

# MARYLAND VOTE 2026

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## MARYLAND PRIMARY ELECTION CANDIDATE SURVEY GENERAL ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 30

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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 30			Poverty	Environment	Education	Against Physician Assisted Suicide	Addl. Comments
<b>STATE SENATE CANDIDATES</b>							
30	D	Shaneka T. Henson					
30	R	Jessica Haire					
<b>STATE DELEGATE CANDIDATES</b>							
30A	D	Dylan Behler	●	●	X	●	Yes
30A	D	Dana Jones					
30A	D	Bradley K. O'Neal	●	●	●	●	Yes
30B	D	Matt Johnston					
30B	D	Blake Wintermute	●	X	X	X	Yes
30B	R	Seth Howard					

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 30 SENATE CANDIDATES

No responses.

### DISTRICT 30 DELEGATE CANDIDATES

30A	D	Dylan Behler	I’m in public service because I believe government can be a force for good, and I know that because I lived it. Programs like free and reduced school meals, Medicaid, and Pell Grants helped shape my path and made my opportunities possible. That’s why I will always fight to ensure our most vulnerable neighbors have access to basic necessities like food, housing, and healthcare, and that funding for these essential programs is protected and strengthened when needed.
30A	D	Bradley K. O’Neal	Government has a responsibility to protect people facing hardship and help families meet basic needs with dignity. I support strong investments in food access, affordable housing, healthcare, and workforce support. I have personally acted on this belief by creating, funding, and carrying out a food drive for The Haven, a local community effort launched through College Creek Church. Addedly, we cannot balance a budget by turning our backs on seniors, children, veterans, and working families, as doing so would only deepen the hardship many already face.
30B	D	Blake Wintermute	Access to the minimum of housing, food and medical care should be guaranteed by the state, and access to a good life's version of the above should be available cheaply.

## 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 30 SENATE CANDIDATES

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No responses.

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### DISTRICT 30 DELEGATE CANDIDATES

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30A	D	Dylan Behler	Representing District 30A, including Annapolis, we are already seeing the growing impacts of climate change - from increased flooding to rising heat island temperatures. That's why I support initiatives like tax credits and grant programs to help residents, businesses, and nonprofits reduce their carbon footprint. As a member of the Environment and Transportation Committee, I work every day to expand clean energy, cut greenhouse gas emissions, and invest in solutions that both mitigate climate change and help our communities adapt.
30A	D	Bradley K. O'Neal	Maryland should support practical and cost conscious steps that help families, businesses, and nonprofits reduce energy use and lower emissions. I support tax credits and grant programs that promote efficiency, cleaner technology, and long-term savings. As a beekeeper, I understand how closely environmental health, pollinator strength, public health, and economic stability are tied together. Good policy can protect the Chesapeake Bay, support bees and other pollinators, all while strengthening our communities.
30B	D	Blake Wintermute	The crisis of climate change is one of the greatest facing our generation, but tax credits to reduce emissions are a mechanism for large polluters to hold us hostage and have us pay them not to hurt us. We must demand a federal carbon tax. It is the only method that will actually solve the problem. Tax credits are usually a waste of tax payer funds.

### 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 30 SENATE CANDIDATES

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No responses.

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#### DISTRICT 30 DELEGATE CANDIDATES

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30A	D	Dylan Behler	While nonpublic schools can offer valuable opportunities, my priority is ensuring our public schools are fully funded and set up for success. I am who I am today because of the education I received in Anne Arundel County Public Schools, and every child in Maryland deserves that same strong foundation. I will continue to focus on strengthening public education so all students - regardless of background - have access to high-quality learning and the support they need to succeed.
30A	D	Bradley K. O'Neal	Every child deserves access to an education setting where they can succeed. My 2020 candidacy for the Anne Arundel County Board of Education strengthened my belief that every student learns differently and that families deserve meaningful options. I support scholarship opportunities for low income families, including nonpublic options, so long as Maryland also continues to strongly support public schools. Expanding access to specialized learning environments within our public school system would also be a very meaningful step forward.
30B	D	Blake Wintermute	Generally disagree. People should have the right to educate their children differently if they want and can afford, but public education is the great equalizer of a service, available to all, and to use public funds to assist in children going to nonpublic institutions detracts from public funding diminishing it and making it a place for only those who can't afford anything better. I can see cases for special needs and disabled students who require services public school cannot provide.

#### 4. PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE/MEDICAL AID IN DYING

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30A	D	Dylan Behler	This is a deeply personal issue for every Marylander and every legislator. Having lost close family members to terminal illnesses, I have seen firsthand the pain and suffering that can come at the end of battles with terminal illnesses. Those experiences have led me to support carefully crafted death with dignity legislation that provides compassionate, patient-centered options while maintaining strong safeguards to protect vulnerable individuals.
30A	D	Bradley K. O'Neal	Maryland should uphold the current law. Having stood beside my partner through the loss of her mother after a lifetime battle with cancer, I understand how important dignity, compassion, pain management, mental health support, family guidance, and access to palliative and hospice care truly are. Our duty is to care for people through suffering, not create pathways that place vulnerable individuals at greater risk in their most difficult moments.
30B	D	Blake Wintermute	While suicide is a sin, it is not the state's place to prevent people from performing it in (in many people's eyes) reasonable cases. If they actually consent to die, assisting them should not be a crime.

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

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No responses.

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30A	D	Dylan Behler	I'm in public service because I believe government can be a force for good - and that means standing up for our most vulnerable neighbors and working to build a more just and compassionate community. I know those are values many Catholics share: caring for the poor, protecting human dignity, and serving others. I also bring a proven record of delivering results, from my time as Chief of Staff to Senator Sarah Elfreth to my work at the Department of Natural Resources, and I will continue putting that experience to work for our community in the legislature.
30A	D	Bradley K. O'Neal	Maryland Catholics can support me with confidence as my faith calls me to serve with humility, integrity, and a deep respect for human dignity. The Lord has guided my walk from the beginning, and I do not take lightly the responsibility to honor those who came before us, or those who will come after, by serving with honesty, compassion, and principle. I believe in caring for the vulnerable, strengthening families, and working every day for the people of District 30A, and beyond, with a lasting commitment to faith, service, and the common good.
30B	D	Blake Wintermute	It is my goal to eliminate poverty. I believe through massively reducing housing costs, bolstering systems that provide public aid (emergency housing, food, and mental health services), and reducing taxes that unnecessarily place burden on the poor, we can give everyone the capacity to live a good life.