

MARYLAND VOTE 2026

MARYLAND PRIMARY ELECTION CANDIDATE SURVEY GENERAL ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 21

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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IMPORTANT: Unfortunately, none of the candidates seeking to represent you in the Maryland General Assembly responded to the survey. **We encourage you to review the separate survey sheets for candidates for governor and U.S. Congress.**

Candidate statements follow grid

DISTRICT 21			Poverty	Environment	Education	Against Physician Assisted Suicide	Addl. Comments
			STATE SENATE CANDIDATES				
21	D	Jim Rosapepe					
21	R	Lee Havis					
STATE DELEGATE CANDIDATES							
21	D	Ben Barnes					
21	D	Mary A. Lehman					
21	D	Joseline A. Peña-Melnyk					

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

Candidates from District 21 did not provide statements in response to these questions.

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