



Maryland

2018 Statewide Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate First Name: **Robbie**

Candidate Last Name: **Leonard**

Political Office Sought: **State Senator**

Legislative District: **Legislative District 42**

Political Party: **Democratic**

County: **Baltimore County**

QUESTION: Do you support depoliticizing the process by ensuring that the Parole Commission, not the Governor, is the final decision-maker? **Yes**

QUESTION: If adult recreational consumption of marijuana is legalized during your term in office, will you support diversion of tax revenues to communities of color, which have been most harmed by marijuana criminal laws? **Yes**

QUESTION: Should private schools that receive taxpayer dollars be subject to the same non-discrimination laws as public schools? **Yes**

QUESTION: Should the MPIA be amended to allow disclosure of records regarding investigations of law enforcement misconduct using the same standards that apply to records regarding investigations of criminal conduct by members of the public? **Yes**

QUESTION: Should all Marylanders participate in our democracy by retaining the right to vote, regardless of entanglement with the criminal justice system? **Yes**

QUESTION: Should the state take steps to protect Marylanders' free speech and intellectual freedom by requiring ISPs to adhere to net neutrality principles and provide their customers with equal access to all lawful content on the Internet? **Yes**

QUESTION: Should Maryland limit state and local law enforcement's collaboration with federal immigration enforcement efforts? **Yes**

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QUESTION: Should state law be amended to allow the creation of professional, independent bodies outside of police departments to conduct the investigations of complaints of misconduct by police officers that may lead to departmental discipline? **Yes**

QUESTION: Do you commit to funding the approximate \$2 billion needed to establish an updated, equitable funding formula that will meet the needs of students across the state? **Yes**

QUESTION: Should state law be amended to provide for a civil remedy for discrimination in places of public accommodations? **Yes**

Please provide two examples of your advocacy to protect and promote civil rights and civil liberties in Maryland. **I have been a leading civil rights attorney in Baltimore for over the past decade. Out of law school at the University of Baltimore, I chose to dedicate my career to those who need my help the most. I spent seven years at the Office of the Public Defender in Baltimore where I fought for the Constitutional rights of those who could not afford their own lawyer. The past six years, I have represented children who were lead poisoned in Baltimore. In both areas of law, in addition to my courtroom advocacy, I have traveled to Annapolis to advocate for changes to our laws that will provide better treatment and outcomes for those living in poverty.**

Please provide two examples of what you will do if elected to protect and promote civil rights and civil liberties in Maryland. **First and foremost, I will fight to fully fund our public education system in line with the recommendations of the Kirwan Commission. We can not afford as a state to let school systems in poorer areas to be underfunded and left behind. Additionally, I have been vocally supportive of the legalization and taxation of marijuana. When I was at the Office of the Public Defender, I successfully worked with the ACLU and lobbied for its decriminalization. Moneys generated from the expected revenue should be used for our public schools in areas like Baltimore that have been underfunded by the current administration.**



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Candidate Last Name: **West**

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Legislative District: **Legislative District 42**

Political Party: **Republican**

County: **Baltimore County**

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