

MARYLAND VOTE 2026

MARYLAND PRIMARY ELECTION CANDIDATE SURVEY GENERAL ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 25

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 25			Poverty	Environment	Education	Against Physician Assisted Suicide	Addl. Comments
STATE SENATE CANDIDATES							
25	D	Nick Charles					
STATE DELEGATE CANDIDATES							
25	D	Angela M. Angel					
25	D	Kent Roberson	●	●		●	Yes
25	D	Denise Roberts					
25	D	Antoine M. Thompson					
25	D	Anthony Tilghman	●	●	●	X	Yes
25	D	Joseph Tolbert	●	●	●	●	Yes
25	D	Karen Toles					

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 25 SENATE CANDIDATES

No responses.

DISTRICT 25 DELEGATE CANDIDATES

25	D	Anthony Tilghman	Maryland must continue investing in programs that ensure access to food, housing, and healthcare, especially for vulnerable families. As a District Heights Commissioner, I’ve worked directly with residents to address real needs in our community. I’ve also partnered with a local food bank to distribute food to over 1,600 residents. I support policies that address root causes of poverty while expanding opportunity through education, workforce development, and healthcare access.
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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 25 SENATE CANDIDATES

No responses.

DISTRICT 25 DELEGATE CANDIDATES

25	D	Anthony Tilghman	We have a responsibility to care for our environment while protecting working families. As a District Heights Commissioner, I’ve supported community efforts that improve neighborhood conditions and quality of life. I support solutions like energy efficiency, sustainability incentives, and clean energy job creation that benefit both our environment and our economy.
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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 25 SENATE CANDIDATES

No responses.

DISTRICT 25 DELEGATE CANDIDATES

25	D	Anthony Tilghman	Every child deserves access to a quality education that meets their needs. As a former educator, I strongly support public schools while recognizing that some families need additional options. I support targeted, accountable programs that help low-income families access the best educational environment for their children without undermining public education.
25	D	Joseph Tolbert	I support the continued expansion of Maryland’s funding for scholarship programs that enable low-income students to attend the K–12 nonpublic school that best meets their educational needs. Expanding school choice in this way promotes equity by ensuring that financial limitations do not restrict access to the most suitable learning environment.

4. PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE/MEDICAL AID IN DYING

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DISTRICT 25 SENATE CANDIDATES

No responses.

DISTRICT 25 DELEGATE CANDIDATES

25	D	Anthony Tilghman	I believe in protecting life while ensuring compassion and dignity at every stage. Rather than legalizing assisted suicide, Maryland should expand access to high-quality palliative care, mental health services, and family support. As a public servant, I believe our responsibility is to care for people, especially in their most vulnerable moments.
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5. WHY SHOULD MARYLAND CATHOLICS VOTE FOR YOU?

DISTRICT 25 SENATE CANDIDATES

No responses.

DISTRICT 25 DELEGATE CANDIDATES

25	D	Kent Roberson	As an ordained clergy member, I hope to use my faith to make the largest impact on for the betterment of all Marylanders.
25	D	Anthony Tilghman	My work has always been rooted in service, dignity, and strengthening families. As a father, former educator, and District Heights Commissioner, I've worked to expand access to healthcare, support children, including those with special needs and uplift underserved communities. I will lead with compassion, accountability, and a commitment to policies that respect human dignity and create opportunity for all.
25	D	Joseph Tolbert	I respect the faith and its values of family, service, and responsibility. As a conservative Democrat, I share those beliefs. I stand for protecting life, strengthening families, supporting schools, and serving the common good, principles that Maryland Catholics and I have in common.