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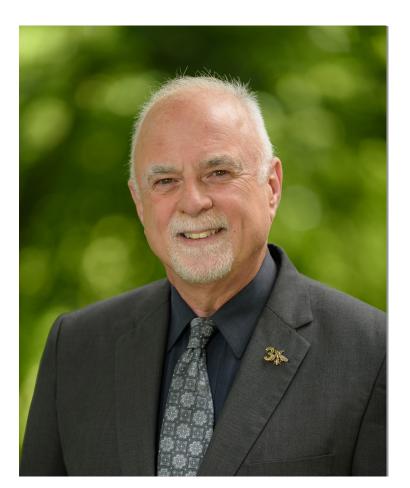
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DELEGATE KEN KERR

I spent 25 years as a community college English Professor. It was a great career and I feel so privileged to do it for as long as I did. One of the aspects of the job I most enjoyed was the cyclical nature of the work. I was the kind of teacher who left nothing on the field at the end of the game. By the end of the spring semester, I was exhausted, burned out, and had nothing left. I desperately needed some downtime. I'd immerse myself in backyard projects, do some traveling, play some music.

When August rolled around, I'd start to miss it. I missed the interaction and camaraderie with my colleagues, I missed being on campus. I missed the students, and I missed the work. I'd get started revising my syllabi. I'd look over the notes I left for myself about what didn't work and needed changing or updating. I'd make those changes to try and be a better teacher. Sometimes I'd prepared to teach a new class I hadn't taught before. I'd tidy up my office and sort through the remnants of the past year. I'd throw away the pile of final exams and papers students neglected to pick up at the end of the semester. I'd really start to get excited about returning to work—the presemester department meetings, the professional development sessions, and watching my enrollments numbers grow.

Now that I am about to return to Annapolis for the final year of my first term as a delegate, I cannot help but see the parallels between my career as a college professor and my time as a member of the legislature: My delegate colleagues are like my former faculty members, my Health and Government Operations Committee is like my English department. My bills

are like my syllabi. My committee chair is like my department chair, and the constituent groups and policy advocates are like my students—not that I am teaching them anything, but that they are the ones I serve . . . the people who are looking for my help. My regular office hours and class meetings have been replaced by 15-minute meetings that get squeezed in wherever there is some spare time in my day.

I truly loved my career as a college English Professor, and I truly love my new role as the Delegate from District 3B. It is with the same anticipation and excitement that I approach the start of the 2022 legislative session, and it is with the same enthusiasm that I work to be a better delegate and to better serve you.

I wish you a very joyous holiday season and a Happy New year.



Frederick County

COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER JESSICA FITZWATER

The importance of education for our children and families, and to the future of economic and workforce development in Frederick County, is at the heart of why I am running for County Executive. Education is why I decided to run for County Council in the first place in 2014.

This year the first day of school for Frederick County Public Schools had special meaning for Frederick families, for my family, and for me.

For Frederick families, the opening day for FCPS meant an attempt to return to the normalcy of in-school instruction after 2020 was so upended by COVID-19.

For my family, the first day of school meant that my son, Jonah, began his educational journey with his first day of kindergarten at North Frederick Elementary.

And for me, it meant the start of another great year (year 17!) of learning, growing, and making music with my students as a music teacher at Oakdale Elementary School.

My experiences as a teacher — and now as the mother of an FCPS student — have informed my voice on the County Council during the past 7 years.

Each year I have proudly supported operating budgets that have significantly invested in our schools. Our investments have allowed FCPS to improve teacher pay by raising starting pay from last in the state and increasing salaries for veteran teachers in order to keep them here in Frederick County. County budgets have also provided substantial resources to Frederick Community College, where over half of Frederick County students pursuing higher education are doing so.

Robust capital budgets for school construction have meant that new replacement schools for Frederick High, Urbana Elementary, and Rock Creek School, and three entirely new elementary schools — Butterfly Ridge, Sugarloaf, and Blue Heron have come to fruition.



The accomplishments we have made during my two terms on the County Council stand in stark contrast with the chronic underinvestment of "maintenance of effort" school funding that was characteristic of the Republican Board of County Commissioners before voters chose charter government and elected Jan Gardner as our first County Executive. These commissioners literally funded schools at the bare minimum required by law and "not a penny more."

Investing in our kids is not only a core function of government, but the return on investment is unmatched. We can't take anything for granted: our children and our schools will require robust funding and support, year in and year out, for progress to continue-- and we know that a Michael Hough as County Executive will take us backward, not forward.

The June 2022 primary may seem distant during this holiday season; but for months I have been attending meet and greet events, listening to community leaders, and have already been out canvassing in Frederick and Urbana.

This is the season of thanks, and I am so grateful to those of you who have already opened your doors, knocked on doors, or made a contribution- you are the foundation we are building on every single day of this campaign.

For more information about my campaign for County Executive, please visit my website, www.jessicafitzwater.com, sign up for emails, and tell us how you want to get involved.

I'll see you on the campaign trail in 2022!

Jessica Fitzwater

JOIN US FOR A HOLIDAY EVENT SUPPORTING

JESSICA FITZWATER FOR COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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UNITED DEMOCRATS OF FREDERICK COUNTY

Congratulations to our great slate of Democratic candidates that swept the city offices! Mayor Michael O'Connor plus Aldermen Donna Kuzemchak, Ben McShane, Kelly Russell, and Derek Shackelford were all re-elected by a large margin. With the addition of Alderman-elect Katie Nash (the highest vote recipient), our Democratic team will be sworn in on December 9th at 11 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend the ceremonies at the Weinberg Center for the Arts. We look forward to four more years of excellent representation and responsible government. Our election night celebration was a great success and we saw several candidates for next year making appearances. Thank you to our members, elected officials, and guests who came out to Café 611. It is so important we all get vaccinated so we can continue holding in-person meetings and support local businesses.

We will not have a December meeting, but the UDFC board will meet to plan our programs for 2022. Next year will be an

important one at the county and state levels. We always welcome Democratic candidates for office to attend our meetings and to add to the conversation. Our next in-person meeting will be on Monday, January 3rd at Café 611. We will announce the program online, via email, and in the next Banner. Our official inclement weather policy is to announce by noon on the day of the meeting if we will meet. In the event of a postponement, the monthly meeting is moved to the next Monday. If there is continued inclement weather, we will cancel that month's meeting.

Become a member! If you pay now, you will be paid all way through the end of 2022! Dues are \$20 individual or \$35 family. As a reminder, dues are payable in January of each year. You can contact us at UnitedDemsFrederick@yahoo.com, by phone at 240-630-4280, or by mail at P.O. Box 3882, Frederick MD 21705. We're also on Facebook, so please "like" the page and interact with us there!



RSVP by January 3rd with email address to 301.639.2155 or Karenlewisyoung@gmail.com Vaccines and Masks Required.

Friends of Karen Lewis Young PO Box 3662 Frederick, MD 21705



HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE WOMEN'S DEMOCRATIC LEAGUE OF FREDERICK COUNTY! JOIN US AT OUR NEXT MEETING IN JANUARY. MORE INFO WILL BE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE SOON — WDLFREDERICK.ORG.

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I am a recovery advocate who executively directs transitional living houses here in western MD to help both women and children suffering from substance abuse or emotional/physical domestic abuse as well as men returning to society from incarceration. I believe my experiences are also more representative of our district than those of the several multimillionaire businessman transplants who have held our congressional seat in the past, often living outside or on the edge of the district themselves. I myself have been a victim of many traumas, and as a result, have had to rely on many government systems to get by, so I know what works and what doesn't. My husband, Luvine, who himself spent a large portion of his life in the prison system, is also a recovery advocate for those returning from incarceration and for changes to the criminal justice system. These are just two of the many pressing issues our campaign intends to tackle, and we encourage you to view our website to learn more about my story and what I stand for- I've been through a lot in my life and I'm ready to bring real, progressive change to the district.

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Join Congressman Jamie Raskin

As he works to expand the Democratic Majority in Congress and take the Democracy Summer Program Nationwide



Sunday, December 5th 6:00-7:30PM

At Hidden Hills Farm and Vineyard

7550 Green Valley Road, Frederick, MD 21701
We kindly ask that only those who are fully vaccinated attend as the event will be indoors

Jamie Raskin represents Maryland's 8th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives. The "best constitutional lawyer in Congress" (according to Laurence Tribe), Jamie recently served as lead House impeachment manager in the trial of Donald Trump in the U.S. Senate, which voted 57-48 fond Trump quilty of inciting violent insurrection against Congress to overthrow the 2020 presidential election. In addition to serving on the House Judiciary, Rules, and Oversight Committees, Jamie now serves on the bipartisan Select Committee to investigate the January 6th attack on the Capitol. Jamie is Vice-Chair of the DCCC for Organizing and is working to raise a million dollars to expand the Democratic majorities in the House and Senate in 2022. He has expanded his acclaimed Democracy Summer project, which is galvanizing high school and college students across the country and is recruiting 1,000 Democracy Summer Fellows for the summer of 2022.

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NEITHER PARTY IS COMPLETELY HOMOGENEOUS

Tom Slater,
Frederick County Democratic Central
Committee
Frederick County Democratic Party
Historian

This month, instead of writing my column myself, I am copying an item that appeared in electroral-vote.com, my favorite free daily blog. I think this Pew Research Center report is an important bit of information for Democrats to consider.

It is often said that Democrats are all over the map but Republicans are a fairly homogeneous bunch. A new report from the Pew Research Center shows that this is not true. Both parties have multiple subgroups that are not always on the same page about everything. Pew identified nine subgroups in the adult population, four of which generally vote Republican, four of which generally vote Democratic, and one that is split almost evenly. Here is the breakdown:

Faith and Flag conservatives (10% of population, 23% of Republicans): These voters are staunchly conservative on all issues. They believe America stands above all other countries. They want Christianity to be more prominent in public life. They are strong Donald Trump backers and support politicians who say he won in 2020. They are the most elderly of the nine groups, are overwhelmingly Christian, and highly politically active. Only 1% approve of Joe Biden.

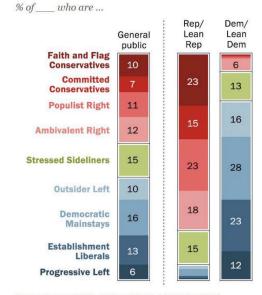
Committed conservatives (7% of population, 15% of Republicans): These voters are very conservative on most issues, especially economic issues. They favor a foreign policy that works with allies. They overwhelmingly voted for Trump in 2020, but with less enthusiasm than the other groups. Many name Ronald Reagan as the best recent president.

They are the best-educated Republican group and are very active politically. Many big-business types are here. About 8% approve of Biden.

Populist right (11% of population, 23% of Republicans): These voters have very restrictive views about immigration and are very critical of the economic system, especially banks and

large corporations. They are also strong Trump supporters. These people are less likely to have a college degree than the other groups and are largely rural. Only 2% approve of Biden. Ambivalent right (12% of population, 18% of Republicans): These voters have generally conservative views of government and the social safety net but they are less hawkish on immigration and are moderate on some social issues. They tilt Republican but are not actually comfortable in the Republican Party. They

The 2021 political typology



Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted July 8-18, 2021.

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want Trump to leave politics. This is the youngest GOP group and also the least religious. Here 20% approve of Biden.

Stressed sideliners (14% of population, 15% of Republicans, 13% of Democrats): These voters are mixed politically. They are slightly liberal on economics and less liberal on other issues. They are financially stressed and not politically engaged. These are the true swing voters. But only 39% approve of Biden.

Outsider left (10% of population, 13% of Democrats): These voters are very liberal on some issues, especially climate and race. They don't like the Democrats, but do vote for them because the other guys

are worse. Interestingly, they say other nations are better than the U.S. This is by far the youngest and least politically active of the nine groups. They agree with the progressive left on some issues, but differ from them by not being at all politically active, whereas the progressive left is very politically active. Only 62% approve of Biden.

Democratic mainstays (16% of population, 28% of Democrats): These voters identify as moderate and hold mainstream Democratic views on most issues. However, they are less liberal than the other Democratic groups on immigration, the military and crime. This is the largest chunk of the Democratic coalition. These people are generally older and not many are college educated. The group is very racially and ethnically diverse. It sounds like FDR's base. A full 79% approve of Biden.

Establishment liberals (13% of population, 23% of Democrats): These voters are solidly liberal, support the Democratic Party and its leaders strongly, are generally upbeat about politics, and favor compromise. The group is highly educated, racially and ethnically diverse, and have an age distribution similar to the country as a whole. Here Biden does well: 87% approve of him. Progressive left (6% of the population, 12% of the Democrats): These voters hold liberal views across the board. They like leaders who identify as Democratic Socialists. They backed Bernie Sanders or Elizabeth Warren in the primaries. They are young, well-educated and heavily politically involved. About two-thirds are non-Hispanic whites. Biden does well here, too, with 82% approving of him.

When you look at the crosstabs, there are huge differences among the groups on questions like whether government should do more to solve problems, whether government is wasteful and inefficient, whether the government should protect people from themselves, and whether the government should make sure everyone has health care. For example, on the last question, only about 10% of faith and flag conservatives say yes to that vs. 95% of the progressive left.

Within the Republican coalition, there is a big divide on the fairness of the economic system. The populist right wants to raise taxes on big business whereas the other groups don't. Democrats are much more unified on economic issues. In contrast, Republicans are largely unified against more immigration whereas Democrats are divided on this issue. Of course, the differences between the parties are much greater than the differences within each party.

One big takeaway is that Republican politicians are fairly representative of Republican voters. They distrust government, hate abortion, love guns and God, and don't want any more immigrants. In contrast, Democratic politicians are way to the left of Democratic voters. The outsider left and progressive left form only a quarter of the Democratic voters, yet but for Sen. Joe Manchin (D-WV), the House would have passed a \$6 trillion bill that would have remade America the way these groups would like to see it. Most Democrats aren't clamoring for all these things. Manchin is probably closer to the median Democrat than Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY). (V)

In Remembrance:

We are sad to report that two former members of the Democratic State Central Committee for Frederick County lost their mothers recently.

Our condolences go to the families of

Ester Mae Jewell
(son Clarence "Chip" Jewell)
and
Elizabeth Ann Cramer
(son Josh Cramer)



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Violet Williams, Frederick County Democratic Central Committe, Secretary



With 2022 just around the corner, you may notice many new faces announcing campaigns. There are a few featured in this issue, and many more coming your way in the next few months. I urge you all to take some time to look at all the options, all the way down the ballot. 2022 is an election year for Federal, State, County, and local offices, including your Democratic State Central Committee.

While many of these positions seem unimportant, they all play a role in our lives, our future, and the future of the children in Frederick County. Local politics matter. Often, it is easier to see changes made by your city and county government than it is to see changes made at a federal level.

Signing off for the last time in 2021

May 2022 be a year full of joy and love for us all,

Violet

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DID YOU KNOW?

2020 Was often thought to be most divisive election in American History- but did you know that the election in 1800 between Thomas Jefferson and John Adams was far worse?

The election in 1800 was deadlocked and remains the only election where the House of Representatives declared the winner. During this election, many insults were hurled, including "he is a contemptible hypocrite".

Here's hoping peace in the 2022 election cycle.

THINKING ABOUT RUNNING FOR OFFICE?

Have you ever thought about running for office? Next year, all the county races are up for grabs - not just the big ones like County Exec and Sheriff, but probably a few you've never considered (but might be perfectly qualified for)! Check it out, and let us know how we can help.

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DECEMBER AT A GLANCE:

The calendar this month is pretty bare! Hope to see you once or twice! We will not have a meeting this month.

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FREDERICK COUNTY DEMS AT THE FOOD BANK

Every Friday in December from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Contact: Maureen Grayzeck - mgrayzeck2016@gmail.com Frederick Food Bank Program operated by Community Action Agency, 14 E. All Saints St, Frederick

OFFICE HOURS:

The FCDCC Office will be open: Saturday December 4, and, 18 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Every Monday from 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m

We will be closed for Christmas and New Years, and may close for inclement weather.

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