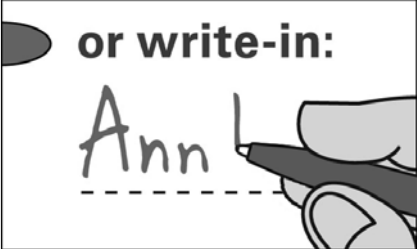


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Optional write-in



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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 45

Vote for 1

Cory V. McCray

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 45

Vote for up to 3

Jackie Addison

Democratic

Chanel A. Branch

Democratic

Caylin Young

Democratic

Renaud De'Aundre Brown

Green

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

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Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

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or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
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☐ Andy Zipay Republican
☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
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☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

Non-Partisan Contest Candidates in this contest may or may not be affiliated with any political party
Board of Education At Large Vote for up to 2
☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

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Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

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A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the

Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

- ☐ For the Constitutional Amendment
- ☐ Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and

Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

- ☐ For the Constitutional Amendment
- ☐ Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

- ☐ For
- ☐ Against



Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

The Amendment also eliminates certain obsolete provisions in the Charter pertaining to street railways and trackless trolleys.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing franchises and minor privileges in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections

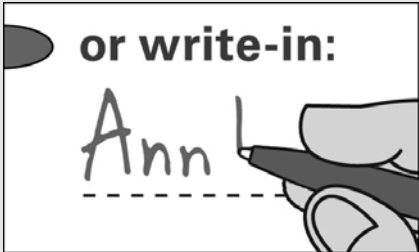


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Optional write-in



To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 45

Vote for 1

Cory V. McCray

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 45

Vote for up to 3

Jackie Addison

Democratic

Chanel A. Branch

Democratic

Caylin Young

Democratic

Renaud De'Aundre Brown

Green

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
☐ Andy Zipay Republican
☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
☐ Charles "Chuck" Bernstein Democratic
☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

Non-Partisan Contest Candidates in this contest may or may not be affiliated with any political party
Board of Education At Large Vote for up to 2
☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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The Amendment also eliminates certain obsolete provisions in the Charter pertaining to street railways and trackless trolleys.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

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Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections

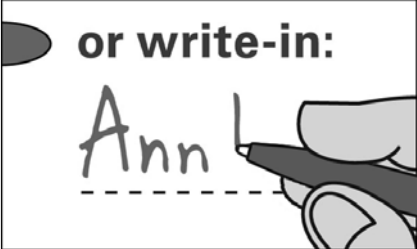


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Optional write-in



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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

☐ Wes Moore and Aruna Miller

Democratic

☐ Dan Cox and Rob Krop

Republican

☐ Andy Ellis and Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

☐ Cathy White and Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

☐ Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

☐ Sonya Dunn

Republican

☐ or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

☐ Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

☐ James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

☐ or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

☐ Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

☐ Scott M. Collier

Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator

District 45

Vote for 1

☐ Cory V. McCray

Democratic

☐ or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 45

Vote for up to 3

☐ Jackie Addison

Democratic

☐ Chanel A. Branch

Democratic

☐ Caylin Young

Democratic

☐ Renaud De'Aundre Brown

Green

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

☐ Catherine Chen

☐ Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

☐ Kimberly C. McBride

☐ Piper Faith McKeithen

☐ Hope Tipton

☐ Levi S. Zaslow

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

☐ Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

☐ Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
☐ Andy Zipay Republican
☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
☐ Charles "Chuck" Bernstein Democratic
☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

Non-Partisan Contest Candidates in this contest may or may not be affiliated with any political party
Board of Education At Large Vote for up to 2
☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
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Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

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A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Temporary Appointments on the
Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

- ☐ For the Constitutional Amendment
- ☐ Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Election Districts – General Assembly and
Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

- ☐ For the Constitutional Amendment
- ☐ Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A
Bond Issue
Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

- ☐ For
- ☐ Against



Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

The Amendment also eliminates certain obsolete provisions in the Charter pertaining to street railways and trackless trolleys.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing franchises and minor privileges in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections



Fill in the oval to the left of the name of your choice. You must blacken the oval completely, and do not make any marks outside of the oval. You do not have to vote in every race.

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Optional write-in



To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 45

Vote for 1

Cory V. McCray

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 45

Vote for up to 3

Jackie Addison

Democratic

Chanel A. Branch

Democratic

Caylin Young

Democratic

Renaud De'Aundre Brown

Green

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
☐ Andy Zipay Republican
☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
☐ Charles "Chuck" Bernstein Democratic
☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

Non-Partisan Contest Candidates in this contest may or may not be affiliated with any political party
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☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Temporary Appointments on the
Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

- ☐ For the Constitutional Amendment
- ☐ Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Election Districts – General Assembly and
Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

- ☐ For the Constitutional Amendment
- ☐ Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A
Bond Issue
Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

- ☐ For
- ☐ Against



Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

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For

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Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

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The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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The Amendment also eliminates certain obsolete provisions in the Charter pertaining to street railways and trackless trolleys.

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Charter Amendment

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The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

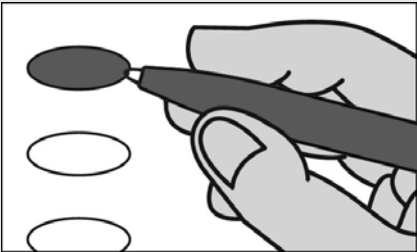
☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

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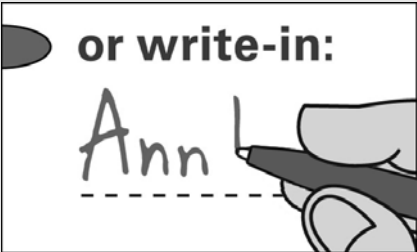


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Optional write-in



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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

☐ Wes Moore and Aruna Miller
Democratic

☐ Dan Cox and Rob Krop
Republican

☐ Andy Ellis and Owen Silverman Andrews
Green

☐ Cathy White and Cathy Permut
Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

☐ Brooke Elizabeth Lierman
Democratic

☐ Sonya Dunn
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

☐ Anthony G. Brown
Democratic

☐ James B. Rutledge, III
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Representative in Congress
District 7

Vote for 1

☐ Kweisi Mfume
Democratic

☐ Scott M. Collier
Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator
District 45

Vote for 1

☐ Cory V. McCray
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

House of Delegates
District 45

Vote for up to 3

☐ Jackie Addison
Democratic

☐ Chanel A. Branch
Democratic

☐ Caylin Young
Democratic

☐ Renaud De'Aundre Brown
Green

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court
Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

☐ Catherine Chen

☐ Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

☐ Kimberly C. McBride

☐ Piper Faith McKeithen

☐ Hope Tipton

☐ Levi S. Zaslow

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of
Maryland At Large
Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No
For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

☐ Ivan J. Bates
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

☐ Xavier A. Conaway
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ or write-in: _____
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☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Temporary Appointments on the
Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

- ☐ For the Constitutional Amendment
- ☐ Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
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Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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Bond Issue
Affordable Housing Loan

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Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

- ☐ For
- ☐ Against



Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

The Amendment also eliminates certain obsolete provisions in the Charter pertaining to street railways and trackless trolleys.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing franchises and minor privileges in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections

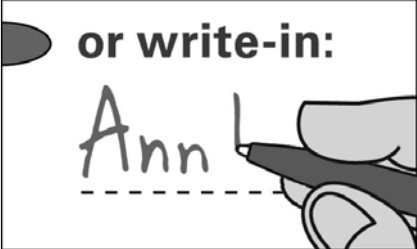


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Do not cross out or erase, or your vote may not count. If you make a mistake or a stray mark, you may ask for a new ballot.

Optional write-in



To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

Governor / Lt. Governor
Vote for 1

Wes Moore
and
Aruna Miller
Democratic

Dan Cox
and
Rob Krop
Republican

Andy Ellis
and
Owen Silverman Andrews
Green

Cathy White
and
Cathy Permut
Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller
Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman
Democratic

Sonya Dunn
Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General
Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown
Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III
Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress
District 7
Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume
Democratic

Scott M. Collier
Republican

or write-in:

State Senator
District 45
Vote for 1

Cory V. McCray
Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates
District 45
Vote for up to 3

Jackie Addison
Democratic

Chanel A. Branch
Democratic

Caylin Young
Democratic

Renaud De'Aundre Brown
Green

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court
Circuit 8
Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of
Maryland At Large
Dan Friedman
Vote Yes or No
For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney
Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates
Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court
Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway
Democratic

or write-in:

Vote All Sides



Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
☐ Andy Zipay Republican
☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
☐ Charles "Chuck" Bernstein Democratic
☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____
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Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

Non-Partisan Contest Candidates in this contest may or may not be affiliated with any political party
Board of Education At Large Vote for up to 2
☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Temporary Appointments on the
Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

- ☐ For the Constitutional Amendment
- ☐ Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Election Districts – General Assembly and
Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

- ☐ For the Constitutional Amendment
- ☐ Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A
Bond Issue
Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

- ☐ For
- ☐ Against



Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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The Amendment also eliminates certain obsolete provisions in the Charter pertaining to street railways and trackless trolleys.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

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The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

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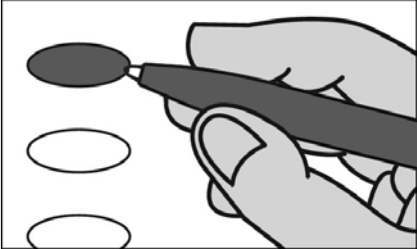
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☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

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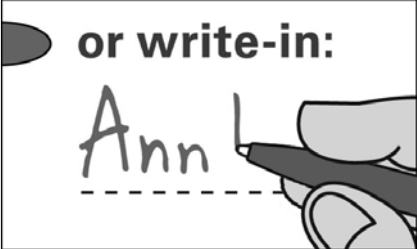


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Optional write-in



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Attorney General

Vote for 1

☐ Anthony G. Brown
Democratic

☐ James B. Rutledge, III
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

☐ Kweisi Mfume
Democratic

☐ Scott M. Collier
Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator

District 45

Vote for 1

☐ Cory V. McCray
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 45

Vote for up to 3

☐ Jackie Addison
Democratic

☐ Chanel A. Branch
Democratic

☐ Caylin Young
Democratic

☐ Renaud De'Aundre Brown
Green

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

☐ Catherine Chen

☐ Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

☐ Kimberly C. McBride

☐ Piper Faith McKeithen

☐ Hope Tipton

☐ Levi S. Zaslow

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

☐ Ivan J. Bates
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

☐ Xavier A. Conaway
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

☐ Wes Moore
and
Aruna Miller
Democratic

☐ Dan Cox
and
Rob Krop
Republican

☐ Andy Ellis
and
Owen Silverman Andrews
Green

☐ Cathy White
and
Cathy Permut
Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

☐ Brooke Elizabeth Lierman
Democratic

☐ Sonya Dunn
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Vote All Sides



Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
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☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
☐ Charles "Chuck" Bernstein Democratic
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☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

Non-Partisan Contest Candidates in this contest may or may not be affiliated with any political party
Board of Education At Large Vote for up to 2
☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
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Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

The Amendment also eliminates certain obsolete provisions in the Charter pertaining to street railways and trackless trolleys.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing franchises and minor privileges in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections



Fill in the oval to the left of the name of your choice. You must blacken the oval completely, and do not make any marks outside of the oval. You do not have to vote in every race.

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Do not cross out or erase, or your vote may not count. If you make a mistake or a stray mark, you may ask for a new ballot.

Optional write-in



To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 45

Vote for 1

Cory V. McCray

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 45

Vote for up to 3

Jackie Addison

Democratic

Chanel A. Branch

Democratic

Caylin Young

Democratic

Renaud De'Aundre Brown

Green

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or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

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or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
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☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
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☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
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☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

Non-Partisan Contest Candidates in this contest may or may not be affiliated with any political party
Board of Education At Large Vote for up to 2
☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing franchises and minor privileges in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

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Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections

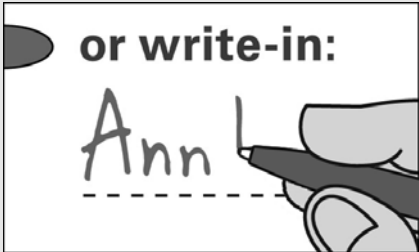


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Optional write-in



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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 45

Vote for 1

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Democratic

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House of Delegates

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or write-in:

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or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
☐ Andy Zipay Republican
☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
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☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
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☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ or write-in: _____
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Arbitration Reform for State Employees
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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

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Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

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Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

The Amendment also eliminates certain obsolete provisions in the Charter pertaining to street railways and trackless trolleys.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing franchises and minor privileges in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections



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Optional write-in



To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 45

Vote for 1

Cory V. McCray

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 45

Vote for up to 3

Jackie Addison

Democratic

Chanel A. Branch

Democratic

Caylin Young

Democratic

Renaud De'Aundre Brown

Green

or write-in:

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or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
☐ Andy Zipay Republican
☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
☐ Charles "Chuck" Bernstein Democratic
☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

Non-Partisan Contest Candidates in this contest may or may not be affiliated with any political party
Board of Education At Large Vote for up to 2
☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

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Charter Amendment

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Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

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Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

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Vote for 1

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and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 45

Vote for 1

Cory V. McCray

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

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Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

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Xavier A. Conaway

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Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
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☐ or write-in: _____
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☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

Non-Partisan Contest Candidates in this contest may or may not be affiliated with any political party
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☐ Domonique A. Flowers
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☐ or write-in: _____
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Arbitration Reform for State Employees
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A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

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Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

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Bond Issue

School Loan

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Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

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Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

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Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

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Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

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The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

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Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

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Question I

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Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

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Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections



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Democratic

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Republican

☐ or write-in:

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Vote for 1

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Democratic

☐ James B. Rutledge, III
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Representative in Congress
District 7
Vote for 1

☐ Kweisi Mfume
Democratic

☐ Scott M. Collier
Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator
District 45
Vote for 1

☐ Cory V. McCray
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

House of Delegates
District 45
Vote for up to 3

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Democratic

☐ Chanel A. Branch
Democratic

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Democratic

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☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

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Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large
Dan Friedman
Vote Yes or No
For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

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Constitutional Amendment
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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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Constitutional Amendment

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Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Question A

Bond Issue

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

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Vote All Sides

Question F

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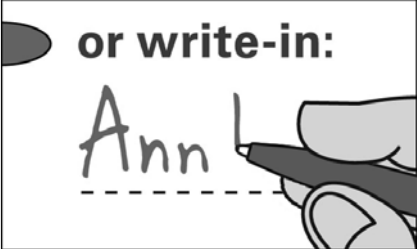


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Attorney General

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Representative in Congress
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Vote Yes or No
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☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

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☐ or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

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☐ For

☐ Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

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Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

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Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing franchises and minor privileges in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

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Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections



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Optional write-in



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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 45

Vote for 1

Cory V. McCray

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 45

Vote for up to 3

Jackie Addison

Democratic

Chanel A. Branch

Democratic

Caylin Young

Democratic

Renaud De'Aundre Brown

Green

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
☐ Andy Zipay Republican
☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
☐ Charles "Chuck" Bernstein Democratic
☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

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Board of Education At Large Vote for up to 2
☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
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Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

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A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

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The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

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Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

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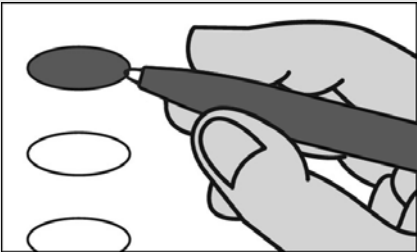
☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections

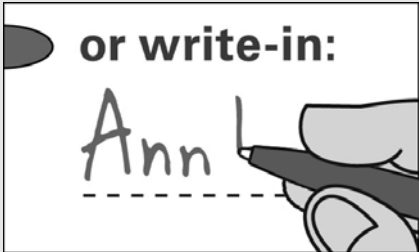


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Optional write-in



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Governor / Lt. Governor
Vote for 1

☐ Wes Moore
and
Aruna Miller
Democratic

☐ Dan Cox
and
Rob Krop
Republican

☐ Andy Ellis
and
Owen Silverman Andrews
Green

☐ Cathy White
and
Cathy Permut
Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

Comptroller
Vote for 1

☐ Brooke Elizabeth Lierman
Democratic

☐ Sonya Dunn
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Attorney General
Vote for 1

☐ Anthony G. Brown
Democratic

☐ James B. Rutledge, III
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Representative in Congress
District 7
Vote for 1

☐ Kweisi Mfume
Democratic

☐ Scott M. Collier
Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator
District 45
Vote for 1

☐ Cory V. McCray
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

House of Delegates
District 45
Vote for up to 3

☐ Jackie Addison
Democratic

☐ Chanel A. Branch
Democratic

☐ Caylin Young
Democratic

☐ Renaud De'Aundre Brown
Green

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court
Circuit 8
Vote for up to 6

☐ Catherine Chen

☐ Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

☐ Kimberly C. McBride

☐ Piper Faith McKeithen

☐ Hope Tipton

☐ Levi S. Zaslow

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

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☐ or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of
Maryland At Large
Dan Friedman
Vote Yes or No
For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney
Vote for 1

☐ Ivan J. Bates
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court
Vote for 1

☐ Xavier A. Conaway
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
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Sheriff Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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Board of Education At Large Vote for up to 2
☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
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For the Constitutional Amendment

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

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- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



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Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

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Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

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End of Ballot

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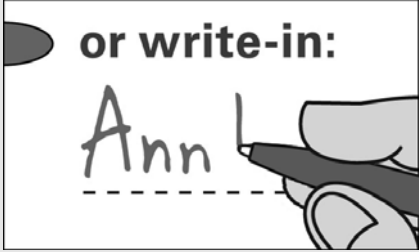


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Green

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Working Class Party

or write-in:

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Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

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Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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☐ For

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Question C

Bond Issue

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☐ For

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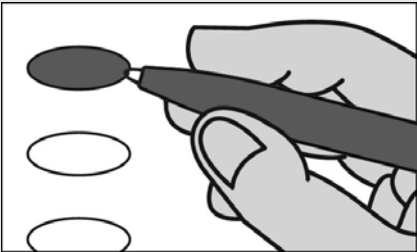
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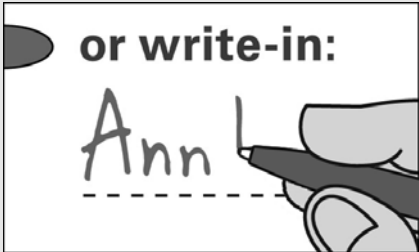


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Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

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Vote for 1

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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☐ For

☐ Against

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Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



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Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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The Amendment also eliminates certain obsolete provisions in the Charter pertaining to street railways and trackless trolleys.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections

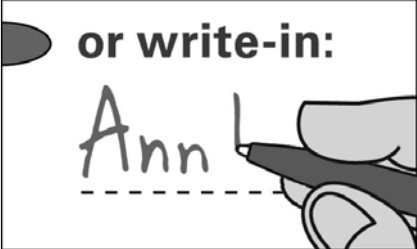


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Optional write-in



To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 45

Vote for 1

Cory V. McCray

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 45

Vote for up to 3

Jackie Addison

Democratic

Chanel A. Branch

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Caylin Young

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Renaud De'Aundre Brown

Green

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Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

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Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ or write-in: _____
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
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Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Temporary Appointments on the
Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

- ☐ For the Constitutional Amendment
- ☐ Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Election Districts – General Assembly and
Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

- ☐ For the Constitutional Amendment
- ☐ Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A
Bond Issue
Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

- ☐ For
- ☐ Against



Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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☐ For

☐ Against

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Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

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☐ For

☐ Against

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Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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Contract Bidding and Awards

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Vote All Sides

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☐ Against the Charter Amendment

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Vote for 1

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and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

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Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

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Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 45

Vote for 1

Cory V. McCray

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

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Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

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Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

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or write-in:

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Xavier A. Conaway

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Sheriff Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ or write-in: _____
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Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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For

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Against

Question B

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School Loan

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Public Infrastructure Loan

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For the Charter Amendment

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Vote All Sides

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Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

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Question I

Charter Amendment

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Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

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Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

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and

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Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

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Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

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and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

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Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

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State's Attorney

Vote for 1

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Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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Bond Issue

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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☐ For

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Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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☐ For

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Bond Issue

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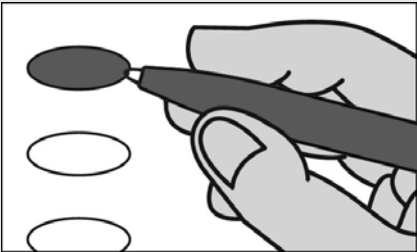
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End of Ballot

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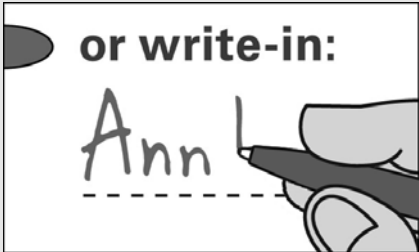


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Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

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☐ For

☐ Against

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Charter Amendment

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☐ Against the Charter Amendment

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The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

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The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

The Amendment also eliminates certain obsolete provisions in the Charter pertaining to street railways and trackless trolleys.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

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Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

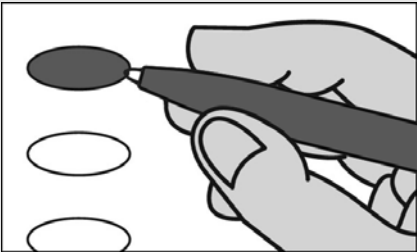
☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections

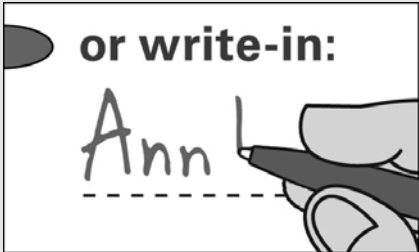


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Optional write-in



To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

Governor / Lt. Governor
Vote for 1

☐ Wes Moore
and
Aruna Miller
Democratic

☐ Dan Cox
and
Rob Krop
Republican

☐ Andy Ellis
and
Owen Silverman Andrews
Green

☐ Cathy White
and
Cathy Permut
Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

Comptroller
Vote for 1

☐ Brooke Elizabeth Lierman
Democratic

☐ Sonya Dunn
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Attorney General
Vote for 1

☐ Anthony G. Brown
Democratic

☐ James B. Rutledge, III
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Representative in Congress
District 7
Vote for 1

☐ Kweisi Mfume
Democratic

☐ Scott M. Collier
Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator
District 45
Vote for 1

☐ Cory V. McCray
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

House of Delegates
District 45
Vote for up to 3

☐ Jackie Addison
Democratic

☐ Chanel A. Branch
Democratic

☐ Caylin Young
Democratic

☐ Renaud De'Aundre Brown
Green

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court
Circuit 8
Vote for up to 6

☐ Catherine Chen

☐ Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

☐ Kimberly C. McBride

☐ Piper Faith McKeithen

☐ Hope Tipton

☐ Levi S. Zaslow

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of
Maryland At Large
Dan Friedman
Vote Yes or No
For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney
Vote for 1

☐ Ivan J. Bates
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court
Vote for 1

☐ Xavier A. Conaway
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
☐ Andy Zipay Republican
☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
☐ Charles "Chuck" Bernstein Democratic
☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
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☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

Non-Partisan Contest Candidates in this contest may or may not be affiliated with any political party
Board of Education At Large Vote for up to 2
☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

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Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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Against

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Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

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Optional write-in



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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 45

Vote for 1

Cory V. McCray

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 45

Vote for up to 3

Jackie Addison

Democratic

Chanel A. Branch

Democratic

Caylin Young

Democratic

Renaud De'Aundre Brown

Green

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
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☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
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☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

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Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

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The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

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The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

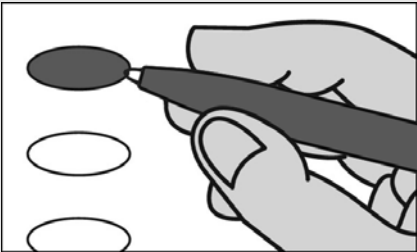
☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections



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Do not cross out or erase, or your vote may not count. If you make a mistake or a stray mark, you may ask for a new ballot.

Optional write-in



To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 45

Vote for 1

Cory V. McCray

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 45

Vote for up to 3

Jackie Addison

Democratic

Chanel A. Branch

Democratic

Caylin Young

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Renaud De'Aundre Brown

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Judge of the Circuit Court

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or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
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Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
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Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

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A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

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(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

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Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Vote All Sides

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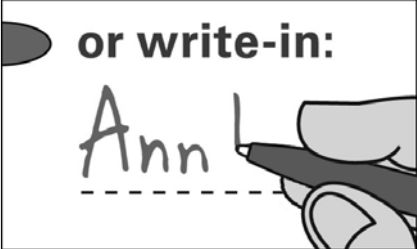
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or write-in:



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Vote for 1

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and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

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Democratic

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Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 45

Vote for 1

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House of Delegates

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Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

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Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

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or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Vote All Sides



Register of Wills Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
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☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

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(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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Community and Economic Development Loan

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Question D

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Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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Charter Amendment

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Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

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The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

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The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

The Amendment also eliminates certain obsolete provisions in the Charter pertaining to street railways and trackless trolleys.

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The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

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Charter Amendment

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Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

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or write-in:

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Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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☐ Against the Constitutional Amendment

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Constitutional Amendment

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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Affordable Housing Loan

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☐ For

☐ Against

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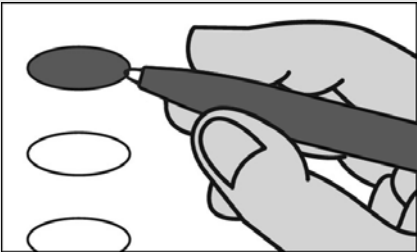
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End of Ballot

Instructions

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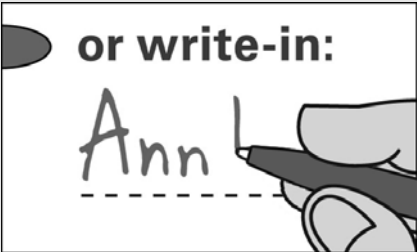


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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 45

Vote for 1

Cory V. McCray

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 45

Vote for up to 3

Jackie Addison

Democratic

Chanel A. Branch

Democratic

Caylin Young

Democratic

Renaud De'Aundre Brown

Green

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

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☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____
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Sheriff Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____
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Act of 2026

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A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

- ☐ For the Constitutional Amendment
- ☐ Against the Constitutional Amendment

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

- ☐ For the Constitutional Amendment
- ☐ Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A
Bond Issue
Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

- ☐ For
- ☐ Against



Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

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The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections



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Optional write-in



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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 45

Vote for 1

Cory V. McCray

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 45

Vote for up to 3

Jackie Addison

Democratic

Chanel A. Branch

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or write-in:

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or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

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Register of Wills Vote for 1
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☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
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☐ or write-in: _____

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Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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For

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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For

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Bond Issue

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For

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Against

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Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Vote All Sides

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Charter Amendment

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The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
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Charter Amendment

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and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

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Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 45

Vote for 1

Cory V. McCray

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

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Vote for up to 3

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or write-in:

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Piper Faith McKeithen

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Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

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or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
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☐ or write-in: _____

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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Constitutional Amendment

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Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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Bond Issue

School Loan

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Question C

Bond Issue

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Vote All Sides

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Charter Amendment

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The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

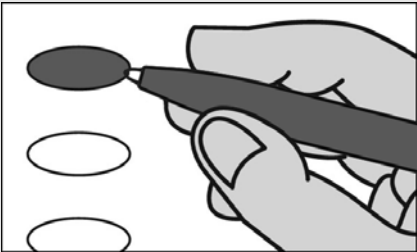
☐ For the Charter Amendment

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End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections

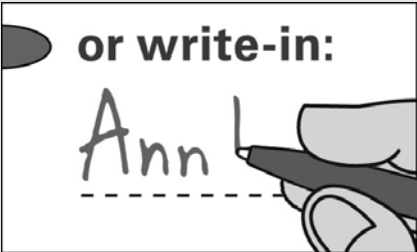


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Optional write-in



To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

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Wes Moore
and
Aruna Miller
Democratic

☐

Dan Cox
and
Rob Krop
Republican

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Andy Ellis
and
Owen Silverman Andrews
Green

☐

Cathy White
and
Cathy Permut
Working Class Party

☐

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

☐

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman
Democratic

☐

Sonya Dunn
Republican

☐

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

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Anthony G. Brown
Democratic

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James B. Rutledge, III
Republican

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or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

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Kweisi Mfume
Democratic

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Scott M. Collier
Republican

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or write-in:

State Senator

District 45

Vote for 1

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Cory V. McCray
Democratic

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or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 45

Vote for up to 3

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Jackie Addison
Democratic

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Chanel A. Branch
Democratic

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Caylin Young
Democratic

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Renaud De'Aundre Brown
Green

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or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

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Catherine Chen

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Kimberly C. McBride

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Hope Tipton

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Levi S. Zaslow

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or write-in:

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or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

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Yes

☐

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

☐

Ivan J. Bates
Democratic

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or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

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Xavier A. Conaway
Democratic

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or write-in:

Vote All Sides



Register of Wills Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
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Sheriff Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

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The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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☐ For

☐ Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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☐ For

☐ Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

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The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

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Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing franchises and minor privileges in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

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The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

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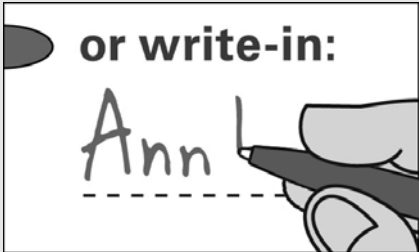


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Vote for 1

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and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

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Vote for up to 3

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Renaud De'Aundre Brown

Green

or write-in:

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Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

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or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
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Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

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(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

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A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ For the Constitutional Amendment

☐ Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ For the Constitutional Amendment

☐ Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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For

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Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

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Question I

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Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections



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Do not cross out or erase, or your vote may not count. If you make a mistake or a stray mark, you may ask for a new ballot.

Optional write-in



To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 45

Vote for 1

Cory V. McCray

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

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Vote for up to 3

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Democratic

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or write-in:

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or write-in:

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Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

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Democratic

or write-in:

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Democratic

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Register of Wills Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ or write-in: _____
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Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

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Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

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Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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☐ For

☐ Against

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☐ For

☐ Against

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Public Infrastructure Loan

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☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

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Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

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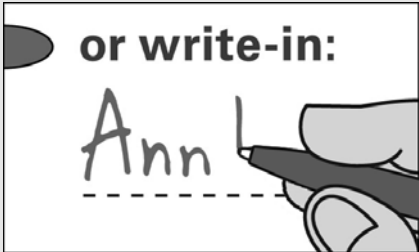


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and

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Democratic

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Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

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Green

Cathy White

and

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Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

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Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

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Democratic

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Republican

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Vote for up to 6

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Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

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Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

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or write-in:

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Vote for 1

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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ or write-in: _____
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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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For

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Question C

Bond Issue

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Against

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For the Charter Amendment

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Vote All Sides

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Charter Amendment

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Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

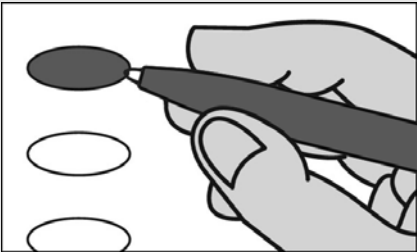
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End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections

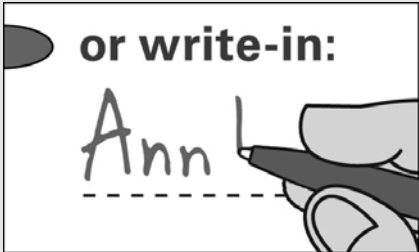


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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

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Representative in Congress

District 7

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or write-in:

State Senator

District 45

Vote for 1

Cory V. McCray

Democratic

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House of Delegates

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Vote for up to 3

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Chanel A. Branch

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Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

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Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

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or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

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Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

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Register of Wills Vote for 1
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Sheriff Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Jamar Day
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☐ Domonique A. Flowers
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☐ or write-in: _____
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Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

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Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

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The Amendment also eliminates certain obsolete provisions in the Charter pertaining to street railways and trackless trolleys.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

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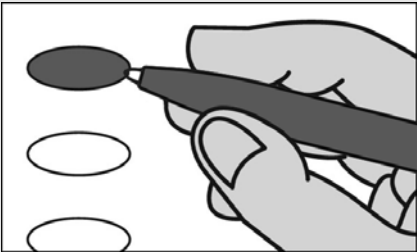
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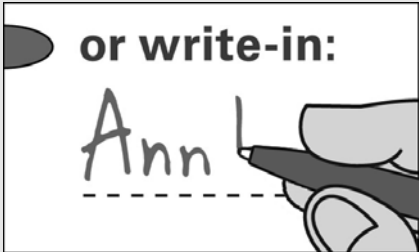


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and

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Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

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Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

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State Senator

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Vote for 1

Cory V. McCray

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

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Vote for up to 3

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Judge of the Circuit Court

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Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Vote All Sides



Register of Wills Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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Sheriff Vote for 1
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Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

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A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

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The Amendment also eliminates certain obsolete provisions in the Charter pertaining to street railways and trackless trolleys.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing franchises and minor privileges in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections



Fill in the oval to the left of the name of your choice. You must blacken the oval completely, and do not make any marks outside of the oval. You do not have to vote in every race.

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Do not cross out or erase, or your vote may not count. If you make a mistake or a stray mark, you may ask for a new ballot.

Optional write-in



To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

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Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 45

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Vote for up to 3

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Judge of the Circuit Court

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Vote for up to 6

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Piper Faith McKeithen

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Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
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☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
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☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ or write-in: _____
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Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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For

Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

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For

Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

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For

Against

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Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

For the Charter Amendment

Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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Question I

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Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections

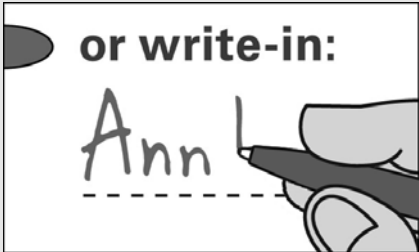


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Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

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Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 45

Vote for 1

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Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 45

Vote for up to 3

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Caylin Young

Democratic

Renaud De'Aundre Brown

Green

or write-in:

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Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
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☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
☐ Charles "Chuck" Bernstein Democratic
☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

Non-Partisan Contest Candidates in this contest may or may not be affiliated with any political party
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☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
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Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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☐ For

☐ Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

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The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections



Fill in the oval to the left of the name of your choice. You must blacken the oval completely, and do not make any marks outside of the oval. You do not have to vote in every race.

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Do not cross out or erase, or your vote may not count. If you make a mistake or a stray mark, you may ask for a new ballot.

Optional write-in



To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

Governor / Lt. Governor
Vote for 1

☐ Wes Moore
and
Aruna Miller
Democratic

☐ Dan Cox
and
Rob Krop
Republican

☐ Andy Ellis
and
Owen Silverman Andrews
Green

☐ Cathy White
and
Cathy Permut
Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

Comptroller
Vote for 1

☐ Brooke Elizabeth Lierman
Democratic

☐ Sonya Dunn
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Attorney General
Vote for 1

☐ Anthony G. Brown
Democratic

☐ James B. Rutledge, III
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Representative in Congress
District 7
Vote for 1

☐ Kweisi Mfume
Democratic

☐ Scott M. Collier
Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator
District 43
Vote for 1

☐ Mary Washington
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

House of Delegates
District 43A
Vote for up to 2

☐ Regina T. Boyce
Democratic

☐ Elizabeth Embry
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court
Circuit 8
Vote for up to 6

☐ Catherine Chen

☐ Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

☐ Kimberly C. McBride

☐ Piper Faith McKeithen

☐ Hope Tipton

☐ Levi S. Zaslow

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of
Maryland At Large
Dan Friedman
Vote Yes or No
For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney
Vote for 1

☐ Ivan J. Bates
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court
Vote for 1

☐ Xavier A. Conaway
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
☐ Andy Zipay Republican
☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
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☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

Non-Partisan Contest Candidates in this contest may or may not be affiliated with any political party
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☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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For

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Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

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For

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Against

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Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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For

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Against

Question E

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Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

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Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

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Instructions

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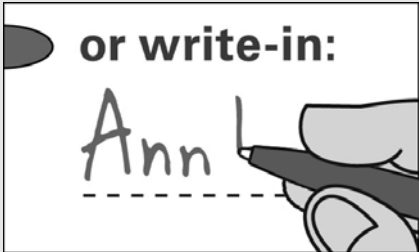


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Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 45

Vote for 1

Cory V. McCray

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 45

Vote for up to 3

Jackie Addison

Democratic

Chanel A. Branch

Democratic

Caylin Young

Democratic

Renaud De'Aundre Brown

Green

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
☐ Andy Zipay Republican
☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
☐ Charles "Chuck" Bernstein Democratic
☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

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Board of Education At Large Vote for up to 2
☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

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A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Temporary Appointments on the
Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

- ☐ For the Constitutional Amendment
- ☐ Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Election Districts – General Assembly and
Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

- ☐ For the Constitutional Amendment
- ☐ Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A
Bond Issue
Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

- ☐ For
- ☐ Against



Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

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For

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Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

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Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

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The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections



Fill in the oval to the left of the name of your choice. You must blacken the oval completely, and do not make any marks outside of the oval. You do not have to vote in every race.

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Do not cross out or erase, or your vote may not count. If you make a mistake or a stray mark, you may ask for a new ballot.

Optional write-in



To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 45

Vote for 1

Cory V. McCray

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 45

Vote for up to 3

Jackie Addison

Democratic

Chanel A. Branch

Democratic

Caylin Young

Democratic

Renaud De'Aundre Brown

Green

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
☐ Andy Zipay Republican
☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
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☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
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☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Jamar Day
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☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
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Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

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Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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Bond Issue

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

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Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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For

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Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

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For

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Against

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Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

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Against

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Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

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Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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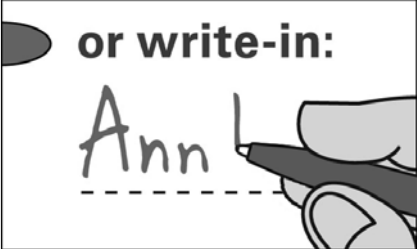


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Vote for 1

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and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 43

Vote for 1

Mary Washington

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 43A

Vote for up to 2

Regina T. Boyce

Democratic

Elizabeth Embry

Democratic

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Charles "Chuck" Bernstein Democratic
☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

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Act of 2026

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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For

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Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

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Against

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Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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Charter Amendment

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
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Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

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Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections



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Vote for 1

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and

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Democratic

Dan Cox

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Republican

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and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

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Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

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Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

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or write-in:

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Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

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Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
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Act of 2026

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A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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Constitutional Amendment

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Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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Bond Issue

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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Bond Issue

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Against

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Bond Issue

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Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

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Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

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The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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Charter Amendment

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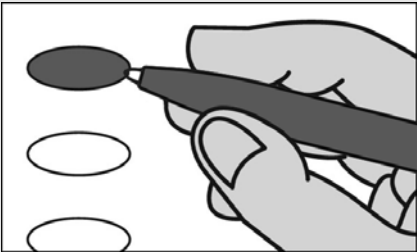
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End of Ballot

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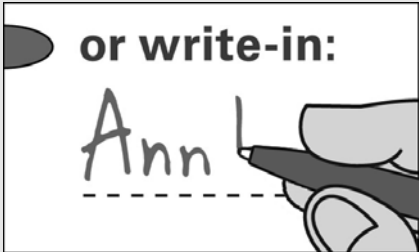


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or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Vote All Sides



Register of Wills Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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Constitutional Amendment

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Question A

Bond Issue

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

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Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

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Public Infrastructure Loan

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For the Charter Amendment

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Charter Amendment

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Charter Amendment

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Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

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End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections



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Optional write-in



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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 43

Vote for 1

Mary Washington

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 43A

Vote for up to 2

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Democratic

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

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or write-in:

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Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
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Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

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Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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For

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Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

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Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

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Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

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Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

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Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

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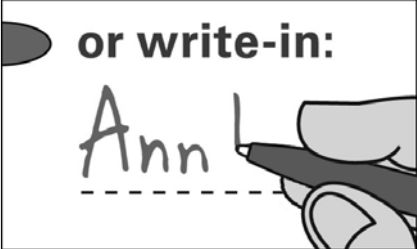


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or write-in:

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Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Vote All Sides



Register of Wills Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
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☐ Domonique A. Flowers
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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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Bond Issue

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Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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Charter Amendment

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Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
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Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

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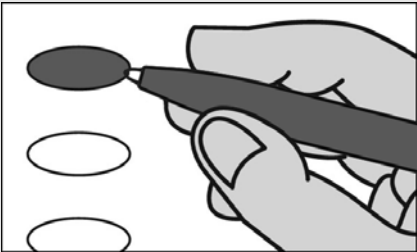
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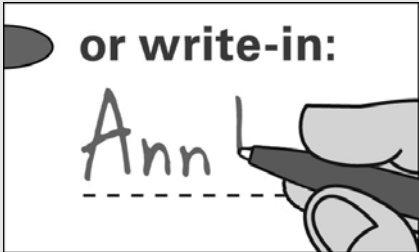


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Optional write-in



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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 43

Vote for 1

Mary Washington

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 43A

Vote for up to 2

Regina T. Boyce

Democratic

Elizabeth Embry

Democratic

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

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or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Vote All Sides

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☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
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☐ or write-in: _____

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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Constitutional Amendment

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Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

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The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

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Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

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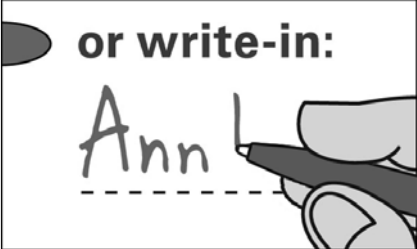


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Vote for 1

☐ Wes Moore and Aruna Miller
Democratic

☐ Dan Cox and Rob Krop
Republican

☐ Andy Ellis and Owen Silverman Andrews
Green

☐ Cathy White and Cathy Permut
Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

☐ Brooke Elizabeth Lierman
Democratic

☐ Sonya Dunn
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

☐ Anthony G. Brown
Democratic

☐ James B. Rutledge, III
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Representative in Congress
District 7

Vote for 1

☐ Kweisi Mfume
Democratic

☐ Scott M. Collier
Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator
District 43

Vote for 1

☐ Mary Washington
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

House of Delegates
District 43A

Vote for up to 2

☐ Regina T. Boyce
Democratic

☐ Elizabeth Embry
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court
Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

☐ Catherine Chen

☐ Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

☐ Kimberly C. McBride

☐ Piper Faith McKeithen

☐ Hope Tipton

☐ Levi S. Zaslow

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of
Maryland At Large
Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No
For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

☐ Ivan J. Bates
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

☐ Xavier A. Conaway
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
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☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Domonique A. Flowers
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☐ or write-in: _____
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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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Constitutional Amendment

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Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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☐ For

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Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

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☐ For

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Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Question E

Charter Amendment

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Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

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Question I

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Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

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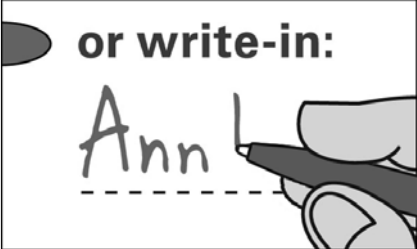
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Optional write-in

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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 43

Vote for 1

Mary Washington

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 43A

Vote for up to 2

Regina T. Boyce

Democratic

Elizabeth Embry

Democratic

or write-in:or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-HillKimberly C. McBridePiper Faith McKeithenHope TiptonLevi S. Zaslowor write-in:or write-in:or write-in:or write-in:or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Vote All Sides



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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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For

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Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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For

Against

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Bond Issue

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For

Against

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Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

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Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

For the Charter Amendment

Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

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Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

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Department of Water and Wastewater

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

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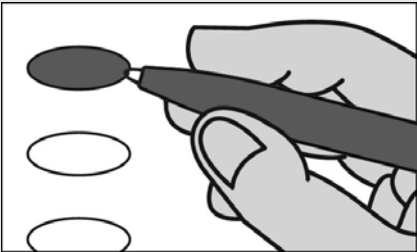
☐ For the Charter Amendment

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End of Ballot

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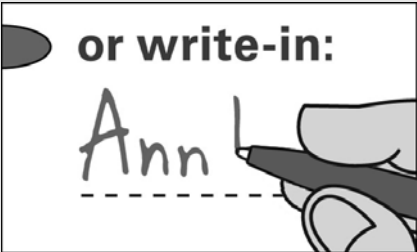


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Vote for 1

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Democratic

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Republican

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Green

☐ Cathy White and Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

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☐ Sonya Dunn

Republican

☐ or write-in:

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Vote for 1

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Democratic

☐ James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

☐ or write-in:

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Vote for 1

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Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator

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Vote for 1

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Democratic

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Vote for up to 2

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☐ or write-in:

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Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

☐ Catherine Chen

☐ Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

☐ Kimberly C. McBride

☐ Piper Faith McKeithen

☐ Hope Tipton

☐ Levi S. Zaslow

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

☐ Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

☐ Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

☐ or write-in:

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☐ or write-in: _____

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

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Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

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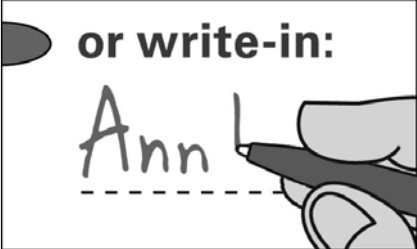


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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

☐ Wes Moore and Aruna Miller

Democratic

☐ Dan Cox and Rob Krop

Republican

☐ Andy Ellis and Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

☐ Cathy White and Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

☐ Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

☐ Sonya Dunn

Republican

☐ or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

☐ Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

☐ James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

☐ or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

☐ Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

☐ Scott M. Collier

Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator

District 43

Vote for 1

☐ Mary Washington

Democratic

☐ or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 43A

Vote for up to 2

☐ Regina T. Boyce

Democratic

☐ Elizabeth Embry

Democratic

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

☐ Catherine Chen

☐ Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

☐ Kimberly C. McBride

☐ Piper Faith McKeithen

☐ Hope Tipton

☐ Levi S. Zaslow

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

☐ Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

☐ Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Vote All Sides



Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
☐ Andy Zipay Republican
☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
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☐ or write-in: _____
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Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
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Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

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For

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Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

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Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

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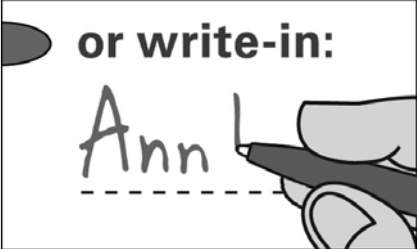
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Vote for 1

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and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

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Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

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or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

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Vote for 1

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Vote for up to 2

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Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

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Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Vote All Sides



Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
☐ Andy Zipay Republican
☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
☐ Charles "Chuck" Bernstein Democratic
☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

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Board of Education At Large Vote for up to 2
☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
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Act of 2026

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

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The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

For

Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

For

Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

For

Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

For the Charter Amendment

Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

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Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 43

Vote for 1

Mary Washington

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 43A

Vote for up to 2

Regina T. Boyce

Democratic

Elizabeth Embry

Democratic

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
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☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
☐ Charles "Chuck" Bernstein Democratic
☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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☐ For

☐ Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

The Amendment also eliminates certain obsolete provisions in the Charter pertaining to street railways and trackless trolleys.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing franchises and minor privileges in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections

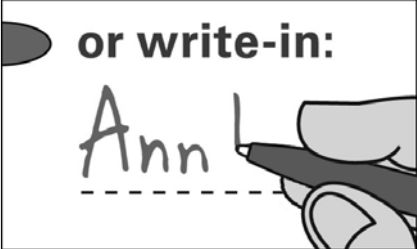


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Do not cross out or erase, or your vote may not count. If you make a mistake or a stray mark, you may ask for a new ballot.

Optional write-in



To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

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and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

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Rob Krop

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or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

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Representative in Congress

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Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Vote All Sides



Register of Wills Vote for 1
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☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____
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Sheriff Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
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A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

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A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

For

Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

For

Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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For

Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

For the Charter Amendment

Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

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Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

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Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

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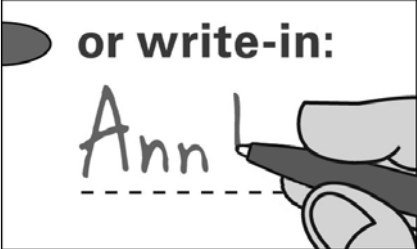


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Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 43

Vote for 1

Mary Washington

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 43A

Vote for up to 2

Regina T. Boyce

Democratic

Elizabeth Embry

Democratic

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Vote All Sides



Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
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Act of 2026

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A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ For the Constitutional Amendment

☐ Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ For the Constitutional Amendment

☐ Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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For

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Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

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For

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Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

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Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

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Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

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Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections

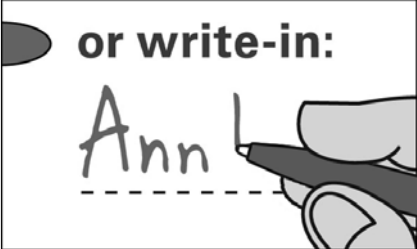


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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

☐ Wes Moore and Aruna Miller
Democratic

☐ Dan Cox and Rob Krop
Republican

☐ Andy Ellis and Owen Silverman Andrews
Green

☐ Cathy White and Cathy Permut
Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

☐ Brooke Elizabeth Lierman
Democratic

☐ Sonya Dunn
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

☐ Anthony G. Brown
Democratic

☐ James B. Rutledge, III
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Representative in Congress
District 7

Vote for 1

☐ Kweisi Mfume
Democratic

☐ Scott M. Collier
Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator
District 43

Vote for 1

☐ Mary Washington
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

House of Delegates
District 43A

Vote for up to 2

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Democratic

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Democratic

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Vote for up to 6

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☐ Levi S. Zaslow

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of
Maryland At Large
Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No
For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

☐ Ivan J. Bates
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

☐ Xavier A. Conaway
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ For the Constitutional Amendment

☐ Against the Constitutional Amendment

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Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ For the Constitutional Amendment

☐ Against the Constitutional Amendment

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Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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☐ For

☐ Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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☐ For

☐ Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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☐ For

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Charter Amendment

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Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

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Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

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Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

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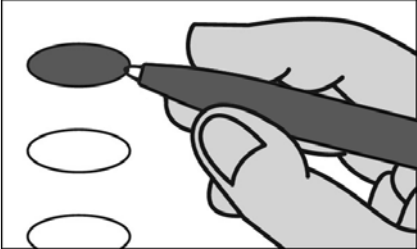
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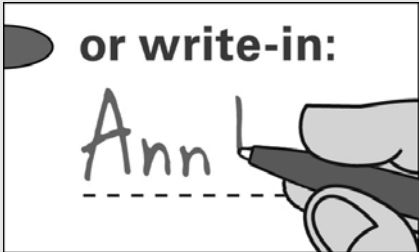


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Democratic

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Republican

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Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

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Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

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Democratic

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Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

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Elizabeth Embry

Democratic

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

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Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

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Clerk of the Circuit Court

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Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Vote All Sides



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Constitutional Amendment
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Act of 2026

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A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

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The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

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Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

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Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

The Amendment also eliminates certain obsolete provisions in the Charter pertaining to street railways and trackless trolleys.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

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Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

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Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

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Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

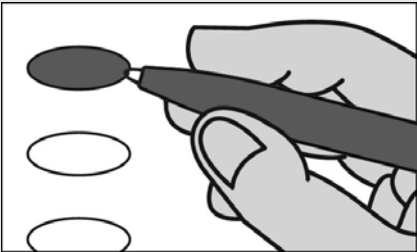
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End of Ballot

Instructions

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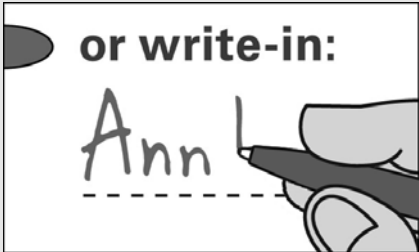


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Optional write-in



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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 43

Vote for 1

Mary Washington

Democratic

or write-in:

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Vote for up to 2

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Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ For the Constitutional Amendment

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

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Bond Issue

School Loan

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

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Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

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☐ For

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Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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Charter Amendment

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Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

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Charter Amendment

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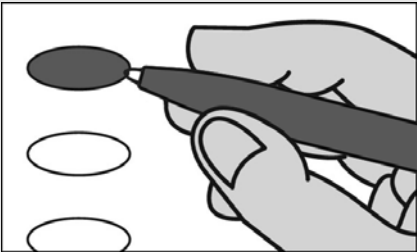
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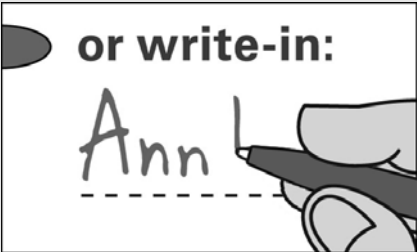
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Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

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Elizabeth Embry

Democratic

or write-in:

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Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-HillKimberly C. McBridePiper Faith McKeithenHope TiptonLevi S. Zaslowor write-in:or write-in:or write-in:or write-in:or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Vote All Sides



Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
☐ Andy Zipay Republican
☐ or write-in: _____

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Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
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Constitutional Amendment
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Act of 2026

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

The Amendment also eliminates certain obsolete provisions in the Charter pertaining to street railways and trackless trolleys.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing franchises and minor privileges in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

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Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot



Instructions

Making Selections



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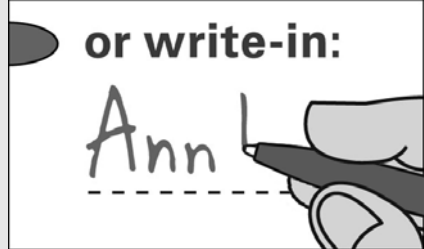
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Ann L



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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 2

Vote for 1

John "Johnny O" Olszewski, Jr.

Democratic

Dave Wallace

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 43

Vote for 1

Mary Washington

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 43A

Vote for up to 2

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Democratic

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Vote for up to 6

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Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

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Clerk of the Circuit Court

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Xavier A. Conaway

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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For

Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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For

Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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For

Against

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Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

For the Charter Amendment

Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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The Amendment also eliminates certain obsolete provisions in the Charter pertaining to street railways and trackless trolleys.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing franchises and minor privileges in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

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Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

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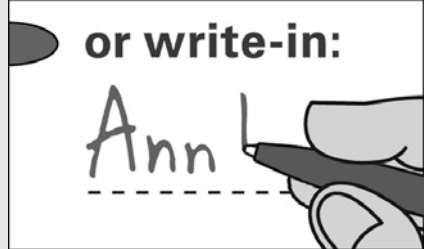
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Optional write-in

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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 2

Vote for 1

John "Johnny O" Olszewski, Jr.

Democratic

Dave Wallace

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 43

Vote for 1

Mary Washington

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

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Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
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Act of 2026

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ For the Constitutional Amendment

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Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ For the Constitutional Amendment

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Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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For

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Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

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For

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Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

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For

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Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



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Charter Amendment

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Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

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Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

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Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

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Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

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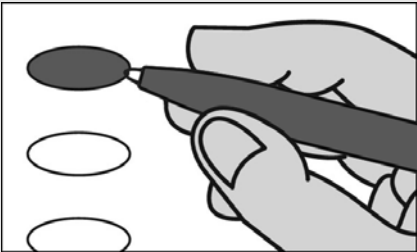
☐ For the Charter Amendment

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End of Ballot

Instructions

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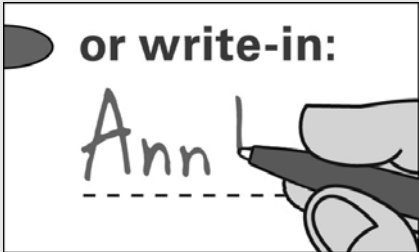


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Optional write-in



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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

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Wes Moore
and
Aruna Miller
Democratic

☐

Dan Cox
and
Rob Krop
Republican

☐

Andy Ellis
and
Owen Silverman Andrews
Green

☐

Cathy White
and
Cathy Permut
Working Class Party

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or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

☐

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman
Democratic

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Sonya Dunn
Republican

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or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

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Anthony G. Brown
Democratic

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James B. Rutledge, III
Republican

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or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 2

Vote for 1

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John "Johnny O" Olszewski, Jr.
Democratic

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Dave Wallace
Republican

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or write-in:

State Senator

District 41

Vote for 1

☐

Malcolm P. Ruff
Democratic

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or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 41

Vote for up to 3

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S. I. "Sandy" Rosenberg
Democratic

☐

Sean A. Stinnett
Democratic

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Ryan Turner
Democratic

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or write-in:

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or write-in:

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or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

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Catherine Chen

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Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

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Kimberly C. McBride

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Piper Faith McKeithen

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Hope Tipton

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Levi S. Zaslow

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or write-in:

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or write-in:

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or write-in:

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or write-in:

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or write-in:

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or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

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Yes

☐

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

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Ivan J. Bates
Democratic

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or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

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Xavier A. Conaway
Democratic

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or write-in:

Vote All Sides



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☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Question A

Bond Issue

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

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Against

Question C

Bond Issue

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Charter Amendment

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F
Charter Amendment
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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

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Charter Amendment

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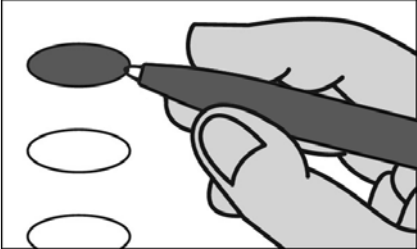
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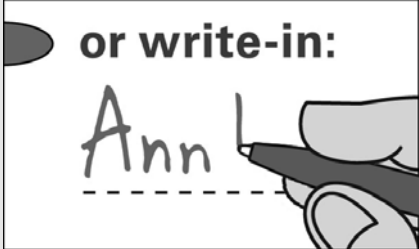


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Attorney General

Vote for 1

☐ Anthony G. Brown
Democratic

☐ James B. Rutledge, III
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 2

Vote for 1

☐ John "Johnny O" Olszewski, Jr.
Democratic

☐ Dave Wallace
Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator

District 43

Vote for 1

☐ Mary Washington
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 43A

Vote for up to 2

☐ Regina T. Boyce
Democratic

☐ Elizabeth Embry
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

☐ Catherine Chen

☐ Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

☐ Kimberly C. McBride

☐ Piper Faith McKeithen

☐ Hope Tipton

☐ Levi S. Zaslow

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

☐ Ivan J. Bates
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

☐ Xavier A. Conaway
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

☐ Wes Moore
and
Aruna Miller
Democratic

☐ Dan Cox
and
Rob Krop
Republican

☐ Andy Ellis
and
Owen Silverman Andrews
Green

☐ Cathy White
and
Cathy Permut
Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

☐ Brooke Elizabeth Lierman
Democratic

☐ Sonya Dunn
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Vote All Sides



Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
☐ Andy Zipay Republican
☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
☐ Charles "Chuck" Bernstein Democratic
☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
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Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
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☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
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Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

The Amendment also eliminates certain obsolete provisions in the Charter pertaining to street railways and trackless trolleys.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing franchises and minor privileges in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections



Fill in the oval to the left of the name of your choice. You must blacken the oval completely, and do not make any marks outside of the oval. You do not have to vote in every race.

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Optional write-in

or write-in:

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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

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Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 2

Vote for 1

John "Johnny O" Olszewski, Jr.

Democratic

Dave Wallace

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 41

Vote for 1

Malcolm P. Ruff

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 41

Vote for up to 3

S. I. "Sandy" Rosenberg

Democratic

Sean A. Stinnett

Democratic

Ryan Turner

Democratic

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

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Piper Faith McKeithen

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Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Vote All Sides

Register of Wills Vote for 1
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☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
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☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
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☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

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The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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☐ For

☐ Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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☐ For

☐ Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

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Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

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☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

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Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

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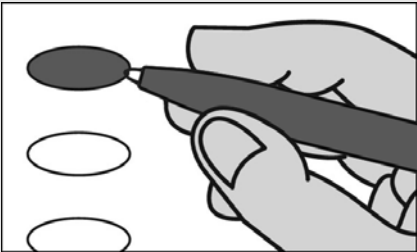
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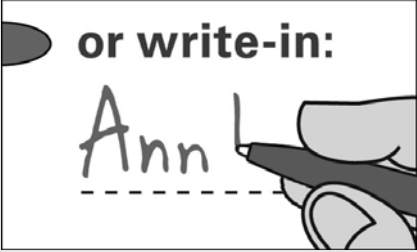


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☐ or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

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Democratic

☐ James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

☐ or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 2

Vote for 1

☐ John "Johnny O" Olszewski, Jr.

Democratic

☐ Dave Wallace

Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator

District 41

Vote for 1

☐ Malcolm P. Ruff

Democratic

☐ or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 41

Vote for up to 3

☐ S. I. "Sandy" Rosenberg

Democratic

☐ Sean A. Stinnett

Democratic

☐ Ryan Turner

Democratic

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

☐ Catherine Chen

☐ Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

☐ Kimberly C. McBride

☐ Piper Faith McKeithen

☐ Hope Tipton

☐ Levi S. Zaslow

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

☐ Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

☐ Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
☐ Andy Zipay Republican
☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
☐ Charles "Chuck" Bernstein Democratic
☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

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Board of Education At Large Vote for up to 2
☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
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Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

For

Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

For

Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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For

Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

For the Charter Amendment

Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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The Amendment also eliminates certain obsolete provisions in the Charter pertaining to street railways and trackless trolleys.

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Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing franchises and minor privileges in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

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Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections



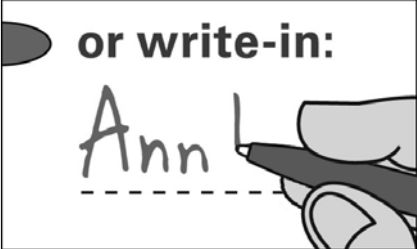
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Optional write-in

or write-in:



To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore and Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox and Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis and Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White and Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 2

Vote for 1

John "Johnny O" Olszewski, Jr.

Democratic

Dave Wallace

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 41

Vote for 1

Malcolm P. Ruff

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

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Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

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Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
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☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

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The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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For

Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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For

Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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For

Against

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Charter Amendment

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Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

For the Charter Amendment

Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing franchises and minor privileges in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

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Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

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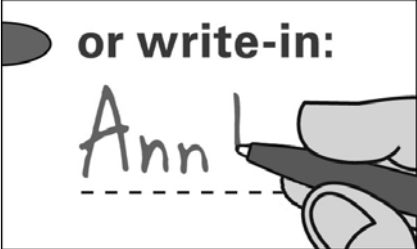


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Vote for 1

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Democratic

☐ Dan Cox and Rob Krop
Republican

☐ Andy Ellis and Owen Silverman Andrews
Green

☐ Cathy White and Cathy Permut
Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

☐ Brooke Elizabeth Lierman
Democratic

☐ Sonya Dunn
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

☐ Anthony G. Brown
Democratic

☐ James B. Rutledge, III
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Representative in Congress
District 2

Vote for 1

☐ John "Johnny O" Olszewski, Jr.
Democratic

☐ Dave Wallace
Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator
District 41

Vote for 1

☐ Malcolm P. Ruff
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

House of Delegates
District 41

Vote for up to 3

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Democratic

☐ Sean A. Stinnett
Democratic

☐ Ryan Turner
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

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Judge of the Circuit Court
Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

☐ Catherine Chen

☐ Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

☐ Kimberly C. McBride

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☐ Levi S. Zaslow

☐ or write-in:

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Judge, Appellate Court of
Maryland At Large
Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No
For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

☐ Ivan J. Bates
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

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Democratic

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Sheriff Vote for 1
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Constitutional Amendment
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Act of 2026

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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Bond Issue

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The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

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Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

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The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

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Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

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Charter Amendment

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Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

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Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections

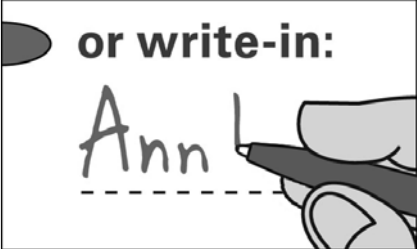


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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

☐ Wes Moore and Aruna Miller

Democratic

☐ Dan Cox and Rob Krop

Republican

☐ Andy Ellis and Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

☐ Cathy White and Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

☐ Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

☐ Sonya Dunn

Republican

☐ or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

☐ Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

☐ James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

☐ or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 2

Vote for 1

☐ John "Johnny O" Olszewski, Jr.

Democratic

☐ Dave Wallace

Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator

District 41

Vote for 1

☐ Malcolm P. Ruff

Democratic

☐ or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 41

Vote for up to 3

☐ S. I. "Sandy" Rosenberg

Democratic

☐ Sean A. Stinnett

Democratic

☐ Ryan Turner

Democratic

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

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Vote Yes or No

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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☐ For the Constitutional Amendment

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

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Bond Issue

School Loan

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Bond Issue

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

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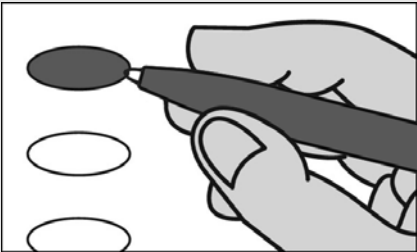
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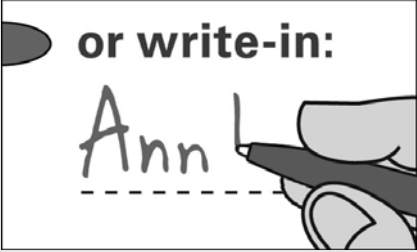


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Attorney General

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☐ James B. Rutledge, III
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Representative in Congress
District 2

Vote for 1

☐ John "Johnny O" Olszewski, Jr.
Democratic

☐ Dave Wallace
Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator
District 41

Vote for 1

☐ Malcolm P. Ruff
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

House of Delegates
District 41

Vote for up to 3

☐ S. I. "Sandy" Rosenberg
Democratic

☐ Sean A. Stinnett
Democratic

☐ Ryan Turner
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court
Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

☐ Catherine Chen

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☐ Kimberly C. McBride

☐ Piper Faith McKeithen

☐ Hope Tipton

☐ Levi S. Zaslow

☐ or write-in:

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☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of
Maryland At Large
Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No
For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

☐ Ivan J. Bates
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

☐ Xavier A. Conaway
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ or write-in: _____
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Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
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Act of 2026

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

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Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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For

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Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Against

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Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

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Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

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Question I

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Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

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Question H

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Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections



Fill in the oval to the left of the name of your choice. You must blacken the oval completely, and do not make any marks outside of the oval. You do not have to vote in every race.

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Optional write-in



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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

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Yes

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Vote for 1

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Bond Issue

School Loan

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For

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Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

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Charter Amendment

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Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

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Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

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Question H

Charter Amendment

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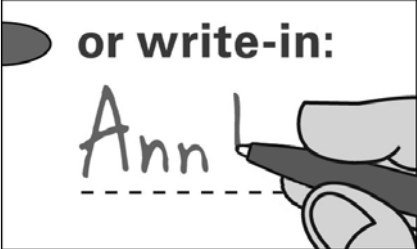
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Democratic

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and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

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Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 2

Vote for 1

John "Johnny O" Olszewski, Jr.

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Dave Wallace

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or write-in:

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Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

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Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

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Vote for 1

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☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ For the Constitutional Amendment

☐ Against the Constitutional Amendment

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Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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For

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Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

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Charter Amendment

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Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

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Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

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Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

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The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

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Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

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Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

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Governor / Lt. Governor
Vote for 1

☐ Wes Moore
and
Aruna Miller
Democratic

☐ Dan Cox
and
Rob Krop
Republican

☐ Andy Ellis
and
Owen Silverman Andrews
Green

☐ Cathy White
and
Cathy Permut
Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

Comptroller
Vote for 1

☐ Brooke Elizabeth Lierman
Democratic

☐ Sonya Dunn
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Attorney General
Vote for 1

☐ Anthony G. Brown
Democratic

☐ James B. Rutledge, III
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Representative in Congress
District 7
Vote for 1

☐ Kweisi Mfume
Democratic

☐ Scott M. Collier
Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator
District 41
Vote for 1

☐ Malcolm P. Ruff
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

House of Delegates
District 41
Vote for up to 3

☐ S. I. "Sandy" Rosenberg
Democratic

☐ Sean A. Stinnett
Democratic

☐ Ryan Turner
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

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Judge of the Circuit Court
Circuit 8
Vote for up to 6

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☐ Piper Faith McKeithen

☐ Hope Tipton

☐ Levi S. Zaslow

☐ or write-in:

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Judge, Appellate Court of
Maryland At Large
Dan Friedman
Vote Yes or No
For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney
Vote for 1

☐ Ivan J. Bates
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

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Vote for 1

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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Bond Issue

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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☐ For

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Question C

Bond Issue

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☐ For

☐ Against

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Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



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Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

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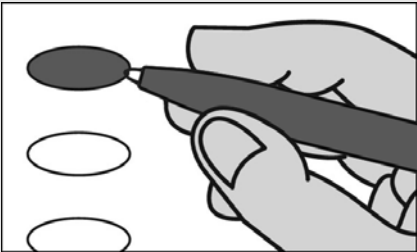
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and

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Democratic

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Republican

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Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

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Democratic

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Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

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State Senator

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Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

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Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

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Green

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Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

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or write-in:

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Kweisi Mfume

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Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

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Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

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House of Delegates

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School Loan

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☐ For

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☐ For

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Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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Vote All Sides

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Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

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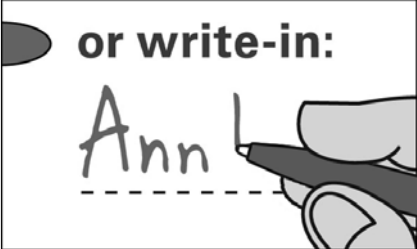


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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

☐ Wes Moore and Aruna Miller
Democratic

☐ Dan Cox and Rob Krop
Republican

☐ Andy Ellis and Owen Silverman Andrews
Green

☐ Cathy White and Cathy Permut
Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

☐ Brooke Elizabeth Lierman
Democratic

☐ Sonya Dunn
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

☐ Anthony G. Brown
Democratic

☐ James B. Rutledge, III
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Representative in Congress
District 7

Vote for 1

☐ Kweisi Mfume
Democratic

☐ Scott M. Collier
Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator
District 40

Vote for 1

☐ Antonio Hayes
Democratic

☐ Alan Rebar
Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

House of Delegates
District 40

Vote for up to 3

☐ Marlon D. Amprey
Democratic

☐ Tiffany Welch
Democratic

☐ Melissa Wells
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court
Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

☐ Catherine Chen

☐ Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

☐ Kimberly C. McBride

☐ Piper Faith McKeithen

☐ Hope Tipton

☐ Levi S. Zaslow

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of
Maryland At Large
Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No
For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

☐ Ivan J. Bates
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

☐ Xavier A. Conaway
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

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☐ or write-in: _____

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

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and

Rob Krop

Republican

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Republican

or write-in:

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Vote for 1

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Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 41

Vote for 1

Malcolm P. Ruff

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 41

Vote for up to 3

S. I. "Sandy" Rosenberg

Democratic

Sean A. Stinnett

Democratic

Ryan Turner

Democratic

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

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or write-in:

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or write-in:

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Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

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Democratic

or write-in:

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Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



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Charter Amendment

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The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

The Amendment also eliminates certain obsolete provisions in the Charter pertaining to street railways and trackless trolleys.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

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Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections



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Optional write-in



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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

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Vote for 1

Malcolm P. Ruff

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

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or write-in:

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or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

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Register of Wills Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
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Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

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The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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☐ For

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Community and Economic Development Loan

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The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

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☐ For

☐ Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

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Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

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Vote All Sides

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and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

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Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

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Democratic

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Republican

or write-in:

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District 7

Vote for 1

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Vote for 1

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Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

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Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

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Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

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Register of Wills Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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School Loan

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☐ For

☐ Against

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The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
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Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

The Amendment also eliminates certain obsolete provisions in the Charter pertaining to street railways and trackless trolleys.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections



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Optional write-in



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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

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Vote for 1

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or write-in:

House of Delegates

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Vote for up to 3

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Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

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or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

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Clerk of the Circuit Court

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Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

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Register of Wills Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

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The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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☐ For

☐ Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

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☐ For

☐ Against

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Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

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Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

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Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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Charter Amendment

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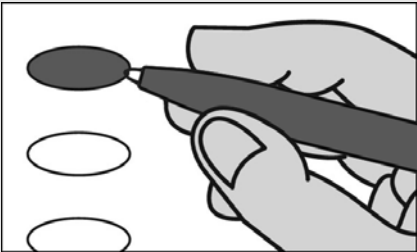
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Instructions

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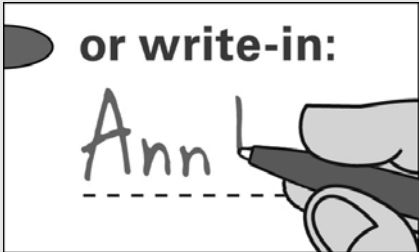


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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

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Wes Moore
and
Aruna Miller
Democratic

☐

Dan Cox
and
Rob Krop
Republican

☐

Andy Ellis
and
Owen Silverman Andrews
Green

☐

Cathy White
and
Cathy Permut
Working Class Party

☐

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

☐

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman
Democratic

☐

Sonya Dunn
Republican

☐

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

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Anthony G. Brown
Democratic

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James B. Rutledge, III
Republican

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or write-in:

Representative in Congress

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Vote for 1

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Republican

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or write-in:

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Vote for 1

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or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 41

Vote for up to 3

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Democratic

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Sean A. Stinnett
Democratic

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Ryan Turner
Democratic

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or write-in:

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or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

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Catherine Chen

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Kimberly C. McBride

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Piper Faith McKeithen

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Hope Tipton

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Levi S. Zaslow

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or write-in:

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or write-in:

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or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

☐

Yes

☐

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

☐

Ivan J. Bates
Democratic

☐

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

☐

Xavier A. Conaway
Democratic

☐

or write-in:

Vote All Sides



Register of Wills Vote for 1
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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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For

Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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For

Against

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Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

For the Charter Amendment

Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

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The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

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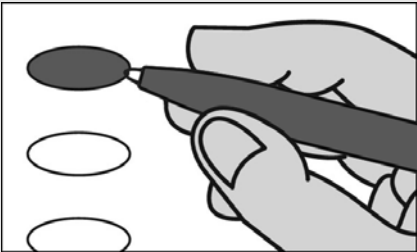
☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections

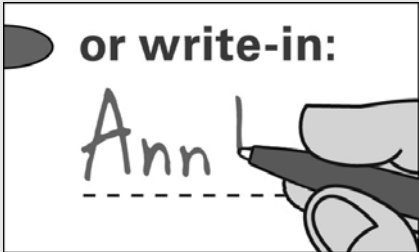


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Optional write-in



To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

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Wes Moore
and
Aruna Miller
Democratic

☐

Dan Cox
and
Rob Krop
Republican

☐

Andy Ellis
and
Owen Silverman Andrews
Green

☐

Cathy White
and
Cathy Permut
Working Class Party

☐

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

☐

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman
Democratic

☐

Sonya Dunn
Republican

☐

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

☐

Anthony G. Brown
Democratic

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James B. Rutledge, III
Republican

☐

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

☐

Kweisi Mfume
Democratic

☐

Scott M. Collier
Republican

☐

or write-in:

State Senator

District 41

Vote for 1

☐

Malcolm P. Ruff
Democratic

☐

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 41

Vote for up to 3

☐

S. I. "Sandy" Rosenberg
Democratic

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Sean A. Stinnett
Democratic

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Ryan Turner
Democratic

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or write-in:

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or write-in:

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or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

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Catherine Chen

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Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

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Kimberly C. McBride

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Piper Faith McKeithen

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Hope Tipton

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Levi S. Zaslow

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or write-in:

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or write-in:

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or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

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Yes

☐

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

☐

Ivan J. Bates
Democratic

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or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

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Xavier A. Conaway
Democratic

☐

or write-in:

Vote All Sides



Register of Wills Vote for 1
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☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
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☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
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Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
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Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

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The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

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For

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Against

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Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



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Charter Amendment

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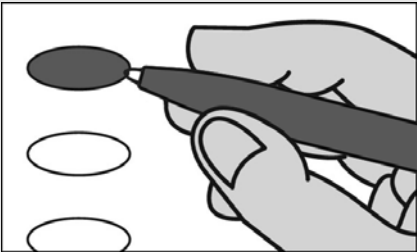
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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

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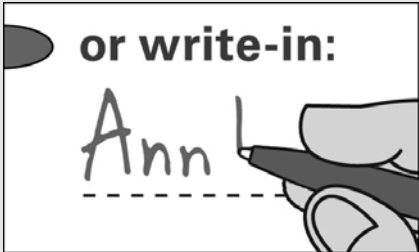


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Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 41

Vote for 1

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Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

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Democratic

Ryan Turner

Democratic

or write-in:

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or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Domonique A. Flowers
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☐ or write-in: _____

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

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☐ For the Constitutional Amendment

☐ Against the Constitutional Amendment

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Constitutional Amendment

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The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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For

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Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Against

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Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Vote All Sides

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Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

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The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

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Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

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Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

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Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

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End of Ballot

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Making Selections



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Optional write-in



To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 41

Vote for 1

Malcolm P. Ruff

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 41

Vote for up to 3

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Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

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or write-in:

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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

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Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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Constitutional Amendment

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FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

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Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

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The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Against

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Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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☐ For

☐ Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

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☐ For

☐ Against

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Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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Contract Bidding and Awards

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Charter Amendment

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Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

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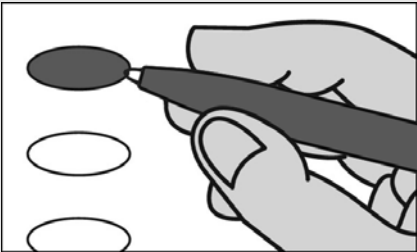
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Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

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Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

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Scott M. Collier

Republican

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State Senator

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Vote for 1

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Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

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or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

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☐ or write-in: _____

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Against

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Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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The Amendment also eliminates certain obsolete provisions in the Charter pertaining to street railways and trackless trolleys.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing franchises and minor privileges in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections

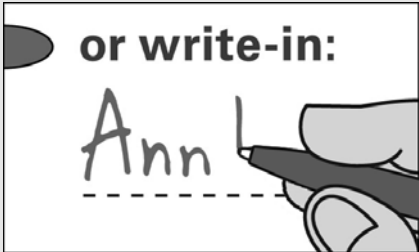


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Optional write-in



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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 41

Vote for 1

Malcolm P. Ruff

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 41

Vote for up to 3

S. I. "Sandy" Rosenberg

Democratic

Sean A. Stinnett

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Ryan Turner

Democratic

or write-in:

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Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

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Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
☐ Andy Zipay Republican
☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Charles "Chuck" Bernstein Democratic
☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
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Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

Non-Partisan Contest Candidates in this contest may or may not be affiliated with any political party
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☐ Jamar Day
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☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
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Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

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Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

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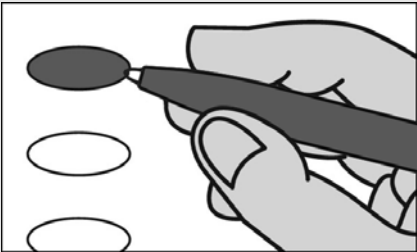
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End of Ballot

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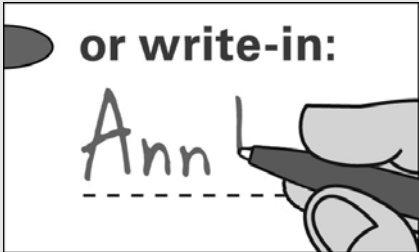


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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

☐ Wes Moore and Aruna Miller

Democratic

☐ Dan Cox and Rob Krop

Republican

☐ Andy Ellis and Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

☐ Cathy White and Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

☐ Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

☐ Sonya Dunn

Republican

☐ or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

☐ Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

☐ James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

☐ or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

☐ Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

☐ Scott M. Collier

Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator

District 41

Vote for 1

☐ Malcolm P. Ruff

Democratic

☐ or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 41

Vote for up to 3

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Democratic

☐ Sean A. Stinnett

Democratic

☐ Ryan Turner

Democratic

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

☐ Catherine Chen

☐ Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

☐ Kimberly C. McBride

☐ Piper Faith McKeithen

☐ Hope Tipton

☐ Levi S. Zaslow

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

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☐ or write-in:

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☐ or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

☐ Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

☐ Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Vote All Sides



Register of Wills Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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Sheriff Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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Against

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Charter Amendment

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
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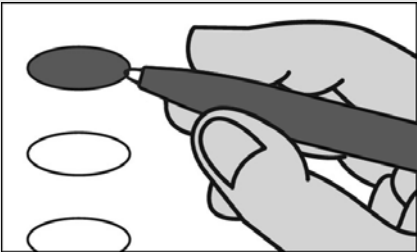
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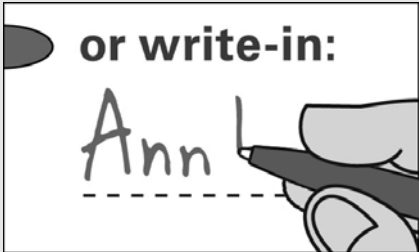


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Governor / Lt. Governor
Vote for 1

☐ Wes Moore and Aruna Miller
Democratic

☐ Dan Cox and Rob Krop
Republican

☐ Andy Ellis and Owen Silverman Andrews
Green

☐ Cathy White and Cathy Permut
Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

Comptroller
Vote for 1

☐ Brooke Elizabeth Lierman
Democratic

☐ Sonya Dunn
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Attorney General
Vote for 1

☐ Anthony G. Brown
Democratic

☐ James B. Rutledge, III
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Representative in Congress
District 7
Vote for 1

☐ Kweisi Mfume
Democratic

☐ Scott M. Collier
Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator
District 41
Vote for 1

☐ Malcolm P. Ruff
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

House of Delegates
District 41
Vote for up to 3

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Democratic

☐ Sean A. Stinnett
Democratic

☐ Ryan Turner
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

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Circuit 8
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☐ Piper Faith McKeithen

☐ Hope Tipton

☐ Levi S. Zaslow

☐ or write-in:

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Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large
Dan Friedman
Vote Yes or No
For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney
Vote for 1

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Democratic

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Vote for 1

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☐ or write-in:

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Vote All Sides

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Charter Amendment

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and

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Dan Cox

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Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

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Green

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and

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Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

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Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

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Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

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Yes

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Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

The Amendment also eliminates certain obsolete provisions in the Charter pertaining to street railways and trackless trolleys.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

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Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections



Fill in the oval to the left of the name of your choice. You must blacken the oval completely, and do not make any marks outside of the oval. You do not have to vote in every race.

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Do not cross out or erase, or your vote may not count. If you make a mistake or a stray mark, you may ask for a new ballot.

Optional write-in



To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 41

Vote for 1

Malcolm P. Ruff

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 41

Vote for up to 3

S. I. "Sandy" Rosenberg

Democratic

Sean A. Stinnett

Democratic

Ryan Turner

Democratic

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
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Non-Partisan Contest Candidates in this contest may or may not be affiliated with any political party
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☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
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Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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The Amendment removes the current \$1 million dollar cap on the amount that may be used as a contingent fund for emergencies or other unexpected needs. It allows the Finance Director and the Planning Commission to make new recommendations about the proposed budget after it is submitted to the City Council and allows the City Council to add amounts based on those recommendations before final passage. The Amendment also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director or the Planning Commission the authority to make supplemental appropriation recommendations outside of the annual budget process.

The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

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Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

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Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

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The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections

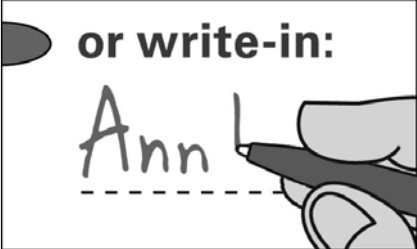


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Governor / Lt. Governor
Vote for 1

☐ Wes Moore
and
Aruna Miller
Democratic

☐ Dan Cox
and
Rob Krop
Republican

☐ Andy Ellis
and
Owen Silverman Andrews
Green

☐ Cathy White
and
Cathy Permut
Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

Comptroller
Vote for 1

☐ Brooke Elizabeth Lierman
Democratic

☐ Sonya Dunn
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Attorney General
Vote for 1

☐ Anthony G. Brown
Democratic

☐ James B. Rutledge, III
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Representative in Congress
District 7
Vote for 1

☐ Kweisi Mfume
Democratic

☐ Scott M. Collier
Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator
District 41
Vote for 1

☐ Malcolm P. Ruff
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

House of Delegates
District 41
Vote for up to 3

☐ S. I. "Sandy" Rosenberg
Democratic

☐ Sean A. Stinnett
Democratic

☐ Ryan Turner
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court
Circuit 8
Vote for up to 6

☐ Catherine Chen

☐ Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

☐ Kimberly C. McBride

☐ Piper Faith McKeithen

☐ Hope Tipton

☐ Levi S. Zaslow

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of
Maryland At Large
Dan Friedman
Vote Yes or No
For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney
Vote for 1

☐ Ivan J. Bates
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court
Vote for 1

☐ Xavier A. Conaway
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
☐ Andy Zipay Republican
☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
☐ Charles "Chuck" Bernstein Democratic
☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

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Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
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Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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☐ For

☐ Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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☐ For

☐ Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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☐ For

☐ Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



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Charter Amendment

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

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The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections



Fill in the oval to the left of the name of your choice. You must blacken the oval completely, and do not make any marks outside of the oval. You do not have to vote in every race.

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Do not cross out or erase, or your vote may not count. If you make a mistake or a stray mark, you may ask for a new ballot.

Optional write-in



To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 41

Vote for 1

Malcolm P. Ruff

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 41

Vote for up to 3

S. I. "Sandy" Rosenberg

Democratic

Sean A. Stinnett

Democratic

Ryan Turner

Democratic

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
☐ Andy Zipay Republican
☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
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Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
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Arbitration Reform for State Employees
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Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

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Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

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The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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☐ For

☐ Against

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Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

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☐ For

☐ Against

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Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

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Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

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Vote All Sides

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Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
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Vote for 1

☐ Wes Moore
and
Aruna Miller
Democratic

☐ Dan Cox
and
Rob Krop
Republican

☐ Andy Ellis
and
Owen Silverman Andrews
Green

☐ Cathy White
and
Cathy Permut
Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

Comptroller
Vote for 1

☐ Brooke Elizabeth Lierman
Democratic

☐ Sonya Dunn
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Attorney General
Vote for 1

☐ Anthony G. Brown
Democratic

☐ James B. Rutledge, III
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Representative in Congress
District 7
Vote for 1

☐ Kweisi Mfume
Democratic

☐ Scott M. Collier
Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator
District 41
Vote for 1

☐ Malcolm P. Ruff
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

House of Delegates
District 41
Vote for up to 3

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Democratic

☐ Sean A. Stinnett
Democratic

☐ Ryan Turner
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court
Circuit 8
Vote for up to 6

☐ Catherine Chen

☐ Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

☐ Kimberly C. McBride

☐ Piper Faith McKeithen

☐ Hope Tipton

☐ Levi S. Zaslow

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of
Maryland At Large
Dan Friedman
Vote Yes or No
For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney
Vote for 1

☐ Ivan J. Bates
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court
Vote for 1

☐ Xavier A. Conaway
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Domonique A. Flowers
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☐ or write-in: _____
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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ For the Constitutional Amendment

☐ Against the Constitutional Amendment

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Constitutional Amendment

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ For the Constitutional Amendment

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☐ For

☐ Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

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Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

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For

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Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F
Charter Amendment
Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

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Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

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The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

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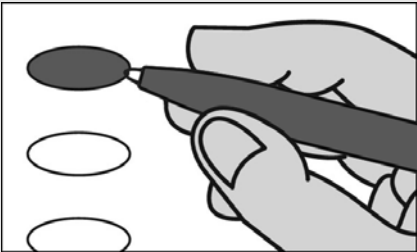
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End of Ballot

Instructions

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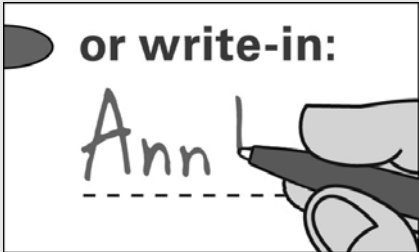


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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

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Representative in Congress

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or write-in:

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Judge of the Circuit Court

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or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Vote All Sides



Register of Wills Vote for 1
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Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

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The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Vote All Sides

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

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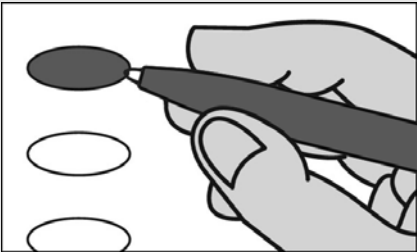
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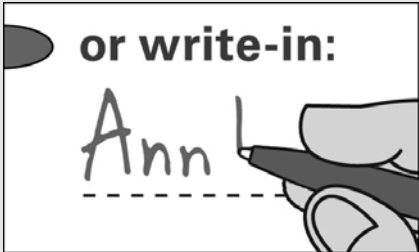


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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

☐ Wes Moore and Aruna Miller

Democratic

☐ Dan Cox and Rob Krop

Republican

☐ Andy Ellis and Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

☐ Cathy White and Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

☐ Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

☐ Sonya Dunn

Republican

☐ or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

☐ Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

☐ James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

☐ or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

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☐ Scott M. Collier

Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator

District 41

Vote for 1

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Democratic

☐ or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 41

Vote for up to 3

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Democratic

☐ Sean A. Stinnett

Democratic

☐ Ryan Turner

Democratic

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

☐ Catherine Chen

☐ Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

☐ Kimberly C. McBride

☐ Piper Faith McKeithen

☐ Hope Tipton

☐ Levi S. Zaslow

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

☐ Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

☐ Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

☐ or write-in:

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

- ☐ For the Constitutional Amendment
- ☐ Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Election Districts – General Assembly and
Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

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- ☐ For the Constitutional Amendment
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Bond Issue
Affordable Housing Loan

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- ☐ For
- ☐ Against



Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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☐ For

☐ Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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☐ For

☐ Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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Charter Amendment

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Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

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Charter Amendment

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The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections

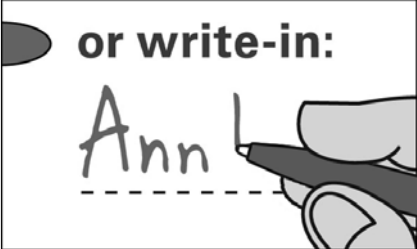


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Optional write-in



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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

☐ Wes Moore and Aruna Miller

Democratic

☐ Dan Cox and Rob Krop

Republican

☐ Andy Ellis and Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

☐ Cathy White and Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

☐ Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

☐ Sonya Dunn

Republican

☐ or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

☐ Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

☐ James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

☐ or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

☐ Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

☐ Scott M. Collier

Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator

District 41

Vote for 1

☐ Malcolm P. Ruff

Democratic

☐ or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 41

Vote for up to 3

☐ S. I. "Sandy" Rosenberg

Democratic

☐ Sean A. Stinnett

Democratic

☐ Ryan Turner

Democratic

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

☐ Catherine Chen

☐ Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

☐ Kimberly C. McBride

☐ Piper Faith McKeithen

☐ Hope Tipton

☐ Levi S. Zaslow

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

☐ Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

☐ Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
☐ Andy Zipay Republican
☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
☐ Charles "Chuck" Bernstein Democratic
☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

Non-Partisan Contest Candidates in this contest may or may not be affiliated with any political party
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☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

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The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

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Against

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Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Vote All Sides

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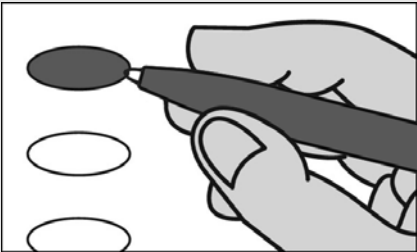
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Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

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Democratic

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or write-in:

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District 41

Vote for 1

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House of Delegates

District 41

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Ryan Turner

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or write-in:

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Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

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Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
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☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
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☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Jamar Day
☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

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Constitutional Amendment
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Act of 2026

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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For

Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

For

Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

For the Charter Amendment

Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

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The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing legislation, budget, and the Board of Estimates in place.

- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

The Amendment also eliminates certain obsolete provisions in the Charter pertaining to street railways and trackless trolleys.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

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The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

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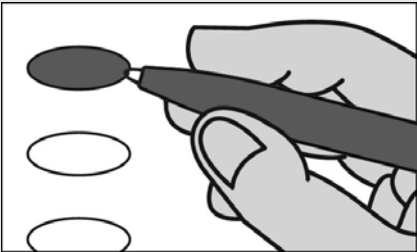
☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections

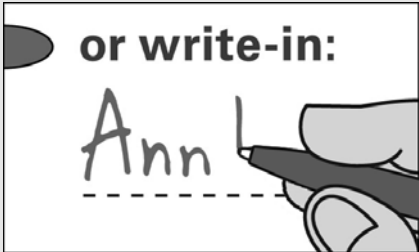


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Optional write-in



To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

☐ Wes Moore and Aruna Miller

Democratic

☐ Dan Cox and Rob Krop

Republican

☐ Andy Ellis and Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

☐ Cathy White and Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

☐ Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

☐ Sonya Dunn

Republican

☐ or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

☐ Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

☐ James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

☐ or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

☐ Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

☐ Scott M. Collier

Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator

District 41

Vote for 1

☐ Malcolm P. Ruff

Democratic

☐ or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 41

Vote for up to 3

☐ S. I. "Sandy" Rosenberg

Democratic

☐ Sean A. Stinnett

Democratic

☐ Ryan Turner

Democratic

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

☐ Catherine Chen

☐ Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

☐ Kimberly C. McBride

☐ Piper Faith McKeithen

☐ Hope Tipton

☐ Levi S. Zaslow

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

☐ Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

☐ Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
☐ Andy Zipay Republican
☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
☐ Charles "Chuck" Bernstein Democratic
☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
☐ Sabrina Tapp-Harper Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____

Non-Partisan Contest Candidates in this contest may or may not be affiliated with any political party
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☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Temporary Appointments on the
Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

- ☐ For the Constitutional Amendment
- ☐ Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Election Districts – General Assembly and
Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

- ☐ For the Constitutional Amendment
- ☐ Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A
Bond Issue
Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

- ☐ For
- ☐ Against



Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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☐ For

☐ Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

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☐ For

☐ Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

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☐ For

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Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

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Vote All Sides

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Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

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and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

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Democratic

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Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

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Republican

or write-in:

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or write-in:

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Judge of the Circuit Court

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Vote for up to 6

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Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

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or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

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☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
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☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ For the Constitutional Amendment

☐ Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

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Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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Question A

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Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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For

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Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

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For

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Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

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The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; December 5, 2028, for changes to approving and vetoing legislation; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

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The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

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The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

Making Selections

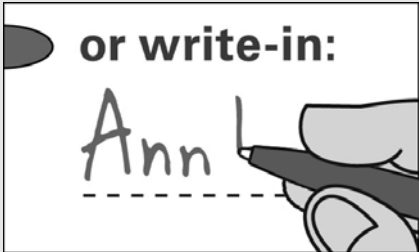


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Optional write-in



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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 41

Vote for 1

Malcolm P. Ruff

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 41

Vote for up to 3

S. I. "Sandy" Rosenberg

Democratic

Sean A. Stinnett

Democratic

Ryan Turner

Democratic

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

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Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
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Non-Partisan Contest Candidates in this contest may or may not be affiliated with any political party
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Constitutional Amendment
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Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

- ☐ For the Constitutional Amendment
- ☐ Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
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Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

- ☐ For the Constitutional Amendment
- ☐ Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A
Bond Issue
Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

- ☐ For
- ☐ Against



Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

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For

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Against

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Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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Question E

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Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Vote All Sides

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



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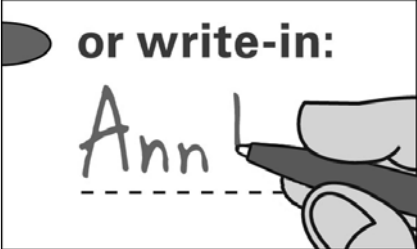


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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

☐ Wes Moore and Aruna Miller

Democratic

☐ Dan Cox and Rob Krop

Republican

☐ Andy Ellis and Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

☐ Cathy White and Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

☐ Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

☐ Sonya Dunn

Republican

☐ or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

☐ Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

☐ James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

☐ or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

☐ Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

☐ Scott M. Collier

Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator

District 41

Vote for 1

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Democratic

☐ or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 41

Vote for up to 3

☐ S. I. "Sandy" Rosenberg

Democratic

☐ Sean A. Stinnett

Democratic

☐ Ryan Turner

Democratic

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

☐ Catherine Chen

☐ Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

☐ Kimberly C. McBride

☐ Piper Faith McKeithen

☐ Hope Tipton

☐ Levi S. Zaslow

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

☐ Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

☐ Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
☐ Andy Zipay Republican
☐ or write-in: _____

Judge of the Orphans' Court Vote for up to 3
☐ Charles "Chuck" Bernstein Democratic
☐ Lewyn Scott Garrett Democratic
☐ Michele E. Loewenthal Democratic
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

Sheriff Vote for 1
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
☐ or write-in: _____

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

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The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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☐ For

☐ Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

☐ For

☐ Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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☐ For

☐ Against

Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

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The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

Question G amends the City Charter language governing how the City allows third parties to use certain City property. It adds the City's stormwater system to the list of City property that cannot be sold or rented out as a franchise. It clarifies that space in the City's conduit system can be rented out as a franchise, but the conduit system itself still cannot be sold. The Amendment also simplifies the general provisions governing franchise agreements and other such grants.

The Amendment updates the language for granting minor privileges to use a portion of City property by clarifying the definition of minor privilege, including temporary and permanent varieties, and permitting minor privileges to be further identified and defined by ordinance. It also removes the Board of Estimates' authority to grant minor privileges, along with related processes, and instead allows minor privileges to be granted by an executive agency under a new process to be established by City ordinance.

The Amendment also eliminates certain obsolete provisions in the Charter pertaining to street railways and trackless trolleys.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above with the following effective dates: November 7, 2028, for Charter sections that are removed, unless an ordinance or regulation governing that topic is adopted sooner; and December 3, 2026, for all other changes.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question I

Charter Amendment

Baltimore Baby Fund

Question I is a charter amendment to create the “Baltimore Baby Fund” as a new, separate fund in City government. The City could use money in the Baby Fund only to enhance the economic stability of families with newborns in Baltimore City. The City could not use money from the Baby Fund to replace funding for newborn children that already exists in this year’s City budget.

The amendment would require each year’s City budget to include a contribution to the Baby Fund. The City’s required annual contribution to the Baby Fund will be \$0.03 for every \$100 in taxable property value in the City. The Baby Fund will also be able to accept grants and donations. Money in the Baby Fund will stay in the Baby Fund until the City spends it for the benefit of families with newborns. The City could not transfer money in the Baby Fund to any other purpose.

Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

Voting against this amendment would mean that the Baltimore Baby Fund would not be created.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

Question H establishes in the City Charter a new Department of Water and Wastewater, which will be supervised and directed by a Director. It transfers from the Department of Public Works to this new Department the responsibility to oversee the City's water supply system and its wastewater system, along with related duties.

The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing water and wastewater systems in place.

☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

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Optional write-in



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Governor / Lt. Governor

Vote for 1

Wes Moore

and

Aruna Miller

Democratic

Dan Cox

and

Rob Krop

Republican

Andy Ellis

and

Owen Silverman Andrews

Green

Cathy White

and

Cathy Permut

Working Class Party

or write-in:

Comptroller

Vote for 1

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Democratic

Sonya Dunn

Republican

or write-in:

Attorney General

Vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Democratic

James B. Rutledge, III

Republican

or write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 7

Vote for 1

Kweisi Mfume

Democratic

Scott M. Collier

Republican

or write-in:

State Senator

District 41

Vote for 1

Malcolm P. Ruff

Democratic

or write-in:

House of Delegates

District 41

Vote for up to 3

S. I. "Sandy" Rosenberg

Democratic

Sean A. Stinnett

Democratic

Ryan Turner

Democratic

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Circuit 8

Vote for up to 6

Catherine Chen

Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

Kimberly C. McBride

Piper Faith McKeithen

Hope Tipton

Levi S. Zaslow

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large

Dan Friedman

Vote Yes or No

For Continuance in Office

Yes

No

State's Attorney

Vote for 1

Ivan J. Bates

Democratic

or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vote for 1

Xavier A. Conaway

Democratic

or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
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☐ Ashley Ash Esposito
☐ Domonique A. Flowers
☐ Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey
☐ or write-in: _____
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Question 1
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 155 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Arbitration Reform for State Employees
Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order.

A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that the law about funding agreements between the State and State employees stays the same.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote FOR this amendment means that temporary appointments to the Commission are allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends without a replacement. The Commission Chair can temporarily fill an opening on the Commission with a former member. The Governor can, at the request of the Commission Chair, pick a temporary substitute to fill an opening on the Commission or extend the term of a current member until a replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

A vote AGAINST the amendment means that current membership rules for the Commission stay the same. Temporary appointments are not allowed if a member is recused, disqualified, or if a member's term ends.

(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

Question A authorizes the City to borrow up to \$22,000,000 to be used for the City's Affordable Housing Program. The money may be used to acquire, redevelop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to rehabilitate, construct, and operate rental and homeownership developments, including relocation assistance, rental payments, home purchase assistance, housing counseling, project financing, buyer education assistance, activities to support the development of economically diverse housing in the City, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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Against

Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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Voting against the amendment means the City is not allowed to borrow this money.

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For

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Against

Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

The money may be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and to create healthy, sanitary, safe, and green conditions in the City. It may be used to stabilize and improve middle neighborhoods and neighborhood retail corridors, as well as to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities, parks, recreational land or facilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

The money may also be used as loans or grants to develop, improve, or construct buildings in the City for residential or commercial purposes, and as loans or grants for growing businesses, attracting and retaining jobs, encouraging homeownership, providing home repair assistance, promoting economic inclusion, achieving whole-block outcomes, improving the City's cultural life, and promoting City tourism.

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For

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Against

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Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The money may also be used to improve, construct, relocate, or repair buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including information technology infrastructure, as well as to acquire and install trees, equipment, and fixtures, along with all related costs.

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Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

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The Amendment transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Department the responsibility to estimate revenues and formulate the annual rates for all property taxes, and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Finance Director the responsibility to estimate any surpluses. It also transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the authority to increase or decrease the salaries of municipal officers in preparing the budget.

The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

Charter Amendment

Franchises and Minor Privileges

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Voting for this amendment would create the Baltimore Baby Fund and require the City to fund it as described above.

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☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

Question H

Charter Amendment

Department of Water and Wastewater

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The Amendment also removes from the Charter the requirement that bureaus within the Department of Public Works must be established or abolished by City ordinance.

Voting for this amendment brings about the changes described above, which will become effective January 1, 2029.

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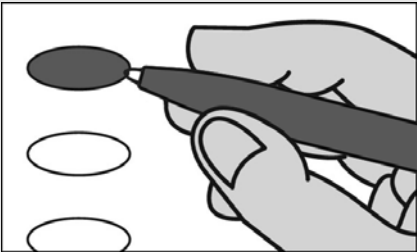
☐ For the Charter Amendment

☐ Against the Charter Amendment

End of Ballot

Instructions

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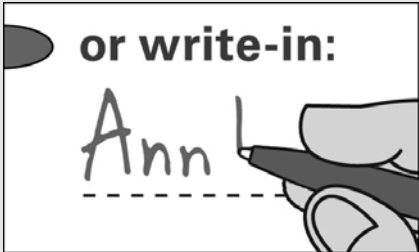


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Governor / Lt. Governor
Vote for 1

☐ Wes Moore
and
Aruna Miller
Democratic

☐ Dan Cox
and
Rob Krop
Republican

☐ Andy Ellis
and
Owen Silverman Andrews
Green

☐ Cathy White
and
Cathy Permut
Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

Comptroller
Vote for 1

☐ Brooke Elizabeth Lierman
Democratic

☐ Sonya Dunn
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Attorney General
Vote for 1

☐ Anthony G. Brown
Democratic

☐ James B. Rutledge, III
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Representative in Congress
District 7
Vote for 1

☐ Kweisi Mfume
Democratic

☐ Scott M. Collier
Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator
District 41
Vote for 1

☐ Malcolm P. Ruff
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

House of Delegates
District 41
Vote for up to 3

☐ S. I. "Sandy" Rosenberg
Democratic

☐ Sean A. Stinnett
Democratic

☐ Ryan Turner
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge of the Circuit Court
Circuit 8
Vote for up to 6

☐ Catherine Chen

☐ Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

☐ Kimberly C. McBride

☐ Piper Faith McKeithen

☐ Hope Tipton

☐ Levi S. Zaslow

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

Judge, Appellate Court of
Maryland At Large
Dan Friedman
Vote Yes or No
For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney
Vote for 1

☐ Ivan J. Bates
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Clerk of the Circuit Court
Vote for 1

☐ Xavier A. Conaway
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

Register of Wills Vote for 1
☐ Belinda K. Conaway Democratic
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☐ or write-in: _____

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☐ or write-in: _____
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A vote FOR this amendment means that the Governor has to include money in the proposed State budget to pay for agreements between the State and its employees. Agreements might include changes to wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Governor must put enough money in the State budget to cover the agreed upon pay and benefits for employees, whether those terms were negotiated or decided by a neutral decision-maker.

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(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ **For the Constitutional Amendment**

☐ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Question 2

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 878 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission.

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(Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question 3

Constitutional Amendment

(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)

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For the Constitutional Amendment

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Against the Constitutional Amendment

Question A

Bond Issue

Affordable Housing Loan

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The money may also be used to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including blight, and may be used to improve land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities, and other structures, including all related costs.

Voting for this amendment allows the City to borrow this money.

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Question B

Bond Issue

School Loan

Question B authorizes the City to borrow up to \$60,000,000 to be used for school purposes. The money may be used to acquire property in the City for these purposes and to build new or improve existing school buildings, athletic facilities, and community health and recreation facilities, along with all related costs. The money may also be used to acquire equipment for such facilities.

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Question C

Bond Issue

Community and Economic Development Loan

Question C authorizes the City to borrow up to \$50,000,000 to be used for the City's economic development program. The money may be used to acquire, develop, and dispose of property in the City for this purpose, along with related costs.

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Against

Question D

Bond Issue

Public Infrastructure Loan

Question D authorizes the City to borrow up to \$148,000,000 to be used for the development of public infrastructure owned or controlled by the City. The money may be used to develop buildings owned by the City, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and public parks and recreational land. It may be used to acquire property in the City and to construct new or improve existing buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities for use by the City and the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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Question E

Charter Amendment

Contract Bidding and Awards

Question E amends the City Charter to remove the requirement of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, removes the process for resolving tie bids, and removes provisions governing the bid bonds and performance bonds required by some contractors.

Voting for this Amendment removes these provisions from the Charter, which will become effective November 7, 2028, unless an ordinance or regulation governing the topic is adopted sooner.

Voting against the amendment leaves the current Charter language governing contract bidding and awards in place.

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For the Charter Amendment

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Against the Charter Amendment

Vote All Sides

Question F

Charter Amendment

Legislation, Budget, and Board of Estimates

Question F amends the City Charter's legislative process, the annual budget process, and the role of the Board of Estimates. It shortens the amount of time in which the Mayor can veto legislation passed by the City Council and the amount of time the City Council has to override the Mayor's veto.

The Amendment also eliminates the preliminary budget hearing process and transfers from the Board of Estimates to the Mayor the responsibility to prepare and submit the proposed budget before April 30 each year. The City Council must then adopt the budget at least eight days before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, and any veto and veto override process must be completed by then.

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The Amendment removes from the Charter a number of other duties assigned to the Board of Estimates, including formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, advertising for contracts, establishing the process for professional services contracts and for bidder prequalification, approving emergency contracts, fixing salary and wage scales of employees, approving collective bargaining agreements, determining bonds of City officials, establishing procedures for paying or releasing claims against or claims held by the City, fixing the salary of officials in the State's Attorney's Office, and approving expenditures for new improvements. These roles could be given to other agencies or departments by City ordinance.

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- ☐ For the Charter Amendment
- ☐ Against the Charter Amendment



Question G

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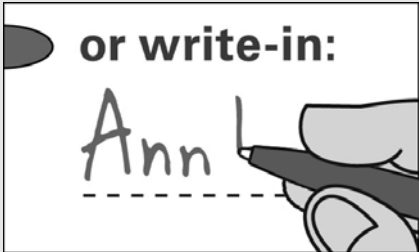


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Do not cross out or erase, or your vote may not count. If you make a mistake or a stray mark, you may ask for a new ballot.

Optional write-in



To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

Governor / Lt. Governor
Vote for 1

☐ Wes Moore
and
Aruna Miller
Democratic

☐ Dan Cox
and
Rob Krop
Republican

☐ Andy Ellis
and
Owen Silverman Andrews
Green

☐ Cathy White
and
Cathy Permut
Working Class Party

☐ or write-in:

Comptroller
Vote for 1

☐ Brooke Elizabeth Lierman
Democratic

☐ Sonya Dunn
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Attorney General
Vote for 1

☐ Anthony G. Brown
Democratic

☐ James B. Rutledge, III
Republican

☐ or write-in:

Representative in Congress
District 7
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Democratic

☐ Scott M. Collier
Republican

☐ or write-in:

State Senator
District 41
Vote for 1

☐ Malcolm P. Ruff
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

House of Delegates
District 41
Vote for up to 3

☐ S. I. "Sandy" Rosenberg
Democratic

☐ Sean A. Stinnett
Democratic

☐ Ryan Turner
Democratic

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

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Judge of the Circuit Court
Circuit 8
Vote for up to 6

☐ Catherine Chen

☐ Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill

☐ Kimberly C. McBride

☐ Piper Faith McKeithen

☐ Hope Tipton

☐ Levi S. Zaslow

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

☐ or write-in:

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Judge, Appellate Court of
Maryland At Large
Dan Friedman
Vote Yes or No
For Continuance in Office

☐ Yes

☐ No

State's Attorney
Vote for 1

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Democratic

☐ or write-in:

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School Loan

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