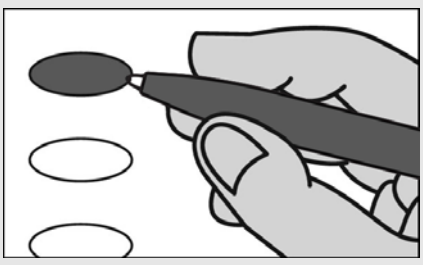
Official Ballot
Presidential General Election
November 8, 2016

State of Maryland, Baltimore City

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.

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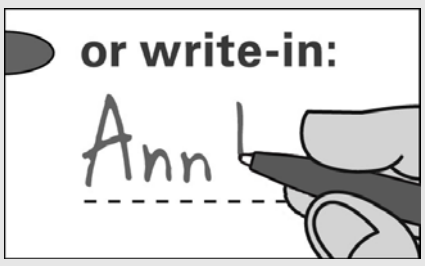

To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

President and Vice President of the United States
Vote for 1

- ⬭ **Donald J. Trump** New York and **Michael Pence** Indiana — Republican
- ⬭ **Hillary Clinton** New York and **Tim Kaine** Virginia — Democratic
- ⬭ **Gary Johnson** New Mexico and **Bill Weld** Massachusetts — Libertarian
- ⬭ **Jill Stein** Massachusetts and **Ajamu Baraka** Georgia — Green
- ⬭ **or write-in:** .....

U.S. Senator
Vote for 1

- ⬭ **Kathy Szeliga** Republican
- ⬭ **Chris Van Hollen** Democratic
- ⬭ **Margaret Flowers** Green
- ⬭ **or write-in:** .....

Representative in Congress District 3
Vote for 1

- ⬭ **Mark Plaster** Republican
- ⬭ **John Sarbanes** Democratic
- ⬭ **Nnabu Eze** Green
- ⬭ **or write-in:** .....

Mayor
Vote for 1

- ⬭ **Alan Walden** Republican
- ⬭ **Catherine E. Pugh** Democratic
- ⬭ **Joshua Harris** Green
- ⬭ **or write-in:** .....

President of the City Council
Vote for 1

- ⬭ **Shannon Wright** Republican
- ⬭ **Bernard C. "Jack" Young** Democratic
- ⬭ **Susan Gaztanaga** Libertarian
- ⬭ **Connor Meek** Green
- ⬭ **Sharon Black** Unaffiliated
- ⬭ **or write-in:** .....

Vote All Sides →

Comptroller
Vote for 1

- ⬭ **Joan M. Pratt** Democratic
- ⬭ **Jon Bombach** Libertarian
- ⬭ **or write-in:** .....

Member of the City Council District 7
Vote for 1

- ⬭ **Tamara Purnell** Republican
- ⬭ **Leon F. Pinkett, III** Democratic
- ⬭ **Nnamdi Scott** Other Candidates
- ⬭ **or write-in:** .....

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

- ⬭ **Shannon E. Avery**
- ⬭ **Audrey J. Sylvia Carrion**
- ⬭ **Michael A. DiPietro**
- ⬭ **Karen "Chaya" Friedman**
- ⬭ **Wanda Keyes Heard**
- ⬭ **Cynthia H. Jones**
- ⬭ **or write-in:** .....
- ⬭ **or write-in:** .....
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Judge, Court of Special Appeals At Large
Dan Friedman
Vote Yes or No
For Continuance in Office

- ⬭ **Yes**
- ⬭ **No**

Question 1
Constitutional Amendment (Ch. 511 of the 2016 Legislative Session)
Appointments and Special Elections for Attorney General and Comptroller

Changes the way the Governor fills a vacancy of the Attorney General or the Comptroller and requires a special election for vacancies that occur on or before a certain date. Under current law, the Governor fills a vacancy by appointing an individual to serve for the remainder of the term. Under the amended law, if the vacating Attorney General or Comptroller was a member of a political party, the Governor must fill the vacancy from a list of three names provided by the political party of the vacating official, and if no names are provided by the political party within a set time period, then the Governor must select a successor from the political party of the vacating official. If the vacating Attorney General or Comptroller was not a member of a political party, then the amended law requires the Governor to appoint any qualified individual. The Governor must make the appointment within a set time period following the vacancy. The amended law requires a special election to replace the successor if the vacancy occurs early enough in the term to allow for candidates to participate in the regular elections held in the second year of the vacating official's term.

(Amending Article V, Section 5 and Article VI, Section 1 of the Maryland Constitution)

- ⬭ **For the Constitutional Amendment**
- ⬭ **Against the Constitutional Amendment**

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Question A
Bond Issue
Affordable Housing Loan

Ordinance No. 16-489 to authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to borrow up to $6,000,000 to be used for the planning, developing, executing, and making operative the Affordable Housing Program of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, including, but not limited to, the acquisition, by purchase, lease, condemnation or any other legal means, of land or property in the City of Baltimore; the payment of any and all costs and expenses incurred in connection with or incidental to the acquisition and management of the land or property; the payment of any and all costs and expenses incurred for or in connection with relocating and moving persons or other legal entities displaced by the acquisition of the land or property, and the disposition of land and property for such purposes, such costs to include but not limited to rental payment and home purchase assistance, housing counseling and buyer education, assistance, and activities to support the orderly and sustainable planning, preservation, rehabilitation, and development of economically diverse housing in City neighborhoods; the elimination of unhealthful, unsanitary or unsafe conditions, lessening density, eliminating obsolete or other uses detrimental to the public welfare or otherwise removing or preventing the spread of blight or deterioration in the City of Baltimore; and for doing all things necessary, proper or expedient in connection therewith.

- ⬭ **For**
- ⬭ **Against**

Question B
Bond Issue
School Loan

Ordinance No. 16-490 to authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to borrow up to $34,000,000 to be used for the acquisition of land or property to construct and erect new school buildings, athletic and auxiliary facilities; and for additions and improvements to or modernization or reconstruction of existing school buildings or facilities; and to equip all buildings to be constructed, erected, improved, modernized, or reconstructed; and for doing any and all things necessary, proper or expedient in connection therewith.

- ⬭ **For**
- ⬭ **Against**

Question C
Bond Issue
Community and Economic Development Loan

Ordinance No. 16-491 to authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to borrow up to $45,000,000 to be used for, or in connection with, planning, developing, executing and making operative the community, commercial, and industrial economic development programs of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore and authorizing loans and grants therefore; authorizing loans and grants to various projects and programs related to improving cultural life and promotion of tourism in Baltimore City and for doing any and all things necessary, proper or expedient in connection therewith.

- ⬭ **For**
- ⬭ **Against**

Question D
Bond Issue
Recreation and Parks and Public Facilities

Ordinance No. 16-492 to authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to borrow up to $45,000,000 to be used for the acquisition and development of property buildings owned and controlled by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, the Enoch Pratt Free Library and public park or recreation land, property, buildings, structures or facilities; for the construction, erection, renovation, alteration, reconstruction, installation, improvement and repair of buildings, structures, or facilities to be or now being used by or in connection with the operations, function and activities of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, public parks and recreational programs; for the acquisition and installation of trees, for tree planting programs and for the equipping of any and all existing and new buildings, structures, and facilities authorized to be constructed, renovated, altered or improved by this Ordinance; and for doing any and all things necessary, proper or expedient in connection therewith.

- ⬭ **For**
- ⬭ **Against**

Vote All Sides ➔

Question E
Charter Amendment
Children and Youth Fund

Resolution No. 16-26 is for the purpose of amending the Baltimore City Charter to establish a continuing, non-lapsing Children and Youth Fund to be used exclusively to provide supplemental funding to broadly defined services for children and youth. The Fund may not be used to substitute or replace funding for children and youth programs and services that are provided for in the FY17 ordinance of estimates. A mandatory amount of $0.03 of every $100 of assessed value of real property in the City must be appropriated to this Fund annually. This allocation is permanent and not subject to discretion in the budget process, other fiscal priorities or constraints imposed by revenue limitations. The Resolution authorizes the Mayor and City Council, by Ordinance, to provide for the oversight, governance, and administration of the Fund.

⬭ **For the Charter Amendment**

⬭ **Against the Charter Amendment**

Question F
Charter Amendment
Subdivision Regulation - Agency Endorsement

Resolution No. 16-27 is for the purpose of amending the Baltimore City Charter to correct an obsolete reference to the Department of General Services and to reflect and conform with the transfer of certain powers and duties from the Department of General Services to the Department of Transportation, as mandated by Charter Resolution 14-016 (ratified Nov. 2, 2014.)

⬭ **For the Charter Amendment**

⬭ **Against the Charter Amendment**

Question G
Charter Amendment
Board of Estimates - Local, Small and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program

Resolution No. 16-30 is for the purpose of amending the Baltimore City Charter to authorize the Mayor and City Council to, by ordinance, waive or modify certain procedures for awarding contracts and to assist local, small, or disadvantaged businesses by establishing programs that grant purchasing preferences to local, small, or disadvantaged businesses.

⬭ **For the Charter Amendment**

⬭ **Against the Charter Amendment**

Question H
Charter Amendment
Inner Harbor Park

Resolution No. 16-29 is for the purpose of amending the Baltimore City Charter to expand the area within the Inner Harbor Park in which outdoor eating places can be located to include areas known as West Shore Park and Rash Field.

⬭ **For the Charter Amendment**

⬭ **Against the Charter Amendment**

Question I
Charter Amendment
Biennial Agency Audits

Resolution No. 16-31 is for the purpose of amending the Baltimore City Charter to require the City Auditor to perform biennial financial and performance audits of certain defined principal City agencies. Audit reports shall include the status of recommendations made in previous audit reports. The Resolution also establishes the Biennial Audits Oversight Commission to provide guidance to the City Auditor on the scope of performance audits.

⬭ **For the Charter Amendment**

⬭ **Against the Charter Amendment**

Question J
Charter Amendment
Affordable Housing Trust Fund

The petition is for the purpose of amending the Baltimore City Charter to establish a continuing, non-lapsing Affordable Housing Trust Fund to be used exclusively to provide broadly defined projects and programs related to establishing and preserving affordable housing in Baltimore City. Revenue for the Fund is as provided in the Ordinance of Estimates, grants and donations, mandatory and voluntary payments made pursuant to ordinances establishing development policy, a portion of tax increment financing revenue and any other source established by ordinance. These allocation methods are not subject to discretion in the budget process, other fiscal priorities or constraints imposed by revenue limitations. The Petition authorizes oversight, governance, and administration of the Fund by the Department of Housing and Community Development and a 12 member commission.

⬭ **For the Charter Amendment**

⬭ **Against the Charter Amendment**

End of Ballot