

Maryland State and District of Columbia AFL-CIO 2018 Primary Election Endorsed Candidates

The Maryland State and D.C. AFL-CIO is comprised of over 700 affiliated local unions representing all the International unions affiliated with the AFL-CIO and some non-affiliated unions. The State Federation and our Affiliated unions give the endorsement with the expectation that candidates will support every worker's right to join and/or form a union and protect unions and our members against the encroaching corporate greed that destroys middle class jobs, erodes safety in the workplace, and undermines our Unions.

The State AFL-CIO is responsible for sending and receiving all candidate's questionnaires for U.S. Senate, Governor, Comptroller and Attorney General. The Central Labor Council's (CLC's) are responsible for sending and receiving all candidates' questionnaires to U.S. Congressional, House Delegates and State legislators within their council jurisdiction. All endorsed candidates must complete a questionnaire in order to be eligible for an endorsement

This year the **Primary Election** is held on June 26, 2018, 7 am until 8 pm with **Early Voting** for the Primary Election being conducted from **Thursday, June 14, 2018 through Thursday, June 21, 2018** from 10 am until 8 pm. Check out our webpage www.cwalocal2108.org for a complete list of early voting locations in the county you live.

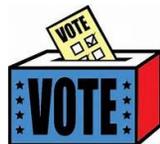
If you have not registered to vote yet you can use Maryland's Online Voter Registration System (OLVR) or submit a voter registration application to your local board of elections or the State Board of Elections at any time. However, an application must be postmarked by the voter registration deadline in order to vote in the next scheduled election. If you submit a voter registration application during the period that registration is closed, your application will be held at the local board of elections and processed when registration reopens. **The close of voter registration is: June 5, 2018**, for the Gubernatorial Primary Election. If using Maryland's Online Voter Registration System (OLVR), you have until 9:00pm to submit your application; and **October 16, 2018**, for the Gubernatorial General Election. If using Maryland's Online Voter Registration System (OLVR), you have until 9:00pm to submit your application.

You can also register to vote during early voting. To make the voting process quicker for you, we encourage you to register to vote by the close of voter registration. If you can't register by that date, go to an early voting center in the county where you live and bring a document that proves where you live. This document can be your MVA-issued license, ID card, or change of address card, or your paycheck, bank statement, utility bill, or other government document with your name and new address.

U.S. Senate and U.S. Congress:

United States Senate:	Ben Cardin
Congressional District 1	Jesse Colvin
Congressional District 2	Dutch Ruppersberger
Congressional District 3	John Sarbanes
Congressional District 4	Anthony Brown
Congressional District 5	Steny Hoyer
Congressional District 6	Roger Manno
Congressional District 7	Elijah Cummings
District of Columbia At-Large	Eleanor Holmes Norton

Maryland Governor (CWA Endorsed) Ben Jealous
Prince Georges' County Executive (CWA Endorsed) Donna Edwards



Maryland Senate:

<u>District</u>	<u>Candidate</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Candidate</u>
3	Ron Young	26	Obie Patterson
6	Buddy Staigerwald	28	Thomas "Mac" Middleton
8	Kathy Klausmeier	30	Sarah Elfreth
9	Katie Fry Hester	32	Pam Beidle
12	Clarence Lam	33	Eve Hurwitz
14	Craig Zucker	38	Jim Mathias
15	Brian Feldman	39	Nancy King
16	Susan Lee	40	Antonio Hayes
18	Jeff Waldstreicher	41	Jill Carter
19	Ben Kramer	42	Robbie Leonard
20	Will Smith	43	Joan Carter Conway
22	Paul Pinsky	46	Bill Ferguson
23	Douglas J.J. Peters	47	Malcolm Augustine
24	Joanne Benson		

Maryland House of Delegates:

<u>District</u>	<u>Candidate</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Candidate</u>
2B	Peter Perini	25	Erek Barron, Jazz Lewis
3A	Karen Lewis Young	26	Wala Blegay
5	Emily Shank	26	Kris Valderrama, Veronica Turner
6	Jake Mohorovic, Justin Holliday, Megan Mioduszewski	27A	Susie Proctor
7	Allison Berkowitz	27B	Michael A. Jackson
8	Carl Jackson, Eric Bromwell, Harry Bhandari	27C	Jason Fowler
9A	Natalie Ziegler	28	C.T. Wilson, Debra Davis, Edith Patterson
9B	Courtney Watson	29B	Brian Crosby
10	Adrienne Jones, Benjamin Brooks	30A	Mike Busch, Aron Axe
11	Dana Stein, Shelly Hettleman	30B	Susan Cochran
12	Eric Ebersole, Jessica Feldmark, Terri Hill	31B	Karen Simpson
13	Jen Terrasa, Shane Pendergrass, Vanessa Atterbeary	32	Sandy Bartlett, Ted Sophocleus
14	Anne Kaiser, Eric Luedtke, Pamela Queen	33	Heather Bagnall, Pam Luby, Tracie Hovermale
15	David Fraser-Hidalgo, Kevin Mack	34A	Mary Ann Lisanti, Steve Johnson
16	Ariana Kelly, Marc Korman, Samir Paul	37B	Dan O'Hare
17	Julian Haffner, Julie Carr	39	Bobby Bartlett, Gabriel Acevero
18	Emily Shetty	40	Melissa Wells, Nick Mosby, Terrell Boston-Smith
19	Bonnie Cullison, Marice Morales, Marlin Jenkins	41	Bilal Ali, Sean Stinnett, Tony Bridges
20	David Moon, Jheanelle Wilkins	42A	Stephen Lafferty
21	Joseline Pena-Melnyk, Mary Lehman	42B	Michele Guyton, Sachin Hebbar
22	Anne Healey, Tawanna Gaines	43	Maggie McIntosh, Curt Anderson
23A	Geraldine Valentino-Smith	44A	Keith Haynes
23B	Marvin E. Holmes, Jr.	44B	Charles Sydnor, Pat Young
24	Andrea Fletcher Harri-	45	Cheryl Glenn, Talmadge Branch
		46	Luke Clippinger, Dea Thomas
		47A	Diana M. Fennell, Jimmy Tarlau
		47B	Carlo Sanchez

David and Charles Koch, a.k.a. the Koch Brothers, are the second-richest family in the United States, with a combined net worth of approximately \$100 billion. In concert with their political network, the so-called "GOP Kingmakers" are on track to spend between \$300 and \$400 million on the 2018 elections. In particular, the Koch political network lobbies against efforts to expand government's role in healthcare (they want the Affordable Care Act repealed and replaced), against combating global warming, and for tax reform to benefit the 1%. The 2018 tax code overhaul was one of their biggest accomplishments to date, and will surely help them amass billions of dollars more. When David ran for Vice President of the United States in 1980 on the Libertarian ticket he advocated for the abolishment of Social Security, the FBI, the CIA and public schools.

After reading my short synopsis of who the Koch Brothers are, you probably wonder why I am writing about them. I want to make the point that if we totaled the net worth of every single member and retiree who reads this newsletter, and then added the net worth of every one of our friends, relatives and neighbors, and then added some zeroes at the end of that sum, we would never have as much money as the Koch Brothers. We will never be able to spend \$300-\$400 million dollars on lobbying and political contributions in an election year. Never. It's just not possible.

But do you know what IS possible? **We can VOTE!** With their hundreds of billions of dollars, the Koch Brothers only get one vote on election day....The same as you and me! We devoted the entire front page of this issue of the 2108News to a list of candidates in the 2018 Primary Elections who have been vetted and endorsed by the AFL-CIO and/or CWA. I know that some of you won't agree with all of the endorsements, and I respect your right to form your own conclusions. Research has been conducted for months on incumbent candidates' voting records, and the positions taken by them and the new candidates on issues of importance to working people. That information is being shared with you today in hopes that you will carefully consider it when you go to the poles this month.

Typically voter turn-out is poor in off-cycle years that don't include a Presidential election. We need to turn that tide this year and we need to all show up and vote for our best interests! If every member of every union who is part of the AFL-CIO voted for the endorsed candidates, they would all win. The Democratic Gubernatorial race is particularly tenuous this year, based on the number of candidates on the ballot. I've read predictions that a few thousand votes will probably determine the winner. As a reminder, exactly ONE of the Gubernatorial candidates showed up on our picket lines or at a rally during our 2016 strike.....and that was **CWA-endorsed candidate Ben Jealous**. **Donna Edwards**, candidate for Prince Georges' County Executive, and Maryland House of Delegates Members **Joseline Pena-Melnyk (D21)** and **Jimmy Tarlau (D47a)** attended every rally, and spoke passionately in support of us and our fight against Verigreedy Verizon. **Roger Manno**, who is a candidate for the 6th Congressional District of the U.S. House of Representatives has been a long-time friend of and advocate for union members and working people in our state, earning him the CWA endorsement even before he was endorsed by the AFL-CIO. Please remember all of them when you see their names on your ballot.

I strongly recommend **Early Voting**. It alleviates worries about working overtime, sick kids and flat tires on Election Day! Early Voting Polls are open from Thursday, June 14, through Thursday, June 21, from 10a.m. until 8p.m. each day. When I participate in Early Voting, I am usually in and out of the polls in 15-20 minutes! For your convenience, we have listed all Maryland Early Voting locations on our website (cwalocal2108.org). Please note that you can Early Vote at any location in the county in which you live. Of course you can still choose to vote on Primary Election Day, which is June 26, from 7 a.m. until 8p.m. if you prefer.

While we're not the Koch Brothers, we are Union Brothers and Sisters. We don't have their money, but they don't have our numbers! I hope to see each and every one of you at the polls!!!

In Solidarity,

Marilyn

Anthem Blue Cross Coverage Update For 3D Screening Mammograms

Last year, Anthem Blue Cross (Anthem) updated its preventive care coverage to include screening digital breast tomosynthesis (DBT or 3D mammography).

This means that 3D mammography for screening purposes will be covered at 100%, with no member cost share (copayments, deductibles, or coinsurance).



Verizon Contract Extension Talks Begin June 18th

As you know, the current collective bargaining agreement with Verizon and CWA does not expire until August 2019, a little less than 15 months from now.

Last month, Verizon approached CWA and the IBEW about entering into two weeks of bargaining beginning June 18, 2018 to determine whether it is possible to agree on the terms of a contract extension. CWA District 2-13 Vice President Ed Mooney then contacted the Mid-Atlantic bargaining committee and all District 2-13 Local Presidents to get a consensus on whether or not to explore this proposal since the terms of the negotiations would be limited to wages, medical benefits and the duration of the extension. It was decided that we would entertain discussions with Verizon over a contract extension and potentially avoid the contentious bargaining sessions we experienced over the past years. As more information becomes available, we will post updates on our website (www.cwalocal2108.org) and on our Facebook page.

Verizon Rolls Out "MyFiOS" App Enhancements

As reported previously in 2108News, Verizon notified CWA District 2-13 back in June of last year that it intended to roll out an enhancement to its MyFiOS App. This enhancement included customer access to GPS route of the technician along with his/her ETA, photo identification of the technician (with their first name on the photo) and the ability for the customer to communicate with the technician after dispatch.

After discussions with the Bargaining Committee and the CWA attorneys, it was determined that our best course of action was to demand bargaining over concerns the Union identified with this "enhanced" technology. A bargaining meeting took place on December 13, 2017 during which the District's Verizon Bargaining Committee had the opportunity to express the concerns it had with the various elements of this enhancement, especially the use of our members' photo ID, sharing the travel route of the technician with the customer and the potential for new reasons for discipline based on the enhanced GPS technology.

In response to our concerns Verizon made minor changes to their planned implementation. Specifically, on the iOS operating system, should the customer attempt to capture the technician's photo, a warning will be displayed advising the customer that they have violated the terms and conditions of agreement for use of the MyFiOS app. On the Android system, Verizon has blocked the ability to capture the technician's photo.

Verizon also advised they had no plans to increase the scale of the GPS routing display, nor did they see any reason why there would be an increased risk of disciplinary action.

Verizon initially advised that they intended to roll out several trials in the Mid-Atlantic area which included 5 N. Frederick Drive in Gaithersburg in CWA Local 2108's jurisdiction. We are asking that if Verizon is doing something different from their notification on the roll-out of this enhancement, or if a technician is disciplined solely on the basis of an element of this new enhancement, please contact your steward or the Local immediately.

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Who is Ben Jealous?

Ben Jealous is a civil rights leader, community organizer, socially conscious tech investor, educator, former investigative journalist, and Rhodes Scholar who has dedicated his life to bringing people together to get big things done. He specializes in building diverse coalitions for change and holding government leaders accountable to the needs of everyday people. As a journalist, Ben was an active CWA member.

At age 35, Ben was named the youngest ever President and CEO of the NAACP. Under Ben's leadership, the NAACP underwent an unprecedented era of growth, and membership increased three years consecutively for the first time in 20 years. During his tenure there, Ben worked with governors across the country to develop plans to end mass incarceration and expand civil rights, help pass almost every landmark piece of legislation during President Obama's first term, and turn out a wave of unlikely voters during the 2012 election cycle.

In Maryland, Ben used his experience as a civil rights leader and community organizer to lead successful efforts to abolish the death penalty, pass the Maryland DREAM act, ensure the passage of marriage equality, institute gun safety reform, and expand voting rights. His leadership in these efforts earned him the honor of being named Marylander of the Year by the Baltimore Sun in 2013.

Ben has also served as the president of the Rosenberg Foundation, founding director of Amnesty International's U.S. Human Rights Program, president of National Newspaper Publishers Association, the largest trade association of African-American owned newspapers, editor and investigative journalist at the Jackson Advocate, and a NAACP community organizer in Mississippi. He is currently a Partner at Kapor Capital, where he manages the firm's Baltimore office and focuses on investing in tech start-ups that have a positive social impact on their communities. The firm prides itself on investing in companies run by diverse leaders. He is a graduate of Columbia and Oxford University and the proud father of two young children.

Who is Susie Turnbull?

Susie Turnbull has dedicated over 40 years to community activism, civil rights, and political organizing. She has worked in a variety of government, non-profit, business, and political positions, including Vice Chair of the Democratic National Committee with Chair Howard Dean, Chairwoman of the Maryland Democratic Party, and a senior advisor and grant consultant to several members of Congress.

Susie has served as Chair of The Jewish Council for Public Affairs and Jewish Women International, as well as a board member and officer of the Jewish Social Service Agency of Metropolitan Washington, and a national board member of Hillel: the Foundation for Jewish Campus Life. Currently, she is an active member of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington.

Throughout her life, Susie has worked extensively to elevate the diversity of voices for women and young leaders in politics. At the DNC, in addition to her efforts to elect President Barack Obama, Susie was the Chair of the DNC Women's Leadership Forum and Women's Caucus, ensuring the concerns of women were elevated across the Democratic Party and a central focus of its electoral strategy. Additionally, Susie served on the national board of Emerge America and co-founded Emerge Maryland, an innovative program that recruits and trains women to run for office.

As Chair of the Maryland Democratic Party, Susie spearheaded an unprecedented organizing effort to elect Democrats up and down the ballot, culminating in the re-election of Governor Martin O'Malley and Senator Barbara Mikulski during a year where the party saw dramatic losses in other states.

Susie is a graduate of Marymount University, the University of Maryland, and the University of Cincinnati. She and her husband Bruce are proud parents of two sons, and proud grandparents of three grandsons.

Personals

We wish to extend sincere sympathy to the family and friends of:

Robert A. Troiano, Sr, father of retired members **Cheryl Godbey** and **Robin Medve** and father-in-law of retired member **Ruben Flores** who died on May 4, 2018.

Janice Powell, mother of **Mike Foster** who died on May 14, 2018.

Doris Roach, sister of Retiree **Kenny Roach** who died on May 17, 2018.

Charles Lewis Peterson, father of **Dave Peterson** who died on May 18, 2018.

Congratulations to Recent Retiree:

Corrine Irby



LABOR NIGHT AT
NATIONALS PARK



Friday, July 20, 2018 - 7:05PM

Washington Nationals –vs– Atlanta Braves

Tickets are \$15.00 each and will be sold on a first come/first served basis by calling the Local on 301-595-2108. Only a limited number of tickets are available. Call today !!

CWA Day of Action to Elect Ben Jealous



CWA Local 2108 hosted "A Day of Action" to campaign for CWA endorsed candidates for Governor and Lt. Governor on Saturday May 19th. Pictured: (front row) CWA Secretary-Treasurer Sarah Steffens, CWA Local 2108 President Marilyn Irwin, CWA endorsed candidate for MD Lt. Governor Susie Turnbull (back row) CWA endorsed candidate for Governor Ben Jealous, CWA Local 2108 Secretary Treasurer Johnny Brown, CWA Local 2108 Vice President Matt Klingman, Actor Harry Lennix.

Thinking About Retirement? Learn More About Your Medicare Choices

Don't miss your chance to learn about this important retirement component. Maybe no other aspect of retirement is as confusing and complex as healthcare. In addition to your company provided health benefits, Medicare will most certainly play a significant role. At this event, you'll develop an understanding of: • The history and an overview of Medicare • Parts A, B, C, D and Medigap Coverage • Costs such as premiums, deductibles and co-insurance • Important dates and timelines • Available resources

- CWA Local 2108, 10786 Rhode Island Ave, Beltsville June 9, 2018 - 10:00am
Ruth's Chris, 1777 Reisterstown Rd, Pikesville June 12, 2018 - 6:30pm
Chart House Restaurant, 300 Second St, Annapolis June 14, 2018 - 6:30pm
Dutch's Daughter, 581 Himes Ave, Frederick June 19, 2018 - 6:30pm
Elks Lodge, 2210 Old Washington Rd, Waldorf June 20, 2018 - 6:30pm



Reservations are required and to RSVP you may call Nettworth at (800)-859-2212, or email them to register online at Nettworth.net/marylanddcvirginia. Space is limited!

CWA Turns Up Heat on Tax Cut Promises, Files Unfair Labor Practice Charges Against AT&T and Nexstar

Last month, CWA filed unfair labor practice (ULP) charges against AT&T and NABET-CWA employer Nexstar Media Group for refusing to provide information about each company's plan to use its tax windfall to invest in its workforce.

Before the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act passed, AT&T promised that corporations would use their massive gains from the bill to raise wages and create "7,000 good jobs for the middle class." Instead, just days after the tax bill became law, the company announced more than 1,500 layoffs, and has continued to stonewall workers fighting to protect U.S. jobs at the bargaining table - despite receiving \$20 BILLION as a result of the tax bill.

The charges are the latest escalation of efforts to hold corporations accountable at the bargaining table for the tax bill promises they made. In recent months, CWA and other unions have filed information requests to find out if increased corporate profits from the tax bill are really going to raise wages and create jobs.

Local 2108 Calendar

JUNE 2018

- 6 Chief Stewards Meeting - 9:00am
Local Office, Beltsville, MD
11 CWA Presidents Meeting
Washington, DC
12-13 CWA Legislative-Political Conference
Washington, DC
13 RMC 2108 Meeting - 11:00am
Local Office, Beltsville, MD
13 Membership Meeting - 6:00pm
Local Office, Beltsville, MD
17 Father's Day



26 Maryland Primary Election Day

JULY 2018

- 4 Independence Day
Local Office Closed
11 RMC 2108 Meeting - 11:00am
Local Office, Beltsville, MD
11 Membership Meeting - 6:00pm
Local Office, Beltsville, MD

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If this discussion could in any way lead to my being disciplined or terminated or have any effect on my personal working conditions, I respectfully request my union representative, officer or steward to be present at this meeting. Without union representation, I choose not to participate in this discussion.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Membership Meeting - Wednesday, June 13, 2018, 6:00pm RMC 2108 Meeting - Wednesday, June 13, 2018, 11:00am



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