



Maryland

## 2018 Statewide Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate First Name: **Mary**

Candidate Last Name: **Washington**

Political Office Sought: **State Senator**

Legislative District: **Legislative District 43**

Political Party: **Democratic**

County: **Baltimore City**

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**

QUESTION: Should Maryland be required to provide women and girls in the criminal justice system with programs and services substantially equivalent to those offered to men? **Yes**

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. **As an advocate and elected official I have drafted legislation and stood with others to fight for civil rights for all Marylanders. Besides organizing for marriage equality, transgender rights and the Trust Act, I was lead sponsor on the Healthy Births for Incarcerated Women Act (HB27), which prohibited the use of restraints during labor and delivery, and of the Password Protection Act (HB964), which protected employees from being compelled to provide their social media (ex. facebook) passwords.**

Please provide two examples of what you will do if elected to protect and promote civil rights and civil liberties in Maryland. **1) I will advance criminal justice/police reform and protect immigrants' rights. We must use the DOJ consent decree as an opportunity to reform the BCPD, fund and enforce the recommendations of the consent decree, redraft the LEOBR, and protect immigrants against abusive law enforcement; 2) I will fight to ensure that all public schools are adequately funded by fixing the gap and that economic AND race equity indexes are part of any new funding formula proposed by the Kirwan Commission.**