

MARYLAND VOTE 2026

MARYLAND PRIMARY ELECTION CANDIDATE SURVEY GENERAL ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 22

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 22			Poverty	Environment	Education	Against Physician Assisted Suicide	Addl. Comments
			STATE SENATE CANDIDATES				
22	D	Alonzo T. Washington					
22	R	Jim Wass					
STATE DELEGATE CANDIDATES							
22	D	Tracy Gant	●	●	●	●	Yes
22	D	Craig Hayes	●	●	X	X	Yes
22	D	Ashanti Martinez	●	●	X	X	Yes
22	D	Molly McKee-Seabrook					

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 22 SENATE CANDIDATES

No responses.

DISTRICT 22 DELEGATE CANDIDATES

22	D	Tracy Gant	<p>Maryland has a duty to ensure that every resident can meet basic needs, including food, housing, and healthcare. I support maintaining- and when truly necessary, responsibly increasing-funding that protects our most vulnerable neighbors. However, we must pair investment with accountability, making sure programs are efficient, transparent, and actually help people move toward stability and independence. Strong communities depend on healthy, secure families. By prioritizing smart budgeting and targeted support, we can uplift low-income residents while respecting taxpayers.</p>
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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 22 SENATE CANDIDATES

No responses.

DISTRICT 22 DELEGATE CANDIDATES

22	D	Tracy Gant	<p>I support practical, community-focused solutions that help Marylanders reduce their carbon footprint while strengthening our economy. As mayor, I've seen how sustainable investments can improve quality of life and create opportunity. I would support targeted tax credits and grant programs that help residents, small businesses, and nonprofits adopt energy-efficient practices. These must be accessible and equitable, especially for working families and underserved communities. At the same time, we must ensure fiscal responsibilities and measurable results.</p>
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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 22 SENATE CANDIDATES

No responses.

DISTRICT 22 DELEGATE CANDIDATES

22	D	Tracy Gant	Every child in Maryland deserves access to an education that meets their unique needs. I support continuing thoughtful investment in scholarship programs that expand opportunities for low-income families to choose the best K-12 setting for their children, including nonpublic schools. At the same time, we must ensure strong oversight, equitable access, and sustained support for our public schools, which serve the vast majority of students. The goal is not to divide resources, but to empower families while maintaining a high-quality education system that works for every community.
22	D	Craig Hayes	I do not believe that taxpayer dollars should be spent on private education as it diverts critical funding for our public schools.
22	D	Ashanti Martinez	As a proud graduate of Saint Mary's School In Landover Hills, I firmly believe public dollars should go to public schools. I'm the product of a Catholic education and understand the benefits but think we should find other creative ways to assist low-income families pursue educational opportunities that don't burden taxpayers.

4. PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE/MEDICAL AID IN DYING

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DISTRICT 22 SENATE CANDIDATES

No responses.

DISTRICT 22 DELEGATE CANDIDATES

22	D	Tracy Gant	I believe that no law should be created to allow for physician-assisted suicide/medical aid in dying. I believe every human life has inherent dignity and should be protected, especially in its most vulnerable moments. There should be access to high quality palliative care, mental health support, and compassionate end-of-life services that affirm life and provide comfort to patients and families.
22	D	Craig Hayes	My guiding principles involve compassion for the less fortunate and striving to make life here on Earth better for everyone and free of needless suffering. For that reason, I support legalizing medically-assisted voluntary euthanasia for patients suffering from debilitating terminal illnesses.
22	D	Ashanti Martinez	I've co-sponsored the Death with Dignity Act because I support expanding bodily autonomy and choice. The reality is not all Marylanders share our Faith, as a legislator I have a responsibility to ensure all voices are at the table in Annapolis. The protections embedded in the legislation I think provide more than enough guardrails against abuse.

5. WHY SHOULD MARYLAND CATHOLICS VOTE FOR YOU?

DISTRICT 22 SENATE CANDIDATES

No responses.

DISTRICT 22 DELEGATE CANDIDATES

22	D	Tracy Gant	I would listen to them. I have integrity and I align with principles often emphasized in the Catholic social teaching, such as care for poor, respect for human dignity, support for families, and stewardship of public resources. I am a person of faith and believe strongly in my belief that strong values and priorities are important in our daily lives.
22	D	Craig Hayes	On March 18, 2026, Pope Leo XIV declared that "Universal health coverage is not merely a technical goal to be achieved; it is primarily a moral imperative for societies that wish to call themselves just." As a staunch supporter of Medicare for All, I could not agree more, and if elected Delegate, I will do everything in my power to pass universal health coverage in Maryland.
22	D	Ashanti Martinez	I'm running for re-election to continue fighting for strong public schools, accessible healthcare, and real economic opportunity. As a State Delegate and House Majority Whip, I focus on policies that improve daily life like supporting working families, strengthening communities, and expanding access to care. I believe government should protect dignity and create opportunity for all. I'm committed to delivering results and building a Maryland where everyone has a fair shot to succeed.