

# MARYLAND VOTE 2026

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## MARYLAND PRIMARY ELECTION CANDIDATE SURVEY GENERAL ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 16

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### 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](https://mdcatholic.org/elections), to help you inform your conscience before voting.

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*Candidate statements follow grid*

DISTRICT 16			Poverty	Environment	Education	Against Physician Assisted Suicide	Addl. Comments
<b>STATE SENATE CANDIDATES</b>							
16	D	Lou James Bartolo	●	●	●	●	Yes
16	D	Sara N. Love					
<b>STATE DELEGATE CANDIDATES</b>							
16	D	Tazeen Ahmad					
16	D	Marc Korman					
16	D	Sarah Wolek	●	●	X	X	Yes
16	D	Teresa Saavedra Woorman					
16	R	Ann Guthrie Hingston	●	●	●	●	Yes

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 16 SENATE CANDIDATES

No responses.

### DISTRICT 16 DELEGATE CANDIDATES

16	D	Sarah Wolek	We should always prioritize supporting our vulnerable communities including disabled Marylanders, our seniors, our children, our LGBTQ+ Marylanders, those experiencing poverty and more.
16	R	Ann Guthrie Hingston	Does the state assess whether its funding is effectively delivering food, housing and healthcare to the poor? As a legislator, I would ask questions, assess and advocate for wise approaches to helping and empowering the poor. I am quite familiar with programs that serve low-income residents. For a decade I was an executive of a foundation that operated a youth development program for at-risk youth in public schools in Baltimore and 20 other school districts across the US. I had the good fortune to learn from Bob Woodson and others who succeed in empowering communities.

## 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 16 SENATE CANDIDATES

No responses.

### DISTRICT 16 DELEGATE CANDIDATES

16	R	Ann Guthrie Hingston	I support programs that encourage; not programs that penalize. More attention must be paid to the old infrastructure that is now required to provide more electricity and clean water, especially in Montgomery County. Pipes must not be allowed to decay as the one that spilled tons of sewage into the Potomac River. The WSSC, a bicounty agency created by the state more than 100 years ago, is overseen inadequately by the county councils of both Montgomery and Prince George’s. To ensure efficient, sustainable water at a reasonable price requires state legislation to reform WSSC.
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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 16 SENATE CANDIDATES**

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No responses.			
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**DISTRICT 16 DELEGATE CANDIDATES**

16	D	Sarah Wolek	I believe supporting students who because of their disability cannot find the right fit in public education to go to private school. Otherwise, I do not support diverting public funds towards private schools.
16	R	Ann Guthrie Hingston	As a former executive of a school based program, I have witnessed how low-income students excel when challenged in Catholic schools. I strongly support the expansion of the BOOST program and other opportunities to give Maryland families options to ensure their children are well educated. In Montgomery County BOOST scholarships support students attending 27 Catholic, Jewish and other non-public schools. Maryland should opt into the federal Education Freedom Scholarship tax credit program to help non-profit organizations provide educational services to low-income families.

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**DISTRICT 16 SENATE CANDIDATES**

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No responses.			
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**DISTRICT 16 DELEGATE CANDIDATES**

16	D	Sarah Wolek	I support the death with dignity legislation.
16	R	Ann Guthrie Hingston	I do not support suicide assisted by anyone. By licensing doctors and other medical providers to prescribe lethal drugs to bring about a person's death, the state would be reducing the standard of medical care for all people with potentially disparate impact on the poor and underinsured.

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## 5. WHY SHOULD MARYLAND CATHOLICS VOTE FOR YOU?

### DISTRICT 16 SENATE CANDIDATES

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16	D	Lou James Bartolo	As someone raised Catholic in the New Orleans area, educated at Catholic institutions, and who built my career at Georgetown, my values were shaped by the same tradition that calls us to see Christ in the sick, the stranger, and the vulnerable. Catholic social teaching says the dignity of every human person, the preferential option for the poor, and the call to solidarity are the foundations of everything I fight for: expanding healthcare access, protecting immigrant families, ensuring workers are paid justly, and building a society where no one is discarded and provided with housing options.
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### DISTRICT 16 DELEGATE CANDIDATES

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16	D	Sarah Wolek	Maryland Catholics and I share a common cause: protecting the vulnerable, caring for our planet, and rebuilding the bonds that hold communities together. I try to bring those same values to my work in Annapolis every day.
16	R	Ann Guthrie Hingston	I am mission driven, a graduate of Georgetown Visitation and Georgetown University with a degree in public administration. In addition to being an Executive of an inner city schools program, I served for 28 years in the federal government, the last 8 in the Senior Executive Service where I built bipartisan legislative support for a federal agency. I know the importance of good character, good governance and scrutiny required to reform government so it can deliver. By running I hope to encourage others to use their experience and expertise to improve state government.

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