



Maryland

2018 Statewide Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate First Name: **Talmadge**

Candidate Last Name: **Branch**

Political Office Sought: **House of Delegates**

Legislative District: **Legislative District 45**

Political Party: **Democratic**

County: **Baltimore City**

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Please provide two examples of your advocacy to protect and promote civil rights and civil liberties in Maryland. **No Response**

Please provide two examples of what you will do if elected to protect and promote civil rights and civil liberties in Maryland. **No Response**



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Candidate First Name: **Glenn**

Candidate Last Name: **Ross**

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Political Party: **Green**

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Please provide two examples of your advocacy to protect and promote civil rights and civil liberties in Maryland. In my over 40 years as a community advocate, I have led organizations and built coalitions that have united to resist political decisions made without community input, such as the displacement of working-class residents for redevelopment. I have also led efforts to protect citizens from environmental racism by informing the public through tours and museum exhibits about Baltimore's legacy of toxic pollution in minority communities, and I worked with the NAACP to challenge Johns Hopkins on public housing projects. I have also worked with the NAACP to challenge Johns Hopkins on public housing projects.

Please provide two examples of what you will do if elected to protect and promote civil rights and civil liberties in Maryland. If elected I will work to reform the LEOBR so it cannot be used by police officers to shield themselves from fair and thorough investigations of misconduct, and I want to empower civilian oversight to impose meaningful disciplinary measures on officers who commit civil rights violations. I will also work to end Maryland's unjust cash bail system, and end failed "war on drugs" policies that treat troubled citizens as criminals. I would also like to impose higher standards of transparency and accountability on state and local government agencies, especially in Baltimore City.



2018 Statewide Candidate Questionnaire

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Candidate Last Name: **Ellis**

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Please provide two examples of your advocacy to protect and promote civil rights and civil liberties in Maryland. **1)I was the co-coordinator of the Baltimore Urban Debate League Middle School program in its inaugural years and coached the Towson University Debate team. 2)I have pushed the Maryland Green Party to endorse and support civil rights and civil liberties legislation including bail reform, criminal justice reform, electoral justice and free speech protection.**

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 support a comprehensive set of criminal justice reform policies which seek to decriminalize poverty, provide meaningful services to those incarcerated, provide alternatives to cash bail, and vastly expand expungment. 2)Electoral reforms to make sure that every voter, of every party affiliation, has a meaningful role in every election.**



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Candidate First Name: **Cheryl D.**

Candidate Last Name: **Glenn**

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Political Party: **Democratic**

County: **Baltimore City**

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Please provide two examples of your advocacy to protect and promote civil rights and civil liberties in Maryland. **During my term as President of the Legislative Black Caucus of Maryland (2016-2018), I advocated for the LBCM to join with the Women's Caucus, the Hispanic Caucus, and the Asian and Pacific Islanders Caucus to strongly support the Trust Act (legislation that was passed by the House in 2017 Session but failed in the Senate). I also strongly supported the Dream Act and the special Drivers License for undocumented residents in MD. I have been a staunch advocate for all legislation during my tenure as a State Delegate that supports civil rights and civil liberties.**

Please provide two examples of what you will do if elected to protect and promote civil rights and civil liberties in Maryland. **I will continue to sponsor and support legislation that protects and promotes civil rights and civil liberties for all minorities, as well as members of the LGBTQ community in matters related to education, employment, housing, and health and welfare issues. Issues related to law enforcement continue to be critical as they relate to interactions between people of color and police officers; I will definitely sponsor and/or co-sponsor legislation to end all such discriminatory practices. I will also continue to support efforts to protect our immigrant community from being targeted and displaced because of their undocumented status.**



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Candidate First Name: **Ronald M.**

Candidate Last Name: **Owens-Bey**

Political Office Sought: **House of Delegates**

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Political Party: **Republican**

County: **Baltimore City**

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Candidate Last Name: Rucker

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Candidate Last Name: **Smith**

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Political Party: **Democratic**

County: **Baltimore City**

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Candidate Last Name: **Zipay**

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