



2024 MARYLAND PRIMARY ELECTION

MARYLAND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 4 CANDIDATE SURVEY

Early voting: May 2-9 | Primary Election Day: May 14

ABOUT THIS GUIDE: The Maryland Catholic Conference sent candidates a survey covering policy issues of interest to Catholics. Their responses (agree/disagree and statements) are below. Before you vote, please review the responses and reflect upon the document Faithful Citizenship (mdcatholic.org/parish-elections) as you form your conscience and prayerfully discern your vote.

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PARTY	CANDIDATES: MD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 4	1. Poverty	2. Abortion	3. Immigration	4. Education	5. Environment	6. Family	7. Conscience Rights
D	Joseph Gomes							
D	Glenn F. Ivey							
D	Emmett Johnson							
D	Gabriel Njinimbot *	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
R	George McDermott *							

KEY D = Democrat R = Republican

* = provided additional comments | ✓ = agree X = disagree blank = no response

We encourage you to read the additional comments provided by candidates to more fully explain their positions.

1. **Poverty.** The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and other similar initiatives provide funding for millions of poor Americans who cannot afford to adequately feed themselves or their families. Congress should oppose restrictions on SNAP that prevent the most vulnerable from receiving these benefits.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

No comments provided.

REPUBLICATION CANDIDATES

George	McDermott	Congress should not only oppose but increase funds for this most fundamental service; without proper nutrition children cannot learn or develop properly causing a much greater chance that they will drop out of school before they graduate and be locked into a situation of continuing poverty I would support this type of legislation and even enhancing it.
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2. **Abortion.** Congress should enact legislation permanently banning the use of taxpayer funding for abortion and banning abortion in federal healthcare facilities or from being performed by federal employees.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Gabriel	Njinimbot	I believe that the rule of the Federal government is to provide and protect God's people especially the vulnerable ones in moments when and where they cannot protect themselves. If the very government cannot preserve, provide and protect its own vulnerable citizens when they need it the most, then it's failing the people and it's failing God.
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REPUBLICATION CANDIDATES

George	McDermott	I disagree. Forcing women who had been raped, abused, or forced to have children they do not want will only enhance child abuse and neglect in the future, child endangerment by those who have to care for these children whom studies suggest will most likely lead resentment, parental units being forced into unwanted marital situations which will only need in divorce abandonment indigestion of the family unit. Studies have shown that this will be the ultimate case these children will most likely wind in foster care being mistreated by system is forcing citizens of the right to choose.
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3. **Immigration.** Congress should pass legislation to reform immigration policy to protect children and young people, such as the Protect Vulnerable Immigrant Youth Act, to provide humanitarian protection to abused, neglected or abandoned youth.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

No comments provided

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

George	McDermott	Our nation was built on immigrants, slaves, and indentured servants imported to care for the elite and their family's businesses nothing has changed. For hundreds of years we've had a chance to draft/enact meaningful immigration reform; partisan politics and special interest groups always go down reform for their interest. We need to get the American Bar Association out of our nation's legislative and judicial offices who have sold out their oath of office and loyalty to our Constitution to their political allies disrespecting their oath of office and Bill of Rights that has joined together and DEMAND meaningful immigration reform
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- 4. Education.** Congress should enact legislation, such as the Educational Choice for Children Act, which empowers parents in every state with expanded educational options through federal tax credit incentives that will fund scholarships for K-12 students, including those attending Catholic schools.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

No comments provided

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

George	McDermott	The Education Choice ACT needs to be amended to make sure that will not unduly affect the lower middle class of our nation who rely on public schools to educate our children and prepare them for the challenges to be faced in the future. When the parties for and against this legislation produce statistical proof that the legislation will not take away from our free education in public school systems the American taxpayer will then make the decision is best for their families and local school boards.
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- 5. Environment.** Congress should pass legislation to encourage the responsible stewardship of the environment and its natural resources by protecting and promoting our national parks and wildlife preserves.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

No comments provided

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

George	McDermott	Our national parks are a God-gifted national treasure that had to be protected. We have already seen through climate change and lack of leadership by our House and Senate that corporate America will overtake and destroy these treasures if given the chance we have passed the tilting point on climate change corporate America will do what it has to gain access to these valuable treasures under the auspices of public need which only lead to the decimation of this treasured lands which God has graciously given us.
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- 6. Family.** Congress should enact legislation to support families, mothers and children, such as increasing and extending the child tax credit to include unborn children, extending the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) and providing increased funding for childcare programs and foster programs.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

No comments provided.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

George	McDermott	Again, these programs are necessary to ensure that our families and their children do not suffer when catastrophe hits but there is extreme abuse and are forced to care program and (WIC) programs because of abuse of the system by a small group of applicants abusing the system for their own personal gain knowing that there is no real oversight which must be implemented to protect children in foster care, violation of eldercare rights, and theft of program monies by lacks oversight and management of these crucial systems thereby injuring all systems and recipients.
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7. Conscience Protections. Congress should pass legislation to ensure religious freedom and rights of conscience for healthcare workers and other government employees.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

No comments provided.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

George	McDermott	Without these vital and fundamental rights healthcare providers and government employees would be relentlessly sued by unlicensed lawyers proceeding under color of law pursuant to US code title 22 U.S.C. (foreign relations and intercourse). Chapter 11 identifies all public officials as foreign agents; furthermore US code title 28 statute 3002 section 15A states that the United States is a Federal Corporation and not a Government, including the Judiciary/procedural sections why have been lied to by our elected corporate CEO and elected Board of Directors of the US Corporation and why was there no amendment to our Constitution/rule of law.
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8. Why should Catholics vote for me?

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Gabriel	Njinimbot	I am a person of faith, I care about any and everyone struggling to uplift themselves from poverty, I worry about injustice and inequality. I believe in human rights and freedom and I will prefer diplomacy over war. I also believe that the rule of government is to protect God's people (especially the vulnerable) in moments when they cannot protect themselves. And I believe in God because he is my strength. I do believe in kindness and I believe in Peace. Peace unites, War divides.
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REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

George	McDermott	As a candidate for Congress I promise to work diligently for the rights and liberties and properties of all US citizens and naturalized citizens of this great nation but change can only come from the inside this is why George McDermott is running once again our United States Congress even though unfunded Jesus is my advocate he is set me on a quest will not fail to do what my God and Savior and asked me to do and I will represent all citizens of this nation equally without prejudice to unbiased if elected God bless everyone Christ filled day. <i>(The original response was edited for length.)</i>
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