

MARYLAND VOTE 2026

MARYLAND PRIMARY ELECTION CANDIDATE SURVEY GENERAL ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 38

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 38			Candidate statements follow grid				
			Poverty	Environment	Education	Against Physician Assisted Suicide	Addl. Comments
STATE SENATE CANDIDATES							
38	D	Lino Cressotti					
38	R	Mary Beth Carozza	●	X	●	●	Yes
STATE DELEGATE CANDIDATES							
38A	D	Shelley Johnson					
38A	R	C. L. Marshall					
38B	D	Josh Hastings	●	●	●	X	Yes
38B	R	Barry S. Beauchamp					
38B	R	Timothy H. Howlett					
38C	D	Laurie Anne Brittingham	●	●	●	●	Yes
38C	R	Wayne A. Hartman					

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 38 SENATE CANDIDATES

38	R	Mary Beth Carozza	Budgets are about priorities. Maryland’s budget should be focused on lowering costs for families, increasing investment in our state, and assisting our most vulnerable. Unfortunately, this year’s budget cut \$127 million to the Developmental Disabilities Administration, which directly threatens support services for one of our most vulnerable populations. However, the budget included funding for Diakonia, Inc. in Worcester County that I requested and supported. Diakonia has been providing services to homeless persons for over 50 years, including shelter, food, clothing, and supportive programs.
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DISTRICT 38 DELEGATE CANDIDATES

			No responses.
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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 38 SENATE CANDIDATES

38	R	Mary Beth Carozza	We need a balanced approach that allows us to meet our environmental goals while prioritizing our ratepayers. Energy affordability was the top concern raised by Marylanders during the 2026 legislative session. For years, the General Assembly has pushed aggressive mandates, surcharges, and regulations that increase costs and strain grid reliability. I have sponsored legislation and recommended policy changes based on the lowest cost and greatest benefit to the ratepayers. I will continue to push for energy policy that ensures safe, affordable, and reliable energy generation in Maryland.
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DISTRICT 38 DELEGATE CANDIDATES

			No responses.
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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 38 SENATE CANDIDATES

38	R	Mary Beth Carozza	I am a strong supporter of both our public and non-public schools as I believe all families, regardless of income, should have choices in deciding how their children should be educated. Every child has a unique learning style, and every child should have the opportunity to learn in their optimal environment. Programs like BOOST provide low-income families the same choice that high-income families have with their children's education. I also sponsored SB 879 of 2025 to expand the Dual Enrollment program offered at Maryland Community Colleges to include private and home school students.
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DISTRICT 38 DELEGATE CANDIDATES

			No responses.
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4. PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE/MEDICAL AID IN DYING

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DISTRICT 38 SENATE CANDIDATES

38	R	Mary Beth Carozza	As a pro-life practicing Catholic, I consistently have strongly opposed attempts to legalize physician assisted suicide. I am deeply concerned about physicians making diagnostic mistakes, the impact on those with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and the possibility of insurance companies using physician assisted suicide to deny expensive treatments that could save the life of a patient. Additionally, I am unsettled by the significant increases in suicide rates associated with the legalization of physician assisted suicide in states such as Oregon.
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DISTRICT 38 DELEGATE CANDIDATES

38B	D	Josh Hastings	Physicians should -- above all else -- do no harm. There are extraordinarily limited situations where medical professionals may make actions that lead to the unwanted or unfortunate death of a patient and we should not penalize physicians for helping advance the patient's highest quality life possible.
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5. WHY SHOULD MARYLAND CATHOLICS VOTE FOR YOU?

DISTRICT 38 SENATE CANDIDATES

38	R	Mary Beth Carozza	I am committed to living my Catholic faith through my public service. Throughout my life, I have been blessed that my parents, Godparents, and other Catholic role models shared their faith with me. I have been a life-long parishioner at St. Mary Star of the Sea in Ocean City, where I serve as a middle school catechist and am an active member of the Maryland General Assembly Prayer Caucus. My faith sustains me in my public service.
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DISTRICT 38 DELEGATE CANDIDATES

38B	D	Josh Hastings	I want Catholic voters to support and trust me. I'm a kosher Christian whose relationship with God is at the center of all personal, professional and policy decisions I make. My campaign is built around three pillars of 1.) Prosperity of people; 2.) Health of the planet; and 3.) Strengthening democracy and democratic institutions.
38C	D	Laurie Anne Brittingham	I am a candidate committed to serving all individuals across diverse communities. My objective is to create an inclusive environment that accommodates the needs of every person.