

The 2018 MD State & DC AFL-CIO Endorsed Candidates for the General Election

America's labor movement has dedicated itself to informing and mobilizing union members and their families around the crucial issues that confront us. We intend to build on these efforts and mount a substantial campaign to elect political leadership that will speak to the needs of ordinary Americans and offer a compelling program for justice, equality and prosperity.

The AFL-CIO has provided opportunities for candidates to listen to working men and women and hear their concerns, and has aggressively pressed candidates to embrace these concerns. They have committed to an open process of consideration and debate in which union members are fully informed and engaged. The labor movement is most effective when it speaks with one voice, and when that voice represents the will of our membership. Based on the candidate interview process conducted by the AFL-CIO, an endorsement is rendered in one of three separate categories:

Endorsement: The MD/DC AFL-CIO urges full support for the candidate.

No Endorsement: The MD/DC AFL-CIO urges no support of any kind for the candidate or candidates.

No Recommendation: The MD/DC AFL-CIO makes no recommendation as to support for a candidate or candidates in a particular race and affiliates should support the candidate of their choice.

Maryland Statewide

Maryland U.S. Senate: Ben Cardin
Maryland Governor: Ben Jealous
Maryland Lt. Governor: Susie Turnbull
Maryland Attorney General: Brian Frosh
Maryland Comptroller: No Recommendation

U.S. House of Representatives

MD District 1 – Jesse Colvin
MD District 2 – Dutch Ruppersberger
MD District 3 – John Sarbanes
MD District 4 – Anthony Brown
District of Columbia At-Large - Eleanor Holmes-Norton
MD District 5 – Steny Hoyer
MD District 6 – No Recommendation
MD District 7 – Elijah Cummings
MD District 8 – Jamie Raskin

District 1 Senate: George C. Edwards
House: No Recommendation
District 2 Senate: No Recommendation
House: **2A** No Recommendation, **2B** Peter Perini
District 3 Senate: Ron Young
House: **3A** Karen Young **3B** Ken Kerr
District 4 Senate: Jessica Douglas
House: Ysela Bravo
District 5 Senate: No Recommendation
House: Emily Shank
District 6 Senate: Buddy Staigerwald
House: Nicholas D' Adamo, Megan Mioduszewski
District 7 Senate: No Recommendation
House: Allison Berkowitz
District 8 Senate: Kathy Klausmeier
House: Carl Jackson, Eric Bromwell, Harry Bhandari
District 9 Senate: Katie Fry-Hester
House: **9A** Natalie Ziegler, Steven Bolen **9B** Courtney Watson
District 10 Senate: Delores Kelley
House: Benjamin Brooks, Adrienne A. Jones
District 11 Senate: Bobby Zirkin
House: Shelly Hettleman, Jon Cardin, Dana Stein
District 12 Senate: Clarence Lam
House: Terri Hill, Eric Ebersole, Jessica Feldmark
District 13 Senate: No Recommendation
House: Vanessa Atterbeary, Shane Pendergrass, Jen Terrasa
District 14 Senate: Craig Zucker
House: Anne Kaiser, Eric Luedtke, Pamela Queen
District 15 Senate: Brian Feldman
House: David Fraser-Hidalgo, Lily Qi
District 16 Senate: Susan Lee
House: Ariana Kelly, Marc Korman, Samir Paul

District 17 Senate: No Recommendation
House: Kumar Barve, Jim Gilchrist, Julie Carr
District 18 Senate: Jeff Waldstreicher
House: Al Carr, Emily Shetty, Jared Solomon
District 19 Senate: Ben Kramer
House: Bonnie Cullison, Charlotte Crutchfield, Vaughn Stewart
District 20 Senate: Will Smith
House: Lorig Charkoudian, Jheanelle Wilkins, David Moon
District 21 Senate: No Recommendation
House: Ben Barnes, Mary Lehman, Joseline Pena-Melnyk
District 22 Senate: Paul Pinsky
House: Tawanna Gaines, Anne Healey, Alonzo Washington
District 23 Senate: Douglas J.J. Peters
House: **23A** Geraldine Valentino-Smith **23B** Marvin Holmes
District 24 Senate: Joanne Benson
House: Erek Barron, Andrea Harrison, Jazz Lewis
District 25 Senate: Melony Griffith
House: Darly Barnes, Nick Charles
District 26 Senate: Obie Patterson
House: Veronica Turner, Kris Valderrama (Continued on page 2)

SPECIAL NOTICE

November Membership Meeting Cancelled

Due to the CWA District 2-13 Conference being scheduled November 14-16, the Local 2108 monthly membership meeting has been cancelled. Make plans to attend our next regularly scheduled membership meeting on December 12, 2018 at 6:00pm. See you there!!

"As a former Union member of CWA, I know the power of unions to transform lives and families. I was raised in a two union (AFSCME) member household. Both my grandparents were union members and it was their union pensions that put me through college. Families struggling deserve a pathway to realize the American dream and the labor movement provides that pathway." --- Ben Jealous



I've spoken with Ben Jealous one-on-one, attended several of his rallies, listened to many of his speeches and read quite a bit about the man. His quote which is printed above is my favorite, though.

When you compare those sentiments to Larry Hogan's Facebook post in 2016 it should be obvious why I am a proud supporter of Ben Jealous for Governor and Susie Turnbull for Lt. Governor of Maryland, and why I encourage all of you to vote for them, also.

Back on August 6, 2016 (two short months after we returned to work after our extremely difficult but highly successful forty-nine day strike against Verizon), a teacher posted a message on Hogan's Facebook page, expressing his disappointment in the Governor's decision to withhold spending \$25 million the legislature had set aside to help local governments fund teacher pensions and for the aging schools program. **Hogan's written response was to call the teachers union officials "Union Thugs".**

When my husband and I made the decision to move our young family to Maryland from West Virginia thirty years ago, top-notch schools and better job opportunities were a big part of that decision. When Larry Hogan became our Governor four years ago, Maryland schools were rated the best in the nation. Today our schools are ranked in sixth place. Who among us doesn't remember GoFundMe pages last year to raise money for blankets for Baltimore City School kids because it was 40 degrees inside their classrooms? Early Voting was moved from one Baltimore City School in June because of a rat infestation, and many kids missed their first week of school this fall because of the oppressive heat in their schools with no air conditioning. I cannot understand why a Governor would withhold money that was earmarked for the aging schools program with these problems needing attention. And I will never understand why he would think resorting to name calling would be an acceptable response when his decision was questioned. If Maryland teachers are "Union Thugs", you can call me a Union Thug all day long, and I'll wear that name like a badge of honor.

Do you remember when Governor Hogan attended our rallies and picket lines during that 2016 strike? Do you remember the letters he sent to Verizon, urging them to treat us fairly and settle the strike? Of course you don't, because it never happened! Ben Jealous was there, though, and those of you who attended our big rally at the Fairland Data Center (across the street from the Chesapeake Complex) remember him as one of our impassioned speakers that day.

I now have four grandchildren in Maryland public schools, from a senior in high school to the twins in kindergarten. (While Finnley stomps her feet and claims to be five and going to kindergarten, in actuality she is only three and won't enter public schools until 2020.) While paying our

teachers fairly and properly funding our schools is very near and dear to my heart, it is only one of the important issues Ben Jealous and I agree on. He is also a proponent of increasing the state's minimum wage to \$15/hour, lowering health care costs by implementing Medicare-for-All and lowering prescription drug costs, honoring Public employees' negotiated contracts, and protecting pensions. Ben supports expanding prevailing wage laws and the use of project labor agreements to ensure that Maryland's construction workers have more opportunities to earn good wages and benefits. He is clearly on the side of Maryland workers.

Many say that Labor will decide who is the next Governor of our great state. We can't sit this one out. We must go to the polls and vote for the candidates who will work on behalf of the workers of Maryland, not on behalf of Big Business and Big Pharma. I hope that you will join me in voting for Ben Jealous for Governor.

In Solidarity,

Marilyn

(ENDORSEMENTS from page 1)

District 27	<u>Senate:</u>	No Recommendation
	<u>House:</u>	27A Susie Proctor B Michael Jackson C Jason Fowler
District 28	<u>Senate:</u>	Arthur Ellis
	<u>House:</u>	Edith Patterson, Debra Davis
District 29	<u>Senate:</u>	Thomas Brewer
	<u>House:</u>	29A Roberta Loker 29B Brian Crosby 29C Julia Nichols
District 30	<u>Senate:</u>	Sarah Elfreth
	<u>House:</u>	30A Michael Busch, Alice Cain 30B Mike Shay
District 31	<u>Senate:</u>	No Recommendation
	<u>House:</u>	31A Ned Carey 31B Karen Simpson
District 32	<u>Senate:</u>	Pam Beidle
	<u>House:</u>	Mike Rogers, Sandy Bartlett
District 33	<u>Senate:</u>	Eve Hurwitz
	<u>House:</u>	Heather Bagnall, Pam Luby, Tracie Hovermale
District 34	<u>Senate:</u>	No Recommendation
	<u>House:</u>	34A Mary Ann Lisanti, Steve Johnson
District 35	<u>Senate:</u>	No Recommendation
	<u>House:</u>	35A No Recommendation 35B Ronnie Davis
District 36	<u>Senate:</u>	No Endorsement
	<u>House:</u>	No Endorsement
District 37	<u>Senate:</u>	Holly Wright
	<u>House:</u>	37A No Recommendation 37B Dan O'Hare
District 38	<u>Senate:</u>	Jim Mathias
	<u>House:</u>	38A Kirkland Hall 38B, 38C No Recommendation
District 39	<u>Senate:</u>	Nancy King
	<u>House:</u>	Gabriel Acevero
District 40	<u>Senate:</u>	Antonio Hayes
	<u>House:</u>	Melissa Wells, Nick Mosby
District 41	<u>Senate:</u>	Jill Carter
	<u>House:</u>	Tony Bridges, Samuel "Sandy" Rosenberg
District 42	<u>Senate:</u>	Robbie Leonard
	<u>House:</u>	42A Stephen Lafferty B Michele Guyton, Sachin Hebbar
District 43	<u>Senate:</u>	Mary Washington
	<u>House:</u>	Curt Anderson, Maggie McIntosh, Regina Boyce
District 44	<u>Senate:</u>	Shirley Nathan-Pulliam
	<u>House:</u>	44A Keith Haynes B Pat Young, Charles Sydnor III
District 45	<u>Senate:</u>	Cory McCray
	<u>House:</u>	Talmadge Branch, Cheryl D. Glenn, Stephanie Smith
District 46	<u>Senate:</u>	Bill Ferguson
	<u>House:</u>	Luke Clippinger, Robbyn Lewis
District 47	<u>Senate:</u>	Malcolm Augustine
	<u>House:</u>	47A Diana Fennell 47B Wanika Fisher

Even if you have only caught a few tidbits of what's going on in the political arena lately, I'm sure you feel the same way I do...it all seems overwhelming! We all have varying opinions over issues and as we process the information blitz in our head, I have a suggestion that may help you find a solution to the topic at hand. We, as U.S. citizens have a constitutional right that should be treasured, the Right to Vote!!



If you do not vote on November 6th and exercise your constitutional right, then you have lost the right to complain as well. It is important that we, as retirees, let our voices be heard in matters that affect our standard of living. I encourage you all to get out the vote!!

Remember, our next RMC meeting is on November 14, 2018 at 11:00am. See You There!!

Calvin C Foster Jr
President- RMC 2108

2019 Union Plus Scholarship Program Accepting Applications Now

Since 1991, the Union Plus Scholarship Program has awarded more than \$4.3 million to students of working families who want to begin or continue their post-secondary education. Over 2,700 families have benefited from our commitment to higher education. The Union Plus Scholarship Program is offered through the Union Plus Education Foundation, supported in part by contributions from the provider of the Union Plus Credit Card. (You do not need to be a Union Plus Credit Card holder to apply for this scholarship.)

Eligibility

Current and retired members of participating unions, their spouses and their dependent children (as defined by IRS regulations). At least one year of continuous union membership by the applicant, applicant's spouse or parent (if applicant is a dependent). The one year membership minimum must be satisfied by May 31, 2019.

Evaluation criteria:

This is a competitive scholarship. Applicants are evaluated according to academic ability, social awareness, financial need and appreciation of labor. A GPA of 3.0 or higher is recommended.

The required essays can account for up to half your total score.

Scholarship applicants are judged by a committee of impartial post-secondary educators.

Application Timeline:

Applications are available starting in mid-June, and a complete application must be received on or before 12:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) on **January 31, 2019**. Applications received after this deadline will not be considered.

Scholarship Award Amounts:

Amounts range from \$500 to \$4,000. These one-time cash awards are for study beginning in the Fall of 2019. Students may re-apply each year.

Award date:

The Scholarship Committee will determine recipients of scholarship awards by May 31 each year. During the first week of June award recipients will be individually notified by mail, and all applicants will be sent an email with notification that the [award list has been posted online](#). Please note that due to the volume of applications we cannot provide any information on the status of an application before award announcements are made.

To apply, go to:

<https://www.unionplus.org/benefits/money/union-plus-scholarships>

Personals

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

Doris Moore, retired member and sister of retired member **Norma Redden** who passed away on December 31, 2017.

Paul Klinker, a retired member who passed away on September 27, 2018.

Bobby Myers, a retired member and husband of retired member **Vicki Myers** who passed away on September 30, 2018.

Welcome to Local 2108

New Members



Dwayne Richburg
Caleb Hunter
Andrew Terry

Tammy Nelson
Nicholas Reif



Scot McElroy
Michael Dinterman

Thinking About Retirement?

You may want to check out one of these important workshops presented by **Networth Financial** Group to see if the reality of retirement is on your horizon and get treated to a free meal!!

Dreaming About Retiring

Thursday, October 18, 2018 @ 6:30 PM – Stoney River, 825 Dulany Valley Road, Towson, MD

Tuesday, October 23, 2018 @ 6:30 PM – Chart House, 300 Second Street, Annapolis, MD

Social Security Workshop

Thursday, November 1, 2018 @ 6:30pm - Ruth's Chris, 106 Crown Park Ave, Gaithersburg, MD

Thursday, November 8, 2018 @ 6:30pm - Ruth's Chris, 301 Severn Ave, Annapolis, MD

Reservations are required and to RSVP you may call Networth at (800)-859-2212, or register online at Networth.net. **Space is limited and the workshop is limited to CWA members and their spouse only.**



Children's Hospital 50/50 Raffle Tickets Available

CWA Local 2108's annual Children's Hospital 50/50 raffle tickets are now available from your Chief Steward or at the Local office. When you purchase your tickets, your contributions ensure that specialized care is possible for thousands of children in the metro area who otherwise may not receive it. It also reinforces that as a member of CWA Local 2108, you are demonstrating your long standing commitment to the communities where you live and work.

Donations are \$1.00 per ticket and you do not need to be present to win. So when you are approached by your Steward to help support this worthy cause, remember every ticket sold is a winner because of the help it provides. This year's drawing will be held at the Membership meeting on December 12, 2018 in Beltsville, Maryland.

Skip the Lines and Save Some Time - Vote Early!!

Local 2108 Calendar

Who can vote early?

Any person that is eligible to register to vote, can vote. Registered voters have always been able to vote during early voting, but now individuals who are eligible but not yet registered can register and vote.

To register and vote during early voting, 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. You will be able to register to vote and vote.

When can I vote early?

2018 Elections

General Election - Thursday, October 25, 2018 through Thursday, November 1, 2018 from 10 am until 8 pm.

Where can I vote early?

You can vote in an early voting center in the county where you live. To see a complete list of early voting centers go to:

https://elections.maryland.gov/voting/documents/2018_Early_Voting_Centers_web.pdf

How will I vote during early voting?

Voting during early voting is the same as voting on election day. When you get to the early voting center, you will check in to vote and vote your ballot.

There will be instructions available at the early voting centers to familiarize you with the ballot. You may ask an election judge to explain how to vote, but you must cast your vote alone, unless you are unable to do so because you have a disability or are unable to read or write the English language.

I'm registered to vote, but I need to make a change. Can I make that change during early voting?

If you moved, you can update your address. You will be able to change your address and vote.

If you want to change your party affiliation, you can't do that at an early voting center. You must wait until after the election to change your party affiliation.

If you changed your name, you must vote under your former name, but you can fill out a form with your new name. Your name will be updated after the election.



OCTOBER 2018

- 3 Chief Stewards Meeting - 9:00am
Local Office, Beltsville, MD
- 10 RMC 2108 Meeting - 11:00am
Local Office, Beltsville, MD
- 10 Membership Meeting - 6:00pm
Local Office, Beltsville, MD
- 31 Halloween

NOVEMBER 2018

- 4 Daylight Savings Time Ends
Set Clocks Back One Hour!!
- 6 Election Day
Don't Forget To VOTE!!
- 11 Veterans Day
- 12 Veterans Day - Observed
Local Office Closed
- 14-16 CWA District 2-13 Conference
White Sulphur Springs, WV
- 14 RMC 2108 Meeting - 11:00am
Local Office, Beltsville, MD
- 14 Membership Meeting - 6:00pm - Cancelled
Local Office, Beltsville, MD
- 22-23 Thanksgiving Holiday
Local office Closed

WEINGARTEN RIGHTS

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, Nov. 14, 2018, 6:00pm - CANCELLED
RMC 2108 Meeting - Wednesday, November 14, 2018, 11:00am



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