

MARYLAND VOTE 2026

MARYLAND PRIMARY ELECTION CANDIDATE SURVEY GENERAL ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 14

VOTE JUNE 11-18 (early voting) | JUNE 23 (Election Day)

ABOUT THE SURVEYS

The Maryland Catholic Conference surveyed candidates seeking office in the General Assembly (as well as Governor and Congress; see separate documents).

Candidates could choose “agree” or “disagree” and/or provide a statement for these questions:

ASSISTANCE TO THE POOR. Funding in Maryland’s budget should be maintained, and when necessary, increased to provide low-income residents access to basic necessities, such as food, housing and healthcare.

ENVIRONMENT. The State of Maryland should support initiatives such as tax credits or grant programs to encourage Maryland residents, businesses and non-profits to reduce their carbon footprint.

K-12 EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS. The State of Maryland should continue to expand existing funding to provide scholarships for low-income students who wish to attend the K-12 nonpublic school best suited for their educational needs.

PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE/MEDICAL AID IN DYING. In 1999, the Maryland General Assembly passed legislation making it a felony for an individual to assist in another individual’s suicide. Maryland should uphold the law in its current form and reject legislation to legalize the practice of physician-assisted suicide/medical aid in dying.

WHY SHOULD MARYLAND CATHOLICS VOTE FOR YOU?

We encourage you to use these materials and the resources at mdcatholic.org/elections, to help you inform your conscience before voting.

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Candidate statements follow grid

DISTRICT 14			Poverty	Environment	Education	Against Physician Assisted Suicide	Addl. Comments
STATE SENATE CANDIDATES							
14	D	Craig J. Zucker					
STATE DELEGATE CANDIDATES							
14	D	Alicia Contreras-Donello	●	●	●	X	Yes
14	D	Anne R. Kaiser					
14	D	Bernice Mireku-North					
14	D	Matt Post					

D = Democrat | R= Republican : Green = agree | Red = disagree | Blank = no response

1. ASSISTANCE TO THE POOR

Funding in Maryland’s budget should be maintained, and when necessary, increased to provide low-income residents access to basic necessities, such as food, housing and healthcare.

DISTRICT 14 SENATE CANDIDATES

No responses.

DISTRICT14 DELEGATE CANDIDATES

14	D	Alicia Contreras-Donello	I support maintaining, and when needed, increasing funding to ensure low-income residents can access basics like food, housing, and healthcare. These are the foundation of stable communities: when families’ needs are met, children do better in school, workers are more productive, and neighborhoods are healthier and safer. With nearly 20 years in international development, I’ve seen that these investments strengthen our economy, reduce long-term costs, and uphold our shared values of dignity and inclusion.
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2. ENVIRONMENT

The State of Maryland should support initiatives such as tax credits or grant programs to encourage Maryland residents, businesses and non-profits to reduce their carbon footprint.

DISTRICT 14 SENATE CANDIDATES

No responses.

DISTRICT14 DELEGATE CANDIDATES

14	D	Alicia Contreras-Donello	As an international development expert, I’ve worked on environmental projects and understand the urgency to reduce emissions. I support tax credits and grants to help residents, businesses, and nonprofits lower their carbon footprint while advancing Maryland’s Climate Solutions Now Act goals. I’ll support legislation that expands investments in offshore wind, solar, and energy efficiency, creating local jobs and pursuing solutions like solar on government buildings. I’ll support policies that advance environmental justice and support cleaner transportation for sustainable, inclusive growth.
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3. K-12 EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS

The State of Maryland should continue to expand existing funding to provide scholarships for low-income students who wish to attend the K-12 nonpublic school best suited for their educational needs.

DISTRICT 14 SENATE CANDIDATES

No responses.

DISTRICT14 DELEGATE CANDIDATES

14	D	Alicia Contreras-Donello	I would be supportive of expanding scholarships in cases where they help children who need additional learning assistance access the educational environment best suited to their needs. Every student deserves the opportunity to succeed, and in some cases, that may mean a nonpublic school with specialized support. At the same time, I remain committed to strengthening public schools so all students receive a high-quality education.
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4. PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE/MEDICAL AID IN DYING

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DISTRICT 14 SENATE CANDIDATES

No responses.

DISTRICT14 DELEGATE CANDIDATES

14	D	Alicia Contreras-Donello	I respectfully disagree. I support allowing medical aid in dying, with strong safeguards, for individuals facing terminal illness who will not be able to live with dignity or quality of life. This is deeply personal to me. I watched my father suffer from Alzheimer's, and I saw the toll it took on my mother as his caregiver and on our entire family. If my father had chosen to die with dignity, I would have understood, even through the pain. I believe compassionate, carefully regulated options should be available to honor patient autonomy and alleviate suffering.
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5. WHY SHOULD MARYLAND CATHOLICS VOTE FOR YOU?

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No responses.

DISTRICT14 DELEGATE CANDIDATES

14	D	Alicia Contreras-Donello	Maryland Catholics should vote for me because my values are rooted in faith, service, and justice. I was raised Catholic and remain so. I pray daily, attend Mass, and believe strongly in the Holy Trinity. While I don't agree with every Church teaching, I follow Jesus' call to love and uplift all people. I've spent nearly 20 years with USAID serving vulnerable communities in places like Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Libya. I practice what I preach and that's why I admire Pope Leo for speaking out against injustice, and I will do the same, leading with compassion, humility, and courage.
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