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CHAIR'S CORNER

Chairwoman Deborah Carter

> Well, the primary is (mostly) over, although the results have not yet been certified as I write this, and there is at least one race where a recount may happen. But for the most part, we are forging ahead to November 8, and there is much you can do to help in the next 99 days (not that we're counting).

A few interesting turnout numbers: In the county executive race, 23,214 Democrats cast votes, compared to 17,227 Republicans. The race for sheriff showed a similar pattern. Of course, Michael Hough and Chuck Jenkins were uncontested, but let's look at County Council district 1, where Republicans did have a contested primary, and Jerry Donald ran unopposed. He still garnered almost 300 more votes than the two Republicans combined. We can absolutely keep all the seats we have now and pick up a few more if this trend continues. It falls to all of us to ensure that it does.

I'd like to thank all the Dems who put their names on the ballot and campaigned their hearts out over recent months. I know how much work you put in, and I hope you will all stay engaged - help us win in the general election this year, of course, but also please consider another run in the future. A congressional representative once told me that the biggest mistake a first-time candidate makes is giving up after one unsuccessful campaign.

We've dubbed this Unity Week, and we'll be out in the community for several events. You can find us tomorrow at four different locations for National Night Out: Carrollton Park, Hill Street Park, Lucas Village, and Mullinix Park. On Thursday, August 4, we're holding a Unity Rally and Ice Cream Social at the Baker Park band shell, starting at 6:00 p.m. Most of our candidates will be there, along with Maryland Democratic Party chair Yvette Lewis - and we hope you will be there, too. All are welcome! And on Saturday, August 6, join us in our office at 1080 West Patrick to launch our

coordinated canvass efforts on behalf of all our local Democratic candidates. It is of course encouraging to see that more Democrats than Republicans cast primary ballots last month, but we can't take anything for granted. Let's turn out every single Dem voter in November and engage unaffiliated voters as well! If you can't make it this week, be sure to keep an eye on our calendar at frederickdemocrats.org for updates.



We all need to rally behind Jessica Fitzwater now, as both Kai Hagen and Daryl Boffman have already done so graciously. You can reach out to her campaign at <u>https://www.jessicafitzwater.com/</u> to volunteer or make a donation. We are facing a formidable and very well-funded opponent in Michael Hough (he's already running ads on MSNBC), so every vote, every phone call, every dollar is needed.

We also need to fight hard to elect a sane Board of Education. Only three members of Cindy Rose's "Hate Slate" made it through the primary, so they will fortunately not be able to get a majority on the BoE no matter what else happens, but even one of them could cause significant damage over the next four years. If you know anyone who ignored that race in the primary, please reach out to inform them what's at stake.

Finally, you may have noticed that the new Central Committee is one human short of a full complement. When they're seated in November, one of their first items of business will have to be filling that final spot. As luck would have it, the new member can be male, female, or non-binary, so they'll be able to choose the very best applicant regardless of gender. If you think you might be interested, get to know the job now. Attend a Central Committee meeting, volunteer in the office, join a phone bank. We look forward to seeing you!

Frederick City ALDERWOMAN KATIE NASH



I write this one week prior to the Primary Election, in the midst of Early Voting. I am reaching out in that context because although we are all very tired and preoccupied with the many changes at our County and State levels of government (let alone what is happening in Washington D.C. and in other states), we have to press on. I know you're busy. I know I'm asking for more.

Yes, we all know there is a massively important General Election looming in November. Yet our residents become energized about issues that are important to them. I would respectfully submit that if we take action on issues and are present in neighborhoods, voters see that participating in democracy matters to the lives of their families and the lives of their neighbors. Community action is a turnout tool.

One thing I've learned and become very passionate about is the ability to organize and harness the collective intelligence in this community for impact. We have incredibly smart, talented, and experienced people who live in Frederick County.

Another thing I've noticed? We tend to be divided up and dedicated to different projects. At times it would seem that one group doesn't know where the other group is in their work and certainly we aren't taking a look at the ways the work intersects. The intersection is a topic of study in itself but we've all seen this in our professional, civic, and personal lives (Josh Bokee, did you make the vet appointment or did I?).

Community organizing takes a lot of - you guessed it - organization. We all become challenged with our day-to-day tasks and let's face it - there are never enough resources. Systematic oppression, silos, and lack of action all depend on this truth. Yet what if? What if we could start to get organized and take a project approach to the many challenges we have before us?

If you're familiar with the work of the IAF (Industrial Areas Foundation), you know why it is important for this work to be community-led. Volunteers and I have created a list of projects - of course, it is massive and not even remotely complete. There are City-specific projects and bigger macro-level projects: from responding to our changing climate to improving road safety. If you are interested in getting involved in a project - leading a project - consider this your open invitation to join us. September 9th, from 12 pm-2 pm I'll host an organizational zoom meeting and then later that day, a Happy Hour to reconnect at our home. My personal email address is katiejonash@gmail.com - please join our group and let's take action for our residents.

Frederick County



DELEGATE KAREN LEWIS YOUNG

Democratic Nominee, Senate, 3

Reflections on the Primary Election

I would like to thank everyone who made the difficult decision to run for office in the recent primary. Campaigning is not for the weak hearted

In particular, I'd like to thank everyone who supported my campaign. It takes a team to run a good campaign. First of all, I'd like to thank my husband, Ron, who worked tirelessly. Between us, we visited over 11,500 doors!

Kris Fair was my constant canvassing companion who always took the upper levels of apartment buildings. Kris pushed the data and I pushed the door goal.

Josh Cramer, my campaign manager, pitched in on many of the things that I couldn't get to and Diana Halleman did whatever was needed at a moment's notice. Kathy Rossen, has been my Treasurer for the past thirteen years. Kathy is an expert on financial reporting. I never worry about the accuracy or compliance of my reports.

Sue Hecht, Yvonne Reinsch, Linda Moran, and Meta Nash ran the most successful fundraiser that I ever held. 100 Women for \$100 blew past our goals.

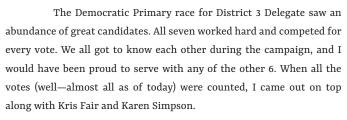
We are well prepared for the general election but we will take nothing for granted. In less than a week, we've mapped out an overall strategy.

Finally, I'd like to point out the very gracious words and acts

of some of the unsuccessful candidates. Kai Hagan, Tom Perez, and Katie O'Malley were particularly impressive in their concession statements. How one loses an election tells you much more about the candidate than how they win!

Frederick City DELEGATE KEN KERR

Democratic Nominee, Delegate, 3



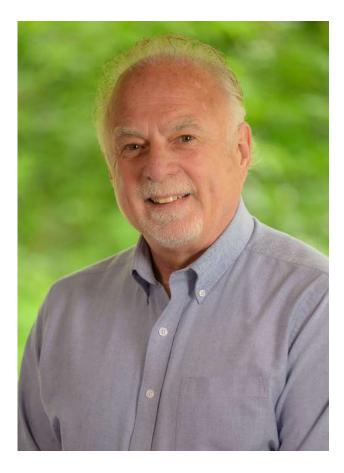
It's hard to lose. Kris, Karen, and I have all lost elections. It hurts. And I hope that this loss does not deter the other four great candidates from running again in future elections.

Looking ahead to November, I like our chances. The republicans have only fielded two candidates to compete for the three seats. Kathy Deiner was "Designated by Central Committee" on 04/27/2022 after the filing deadline saw only one candidate, Justin Wages, officially file.

Deiner is an Air Force Veteran who is an attorney living in Ballenger Creek since 2009. She is running in response to "government malfeasance" and "power grabbing" during COVID. She opposes Critical Race Theory and Gender Theory being taught in schools and was on the board of Frederick Right to Life.

The Dan Cox-endorsed Justin Wages is a 23 year old who graduated from college last May. He supports gun rights, want to roll back police reform, supports voter ID, and opposes COVID mandates, along with lowering taxes, reducing traffic, and ending the opiod crisis.

So, as I said, I like our chances in November, but we can't take anything for granted. Kris, Karen, and I have spoken since the primary and will work together to ensure we are all seated in the House of Delegates when the 2023 session begins on January 11th.



Frederick County



Thank you. Thank you to every one of you who knocked on doors, made phone calls, made a contribution, volunteered at the polls, and most importantly- voted. For over 18 months we have been working towards this moment, and I am incredibly honored and excited to be your Democratic nominee for Frederick County Executive!

I am so grateful to my colleague, Kai Hagen, for running a strong campaign and for reaching out to me as well as his supporters and pledging to be all in behind our efforts as we head into November. And I must also thank Daryl Boffman for his leadership and service to our community. We are all dedicated to the future of Frederick County, and we are all in this together.

The stakes feel so high. The challenges facing our nation, state, and county are real. But so are the opportunities coming our way because of the progress we have made over the past eight years. By investing in our students and schools, working together on housing costs, growing good jobs, building climate resilience, focusing on mental health, and continuing to build a welcoming and inclusive community, we can overcome challenges and embrace opportunities- together.

Make no mistake, there is A LOT of hard work ahead of us- and I am ready for it! It's important that we all stand together, so that we can build the infrastructure we need to beat Michael Hough and other dangerous, extremist Republicans up and down the ballot. The first step in coming together after the primary is the upcoming Unity Rally in Baker Park on August 4th at 6:00pm. We will be joined by Maryland Democratic Party Chair Yvette Lewis and we need YOU to be there! Mark your calendars now- don't miss this event!

COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER JESSICA FITZWATER

Democratic Nominee, County Executive

Our first coordinated campaign canvass kickoff is Saturday, August 6th at 10:00am at the Democratic Headquarters on the Golden Mile. We need a HUGE showing of volunteers to show up and hit the doors for our Democratic candidates across the County. I'm counting on you to join us!

We have sprung into action, forming a Finance Committee to aid in fundraising as we replenish our campaign account after the primary. I am grateful to Jim Racheff and Jan Gardner for offering to co-chair this group as we continue to build up membership. (If you are interested in joining this committee, please email us at info@jessicafitzwater.com!)

Our opponent has already raised a lot of money, and we need to raise at least that much in order to beat him in November. Every dollar we raise helps us buy Facebook ads, yard signs, TV ads, direct mail, t-shirts, and a whole lot more. This campaign will not scale up the way it needs to without your contributions. EVERY DOLLAR COUNTS, and we need donations in order to get our operation going strong and fast. Please join us and donate as much as you are able: <u>https:// donate.fundhero.io/fitzwaterforfrederickcounty</u>

We will be hitting the ground running, starting our general election voter outreach program in early August. We will need an operation that is able to reach out and connect with people all over the county- WE NEED YOU IN ORDER TO DO THAT. There are so many ways that you can support my campaign- please go to <u>https://bit.ly/jessvolunteers22</u> to sign up! We need everyone to give their time and treasure to this effort.



The Rest Of the Story

THE "CRAZIES" ARE AMONGST US: PART II

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

The voters have spoken. Since the final results from mail-in voting will not be known until later, I will defer discussion of the Maryland primary results until my next column, in the September issue of The Banner. What we do know, as I write this column, is that Maryland Republicans have gone crazy and nominated Dan Cox for governor and Michael Peroutka for Attorney General. We all know that Cox is as Trumpy as one can get and has tried to impeach Republican Governor Larry Hogan. Peroutka is a 70- year old former member of the Anne Arundel County Council, who was defeated for re-

election in the Republican primary in 2018. He was the Constitution Party candidate for President of the United States in 2004. He accepted the endorsement of the League of the South and based his campaign for President on America's Christian heritage, including total opposition to abortion without exception. He is opposed to any funding of education by the federal government. On December 6, 2012, the Human **Rights Campaign called Peroutka** an "active white supremacist and secessionist sympathizer" due to his links to the League of the South. Brian Griffiths is a Republican



who publishes The Duckpin.com. He was chair of the Maryland Young Republicans for four years and served four years on the executive committee of the Maryland Republican Party. Upon hearing of the victories of Cox and Peroutka in the July primary, Griffith announced that he was going to change his party registration from Republican to unaffiliated. In his blog, on July 20, he said that Republican voters had "nominated candidates for Governor and Attorney General who are wholly unqualified for office and completely incapable of winning." He described the nomination of Cox and



Republican house in Frederick City

Peroutka as "the ultimate act of self-immolation" by the Republican Party of Maryland.

In my June column "The 'Crazies' are Amongst Us: Part I," I highlighted the fact that the current Republican Party has become radicalized and bizarre. I used the strange positions taken by Maryland Republican Congressman Andy Harris as an illustration of the fact that, with some exceptions, the Republican Party has become the "Trump Insurrectionist Party." After that column was published it has been reported that Congressman Harris was among a small group of Republican insurrectionists who met in the oval office with President Trump after the election to plot to overthrow the results of a fair election.

Martin Schram, in an op-ed column entitled "A party without shame," described how the "MAGA wing of the GOP has erupted in yet another round of hatebased onslaughts and outbursts that seem deliberately calculated to Make America Great Again." In his column he describes how the Texas Republican Party, at its June convention, adopted extreme resolutions calling for Texas to secede from the union, describing homosexuality as "an abnormal lifestyle choice," and declaring that President Joe Biden was not legitimately elected. In Missouri, Recently he said on WFMD, "Every Democrat in America is trying to destroy this country. I really believe that." He also told the local Republican club that he believed that Biden stole the 2020 election. These are not the statements that a rational, reasonable public servant would make.

Recently Judy Burdette wrote a Letter-to-the Editor of the local newspaper, indicating that she was a Republican and urging Republicans to "choose moderate candidates who will have a chance of winning in the general election." Local and state Republicans do not seem to be heeding her advice. State Senator Michael Hough was unopposed for nomination as the Republican candidate for County Executive for Frederick County. Before the primary election, Hough ran ads on television that tried to portray him as the voice of reason and a person who could work across party lines. Not so. Hough is a radical Republican who, if elected, will set Frederick County back. Even after four years to see what kind of person President Trump was, Hough supported him for reelection in 2020. In my October column in The Banner, "The Crazies" Are Amongst Us, Part III, I will elaborate on why Hough is too radical to be elected County Executive despite the veneer of respectability he wraps around himself. Republican extremism must be emphasized

> in the upcoming election.

Republican candidate for governor, Eric Greitens released an ad, posing with a shotgun, stating that "Today we are goin' RINO hunting... Get a RINO hunting permit. There's no bagging limit, no tagging limit, and it doesn't expire – until we save our country."

The craziness of the current Republican Party is omnipresent. Frederick Republican Sheriff Chuck Jenkins has been quoted as saying

"I belong to a national organization of sheriffs and we all believe that our primary responsibility as sheriffs is to protect the public from the federal government." Quote from a Kelly Schultz senior advisor

Quote of the day

"The Maryland Republican Party got together and committed ritualized mass suicide. The only thing missing was Jim Jones and a glass of Kool-Aid."

- Doug Mayer

Frederick County KARL BICKEL

Democratic Nominee, Sherriff



THANK YOU!

I am honored to be the Democratic nominee for Sheriff of Frederick County. Thank you to those who voted with me to bring about professional leadership, improved accountability, and transparency to the office of the sheriff.

I want to thank Dan McDowell for having the courage to throw his hat in the ring while working for a vindictive sheriff who threatens to make his work life miserable. It provided an opportunity to exchange and debate ideas, an opportunity for us to learn from each other making both of us stronger.

I look forward to having Dan's support, and that of those who voted for him, as we face the challenge of unseating a political extremist that is the sheriff. The sheriff has brought our county embarrassment over his political extremism, costly litigation the county has lost, the ire of the state legislature, public demonstrations against his policies, and the lowest staff morale in the sheriff's office we can recall.

As we move to the general election, we must not lose sight of how serious this race is. The sheriff has publicly stated in a recent radio interview that "Every Democrat in America is trying to destroy this country. I really believe that." These are not the words of a sheriff who serves all the people.

These are the words of an insurrectionist sheriff who has publicly stated the 2020 election was stolen from Donald Trump. He has said the COVID pandemic, which killed over a million people in the U.S. and was the most common cause of death among law enforcement officers for two years, was a fraud. They are the words of a sheriff who has displayed racist and misogynist behavior. He is so extreme in his political views that the Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties at the Department of Homeland Security objected to the renewal of his coveted 287(g) agreement in 2016.

We are at a critical juncture in Frederick County where we all need to pull together in a unified campaign to fight the radical, repressive policies of the Republican MAGA candidates who will turn back the progress county leaders have made in recent years. We cannot let the extreme elements in our county destroy what has been achieved. We must make the most of the opportunities we have before us, to make Frederick County even more livable and equitable for everyone.



Thank You!

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Maryland State ANTHONY BROWN

Democratic Nominee, Attorney General



I'm Anthony Brown, and I'm the Democratic nominee to become Maryland's next Attorney General.

With nearly three decades as an attorney, and experiences ranging from a Colonel in the United States Army to a three-term member of the United States Congress, I know that an Attorney General can either be a champion for progress or a defender of the status quo. As your Attorney General, I will be a champion for all Marylanders who will never back down from a challenge.

I was raised by immigrant parents who instilled in me the value of service to others. My father was a doctor who treated patients in some of the poorest hospitals and neighborhoods near where I grew up, and I recognized the difference that my father and later myself could make in the lives of those in need.

Throughout my years in public service, I've advocated for greater equity and justice throughout our state. As Maryland's Lieutenant Governor, I led the fights to repeal the death penalty, decriminalize marijuana, and give Marylanders a second chance. I worked with the General Assembly to expand protections for victims of domestic violence, abused and neglected children, and veterans whose mental and behavioral health needs were not being met.

As a lawyer, I've consistently defended the most vulnerable. I represented clients who have been victimized

by sexual harassment, and stood up for children in need of assistance and the vulnerable who were unable to afford a lawyer in our criminal courts. I have taken on big tobacco and represented small businesses that have been undermined by large corporations.

In Congress, alongside Congressman David Trone, I've advocated for quality, affordable health care for all, emphasizing the importance of mental and behavioral health care. For too long we've ignored the immense hardship the opioid epidemic has had on our communities, particularly in Western Maryland. I've worked to advance programs that give those fighting addiction the care they need to reach recovery and as Maryland's next Attorney General, I'm ready to hold bad actors accountable, make our communities safer, and fight for a compassionate justice system that recognizes the humanity in each and every person.

I championed common sense gun safety laws, like universal background checks, a ban on bump stocks, raising the age to purchase rifles, and "red flag" laws to keep firearms away from those who might harm themselves or others. I introduced measures to fix our broken immigration system to make it more humane and just. And I've been a fierce advocate for women's rights to make their own choices about their own bodies and healthcare.

I've passed measures enhancing protections for victims of domestic violence, expanding access to the ballot for all voters, protecting the health of the Chesapeake Bay,

and ensuring equality under the law for the LGBTQIA+ community. I'm a lead sponsor on the George Floyd Justice in Policing Reform Act, landmark legislation to establish a comprehensive approach to hold police accountable and to change the culture of law enforcement by empowering our local communities. And when faced with Donald Trump's lawless presidency, I didn't back down and fought to protect our democracy.

Despite the progress that has been made, too many barriers still exist for too many Marylanders — from health care and housing; to the impacts of our rapidly changing climate and education; to policing, and the criminal justice system.

I'm running for Attorney General to dismantle these barriers, help level the playing field and push for changes that will give every Marylander a fair shot to get ahead and ensure everyone plays by the same set of rules.

It'll take all of us, in every county of our state, to mobilize for the change and vision that Maryland Democrats share and know is possible. I look forward to working with the leaders, activists, and residents of Frederick County to get this message out.



BROOKE ERMAN Democratic Nominee State Comptroller

Get involved at BrookeLierman.com

By Authority: Brooke Lierman for Maryland; Candace Dodson-Reed, Treasurer



UNITED DEMOCRATS OF FREDERICK COUNTY

UNITED DEMOCRATS OF FREDERICK COUNTY

We had an AMAZING picnic on Saturday, July 9th at Kemptown Park. This was our first summer picnic since 2019 and it did not disappoint. So many great candidates and their representatives were in attendance during the final push during primary season. While we do have small differences as Democrats, we still believe in the same core principles of equality and making life better for everyone in our community.

After the primary, we must come together as a unified front against divisive and hateful rhetoric. The other party has embraced bigotry, ignored families struggling to make ends meet, supports rolling back women's rights after decades of progress, and put profits ahead of people. Our county has made so much progress in the last eight years under Jan Gardner's leadership. With your hard work, we can continue the policies she and her County Councils have started to make Frederick County an even better place to live. We have become a tourist destination for our agritourism and entertainment options. The next administration will have big shoes to fill, but we have some amazing new and veteran leaders ready to represent us.

Thank you to all the people who heard the call and ran for office. We hope that the people who didn't win their primaries will stay engaged throughout the general election and look for opportunities to join different work groups and commissions. Become a member! Dues are \$20 individual or \$35 family. As a reminder, dues are payable in January of each year. You can contact us at <u>UnitedDemsFrederick@yahoo.com</u>, 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!

Join the Women's Democratic League of Frederick County for our next Monthly Meeting



Monday, August 15 7:00 p.m.

Details to follow

EDITOR'S CORNER



Violet Williams, Frederick County Democratic Central Committee, Secretary

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GET BUSY:

https://www.frederickdemocrats.org/events/calendar

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Frederick County Council At Large Campaign Kick-Off

Come out and support the election of Brad Young and Renee Knapp for County Council!

Utica District Park-Shelter 1

10200-B Old Frederick Rd., Frederick, MD 21701

Sunday, August 7 2:00-4:00pm



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AUGUST AT A GLANCE:

02 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

02 BRUNSWICK MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

04 UNITY RALLY

O6 COORDINATED CAMPAIGN CANVASS LAUNCH

13 NORTH FREDERICK COUNTY DEMS MONTHLY MEET-UP

- 15 WOMEN'S DEMOCRATIC LEAGUE MEETING
- 17 YOUNG DEMOCRATS MEETING

18 FCDCC MEETING

20 SOUTH FREDERICK COUNTY DEMS MONTHLY MEET-UP

Please keep an eye on the calendar and social media sites for the most up-to-date information. We hope to see you out!

Proof of Vaccination will be required at ALL FCDCC sponsored and hosted events.

OFFICE HOURS:

The FCDCC Office will be open: Every Saturday from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Every Monday from 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m Every Wednesday from 2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Masks are required in the office, at all times, regardless of vaccination status.