



The Banner

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Central Committee

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Chair's Corner

Our daily lives have changed dramatically since last month. “Social distancing” has entered our lexicon. Our small businesses have been shut down. Our friends and families are out of reach. Schools are going online. Too many of us have lost income, been hospitalized, or both. We're anxious. We're depressed.

And yet, there are bright spots: communities are coming together on social media to help local businesses. Schools are feeding local children. Heroes in the trenches are still going to work to keep us safe and healthy, to stock our supermarket shelves, to fight this virus. Artists are sharing their songs and stories and paintings; newspapers are lowering their paywalls.

And yet, many scientists and medical professionals tell us that the crisis didn't have to be this bad, that their warnings were ignored. Some are saying we shouldn't “make this political” – the same folks who tell us it's “too soon” to discuss gun safety in the wake of a mass shooting – but the fact is that our current president cut staff and budgets from the very areas that could have prepared us. He lies about the situation daily and silences anyone who contradicts those lies. He says that we should

pack the churches on Easter and go back to normal for the sake of the economy. We're not *making* it political; it was always political.

Locally, Del. Dan Cox is making hay, claiming that Maryland's elective, nonessential services include abortions, which must therefore be shut down. He declared it a victory on March 24th and has since been receiving praise from anti-choice groups. One commenter noted that the coronavirus may in fact “save more lives than it takes” because of this development.

In an ordinary year, we would be raising money with our gala and Plow-Fish events to fight the right-wing agenda and get Democrats elected in 2020 and beyond. Those kinds of activities are obviously on hold for the foreseeable future, but November is still on its way, next year will see a Frederick City election, and 2022 will be here before you know it.

Even with the state nearly shut down, you can take action from home. For example, you can go online to become a virtual phone banker with the Maryland Democratic Party (https://www.mobilize.us/mddems/event/262965/?fbclid=IwAR2tFtqOK051kPXAwJTAcgie4gLYKgUzzUKV2N4wYHJlWn_nGDhfzOwiGvg). You can download the ResistBot app and use it to send messages to your elected officials (text RESIST to 50409).

And – if you can – please donate. The times are more uncertain than ever, but one thing is certain: We simply cannot afford another four years of the Trump administration. Go to <https://www.frederickdemocrats.org/contribute> and give what you can now. Consider becoming a monthly sustainer for as little as \$5.00 a month.

We will all come out on the other side of this. With your help, we'll be ready.

-Deborah Carter

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, there will be no Democratic events during the month of April.
Please continue to follow these approved CDC guidelines to help stop the spread.
#flattenthecurve

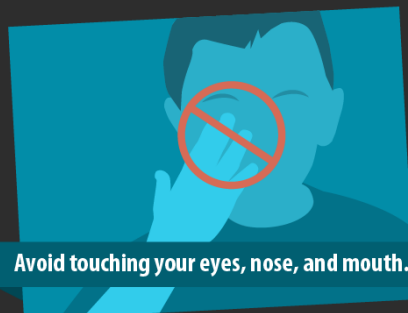
STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.



Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.



Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.

Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.



Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.



Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.



For more information: [cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

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Senator Ron Young- District 3

I hope everyone is staying in place as much as possible and doing well. We will get through this together. Check my Facebook regularly for updates. The following are the businesses that are considered essential.

A) The Chemical Sector includes, but is not limited to:

- i. Pharmaceutical manufacturers.
- ii. Chemical manufacturers.
- iii. Distributors of chemicals and pharmaceuticals.

B) The Commercial Facilities Sector includes, but is not limited to:

- i. Lodging.
- ii. Building and property maintenance companies, including without limitation plumbers, electricians, HVAC service companies, roofers, environmental services companies, exterminators, arborists, and landscapers.
- iii. Janitorial firms.
- iv. Companies that sell supplies and materials for maintenance of commercial and residential buildings, including “big box” home improvement supply stores, plumbing distributors, electrical distributors, and HVAC distributors.
- v. Laundromats, dry cleaners, and laundry services.

vi. Commercial and residential construction companies.

vii. Self-storage facilities.

Note: Casinos, racetracks, simulcast betting facilities, enclosed malls, certain recreational establishments, and certain retail businesses are subject to specific provisions of this and other Orders, and are required to close.

C) The Communications Sector includes, but is not limited to:

- i. Broadcasting companies and stations.
- ii. Cable TV companies.
- iii. Telephone (cellular and landline) companies.
- iv. Internet service providers.

D) The Critical Manufacturing Sector includes, but is not limited to, manufacturing of:

- i. Steel, iron, and aluminum products.
- ii. Engines, motors, turbines, generators, and power transmission equipment.
- iii. Earth-moving, mining, agricultural, and construction equipment.
- iv. Parts for water, electric, and telecommunications utility infrastructure.
- v. Land, air, and water vehicles, and related parts.
- vi. Medical equipment.
- vii. Personal protective equipment.
- viii. Cleaning and sanitation equipment and supplies.

E) The Defense Industrial Base Sector includes, but is not limited to:

- i. Companies that research, develop, manufacture, or integrate weapons, defense, or intelligence systems or assets.
- ii. Private contractors that support defense and intelligence agencies.

F) The Emergency Services Sector includes, but is not limited to:

- i. Law enforcement.
- ii. Emergency medical services.
- iii. Emergency management.
- iv. Fire and rescue services.
- v. Private ambulance companies.

G) The Energy Sector includes, but is not limited to:

- i. Companies engaged in electricity production (excluding hydroelectric and nuclear, which are included in other sectors).
- ii. Companies engaged in the production, refining, storage, transportation, distribution, and sale of oil, gas, and propane products, including gas stations and truck stops.
- iii. Companies that provide utility maintenance services.

H) The Financial Services Sector includes, but is not limited to:

- i. Banks and credit unions.
- ii. Non-bank lenders.
- iii. Payroll processing companies.
- iv. Payment processing companies.
- v. Armored car companies.
- vi. Insurance companies.
- vii. Securities and investment companies.
- viii. Accounting and bookkeeping firms.

I) The Food and Agriculture Sector includes, but is not limited to:

- i. Grocery stores.
- ii. Farmer’s markets.
- iii. Convenience stores.
- iv. Alcoholic beverage stores and distributors, distilleries, and wineries.
- v. Institutional food service and supply companies.
- vi. Farms.
- vii. Food manufacturing and processing.
- viii. Pet supply stores.
- ix. Veterinary hospitals, clinics, and kennels.
- x. Companies that manufacture, maintain, and sell agricultural equipment.
- xi. Companies that manufacture, or support the manufacturing of paper products.

Please note: Restaurants and bars are subject to specific provisions of the Order, and are required to close (except for carry-out, delivery, and drive-through sales). Please read the Order carefully.

J) The Government Facilities Sector also encompasses private persons and entities that support the judicial system including, but not limited to:

- i. Lawyers and law firms.
- ii. Court reporters.
- iii. Bail bondsmen.

K) The Healthcare and Public Health Sector includes, but is not limited to:

- i. Hospitals.
- ii. Healthcare systems and clinics.
- iii. Offices of health care providers, including physicians, dentists, and pharmacists.
- iv. Physical, occupation, and speech therapists.
- v. Behavioral health facilities and professionals, including psychologists, mental health counselors, and substance abuse counselors.
- vi. Rehabilitation facilities.
- vii. Diagnostic facilities, including radiology, imaging, and laboratory facilities.
- viii. Health plans, payors, and billing companies.
- ix. Funeral homes and crematoriums.
- x. Senior living facilities, including independent living, assisted living, and skilled nursing.
- xi. Manufacturers and distributors of medical equipment and supplies.
- xii. Medical cannabis growers, processors, and dispensaries.
- xiii. Home health care companies.
- xiv. Pharmacies.

L) The Information Technology Sector includes, but is not limited to:

- i. Companies that design, develop, distribute, host, sell, and support information technology software and hardware.
- ii. Companies that provide network routing, access, and configuration services.

M) The Transportation Systems Sector includes, but is not limited to:

- i. Airlines and operators of commercial aircraft (manned and unmanned).
- ii. Airports, air strips, heliports, and seaplane bases.
- iii. Railroads.
- iv. Motor carriers.

- v. Carriers of marine freight, including ocean carriers and inland carriers.
- vi. Marine, rail, truck, and intermodal terminals, and operators thereof.
- vii. Stevedores, longshoremen, baggage handlers, and others who handle cargo at transportation hubs.
- viii. Courier, package delivery, mail service, and mail management companies.
- ix. Warehousing and distribution companies.
- x. Pipeline owners, operators and maintenance companies.
- xi. Lessors of transportation assets, including railcars and truck trailers.
- xii. Companies that supply parts, or provide maintenance and repair services for transportation assets and infrastructure, including aircraft, marine vessels, locomotives, rail cars, trucks, buses, cars, heavy equipment, roads, bridges, tunnels, airports, air strips, marine terminals, railroads.
- xiii. Automotive supply stores and repair shops.

N) The Water and Wastewater Systems Sector includes, but is not limited to:

- i. Municipal, community, and other drinking water and wastewater systems and facilities.
- ii. Well drillers.
- iii. Companies that provide maintenance and inspection services for water and wastewater assets, including treatment works, residential water treatment systems, piping, pumps, tanks, drains, conveyances, and monitoring systems.
- iv. Water testing companies.

O) Supporting Firms. The federal critical infrastructure sectors include firms providing the

following to any other business, organization, or facility included in the federal critical infrastructure sectors:

- i. Staffing and/or payroll services.
- ii. Essential raw materials, products, or services.

Door-to-Door Solicitation. Door-to-door solicitation (even by businesses that are permitted to remain open) is likely to violate social-distancing guidelines and should be discontinued.

-Ron



Delegate Karen Lewis Young-
District 3A

Since I cannot cover all of the significant legislation passed during session. I will break it into sections. This month, I have summarized emergency bills addressing the coronavirus pandemic and major healthcare legislation.

In response to the COVID-19 public health threat, Governor Hogan declared a state of emergency to mobilize all necessary resources. Also, the Speaker introduced legislation that allows the Governor to take specific actions to address the public health emergency:

HB 1661 - State Budget - Revenue Stabilization Account Transfers – Coronavirus-

This is an emergency bill that allows the Governor to transfer up to \$50 million from the state’s Rainy Day Fund to mobilize the necessary resources to address the COVID-19 outbreak. The funds will be used toward activities such as COVID-19 testing and research, coordination with various state agencies and local governments to develop preparedness plans and outreach to vulnerable communities to limit the spread of infection.

HB 1663 - State Government - State of Emergency and Catastrophic Health Emergency – Authority of Governor (Covid-19 Public Health Emergency Protection Act Of 2020) –

This is an emergency bill that allows the Governor to take several actions to expand healthcare coverage, unemployment benefits and consumer protections throughout the COVID-19 public health emergency.

The legislation changes the definition of a work week to allow state hospital nurses to work more hours to care for COVID-identified patients and be eligible to receive full-time benefits.

Co-pays and other out-of-pocket costs for COVID–19 testing and immunization will be eliminated. The Maryland Department of Health will cover the costs of COVID–19 testing and any associated costs not paid for by insurance or another third party so anyone who needs a test will be able to afford it.

To prevent hospitals and doctors’ offices from becoming overwhelmed, certain telehealth protocols for COVID–19 will be

waived to allow more patients to be diagnosed and treated over the phone and online. The Maryland Department of Health will also reimburse patients for telehealth services related to COVID–19.

In partnership with the federal government, the state will provide unemployment insurance benefits to workers who are temporarily out of work or quarantined.

In order to protect consumers, the state has prohibited retailers from price gouging necessary goods and services such as food, water, fuel and medicine.

State and federal governments have placed stringent restrictions on social gatherings and have taken significant action to encourage social distancing. As such, employers cannot fire employees who are isolated or quarantined for COVID-19.

Protecting the Affordable Care Act - HB 959

Maryland has been committed to protecting the key provisions of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), regardless of the outcome of the Texas vs. United States lawsuit. This legislation aims to expand access to quality healthcare for Maryland residents by making state law consistent with the federal ACA law. The bill codifies key provisions of the ACA including:

- Allowing young adults to stay on their parents’ plan until they turn 26
- Eliminating co-pays for certain preventive services
- Prohibiting health insurance companies from limiting how much they would pay for any individual’s medical bills over a lifetime

- Expanding coverage for individuals with “pre-existing conditions”
- Providing base level healthcare plans

Reverse Auctions - HB 1150

This bill requires the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) to use a “reverse auction” to select a pharmacy benefits manager (PBM) for the Maryland Rx Program under the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program.

Companies who wish to supply vital prescription medications will be required to bid against each other, ultimately driving down drug prices. This bipartisan legislation will save consumers millions of dollars in prescription drug costs.

Funding the Prescription Drug Affordability Board - HB 1095

This allows the Prescription Drug Affordability Board (PDAB) to collect up to \$2 million annually from manufacturers who distribute and sell prescriptions to Maryland residents. These funds will allow PDAB to continue its work and decrease the cost of prescriptions for state employees.

Maryland Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Registry and Referral System –

This bill establishes an online, statewide registry system for healthcare workers to track and share patient information and available resources. Hospitals have been experiencing a shortage of beds for patients needing substance abuse and mental illness treatment; patients have waited in the emergency room for days before receiving a hospital bed. The registry will help healthcare workers obtain an accurate count of the available beds, get real-time updates, and connect patients with resources.



Tom Slater- Frederick County Democratic Party Historian

The Rest of the Story

“Many public events and venues including political rallies ... shut down. Many voters were either too ill or too afraid of getting ill to go to the polls. Those who took their chances found many of their fellow citizens wearing face masks.” Sound familiar. This quote was from C. Scott Berg’s Wilson in reference to the 1918 so-called “Spanish Flu” influenza pandemic. That pandemic infected 500 million people around the world or about 27% of the world’s population. The death toll is estimated to have been anywhere from 17 million to 50 million (1 to 6% of the world’s population). U.S. censors, during World War I, minimized the early reports of the deadliness of the illness, and it never received the media attention (such as the media was at that time) as this current pandemic is receiving. It first manifested itself in the United States in Kansas with the second wave emerging first in Boston. The Spanish Flu particularly affected U.S. soldiers with Maryland’s Ft. Meade being hit hard by the disease. The pandemic abruptly ended in late 1918. Scientists to this day do not agree on what caused this pandemic to end. According to the Washington Post, in referencing the current pandemic, President Trump said, “I didn’t know people died from the flu.” One of the victims of the 1918 Spanish Flu was Friedrich Trump, Donald Trump’s paternal grandfather.

I am indebted to Chris Haugh’s September 2018 blog article, “No Ordinary Flu Season,” for the information I am about to recite about the impact of the 1918 pandemic on Frederick County. The pictures associated with this column also come from that blog article. One of the first to succumb to the second wave was a young man from Frederick, George G. Sanders, Jr., who was in the military and stationed in New Jersey. He died on September 1, 1918, three days after being quite ill from the disease. As the disease spread some store owners closed their doors but there was no government requirement to do so. There was a total of approximately 2,000 cases in Frederick with 200 fatalities, including three brothers (Jay, William, and Lester Toms). Nancy Luse, in the Frederick News-Post on March 23, 1998, quoted a local historian as saying about the 1918 pandemic in Frederick County: “There was a scarcity of medical men and trained nurses; these had gone to the army camps or to the front, and this county suffered.” Ms. Luce also reported that the schools were closed, church services cancelled, other public gatherings limited, and people wore gauze surgical-style masks in order to prevent the exchange of germs.

THIRD BROTHER DIES OF FLU
Lester A. Toms, Of Yellow Springs, Succumbs.
 Frederick, Md., Dec. 23.—Following the death of his brothers, Jay William, on Friday, and Keefer S., who died about a month ago, both victims of influenza, Lester A. Toms, 33, son of Otho Toms and the late Mrs. Sarah A. E. Toms, died of influenza near Yellow Springs yesterday.
 He was a graduate of the Boys' High School and attended Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va. After leaving college his health became impaired, and he went to Saranac Lake, N. Y. His condition improved, and later he located in the West. About four years ago he returned to this city and for a while was manager of the City Opera House. He was ill six days. He is survived by his father and one brother, Capt. Raymond E. Toms, in France. A sister-in-law, Mrs. Keefer S. Toms, formerly Miss Grace Dixon, also survives.

(Obituary): “Baltimore Sun (Dec. 24, 1918).”

We don’t know how or when this current pandemic will end, but it will end. It will end sooner if our citizens follow the directives from our local, state, and federal governments.

Hopefully, at least by this time next year, we will be rid of this awful disease, and also we will be rid of the Trump presidency, which is a plague on the United States.



(Above) “Saloons like Kidwiler’s on the SW corner of S. Market and All Saints streets closed in an effort to halt spreading the deadly flu bug.”



(Above): “The fall of 1918 was not your ordinary ‘cold and flu season’ here in Frederick. The same held true for the state, nation and world for that matter. It is estimated that about 500 million people, or one-third of the planet’s human population, became infected with this virus. The number of flu-related deaths was estimated to be at least 50 million worldwide with about 675,000 occurring in the United States.”

We all mourn the recent death of Mary Catherine Hahn Moser. Her parents owned Hahn Transportation in New Market and, for many years, her mother was a member of the Democratic State Central Committee for Frederick County.

Forty years ago (April 1980) in the Banner: The Central Committee recommended the reappointment of Rita Gordon to the Board of Education and the appointment of Margaret Brown to the Board of Education. The Women’s Democratic League made plans to honor Congresswoman Beverly Byron with a banquet at Holly Hills.



Delegate Carol Krimm –
Legislative 3A

Dear Banner Readers – We are living in historic uncertain times. As many of you know, the Maryland General Assembly adjourned early for the first time since the Civil War. My role and responsibilities in the legislature increased with the appointments newly elected Speaker Andrienne Jones asked me to assume this year. Prior to the beginning of session, I was appointed to serve as Vice Chairman of the Transportation and Environment subcommittee. This appointment provided me the opportunity to serve on the Capital Budget Subcommittee.

Speaker Jones next appointed me as the House Chair of the Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee. With this appointment I am able to serve Frederick County in a leadership capacity on the Appropriations Committee.

As anticipated, the focus of this session was public education. That topic took much of our attention especially in my committee, the Appropriations Committee.

Our committee first moved HB 1 – Built to Learn Act. This Act is the largest one-time school construction investment in Maryland history. HB 1 invests an additional \$2.2 billion into school construction in addition to the \$400 million annual capital funding for school construction. County Executive Gardner and I worked with Speaker Jones and Appropriations Chairman Maggie

McIntosh during the summer and fall of 2019 as the bill was being prepared to maximize Frederick County’s appropriation in the bill.

We next concentrated on HB 1300 – Blueprint for Maryland’s Future – Implementation. Also known as the Kirwan Commission the bill is a policy blueprint for revolutionizing our education system so all of our children may compete in global economy for 21st century jobs. HB 1300 also focuses on teachers with higher salaries and more rigorous teacher preparation.

Both of these historic bills passed the Maryland General Assembly before the early adjournment.

I sponsored three bills of local interest this session. HB206 – working with Ed Hinde of SHIP and Senator Mary Washington we passed a bill about providing a framework for non-profits like SHIP to address the increasing problem of homeless unaccompanied minors by creating a host home program and allowing these minors to consent to services and establish liability parameters for people who help these minors. This bill passed in the abbreviated session.

HB 178 – working with Alderman Kelly Russell we presented a bill that will address sales of properties in areas affected by sinkholes created by quarry operations. The bill addressed an issue that occurred on Hamilton Ave. in the city. This bill passed the House and did not have an opportunity to have a Senate hearing. We preserved the bill in its amended form and will move it next year or in a special session if there is an opportunity.

HB 395 – working with Barb Trader and other environmentalists in Frederick County we developed a funding bill to advance the Healthy Soils Program at the Maryland Department of Agriculture. Both

the Maryland Farm Bureau and the environmental community supported the bill. This bill passed the House and we will move it next year in its amended form.

Another bill I sponsored passed before the end of session. HB 1061 will require higher education entities and convention facilities that receive capital funding from Maryland taxpayer dollars to report their deferred maintenance to the budget committees every year.

As a member of the leadership team on the Appropriations Committee, I was able to work with Chair McIntosh, Capital Budget Chair Mark Chang to restore full capital funding for the County’s Public Safety Training Center and Frederick Hospital. Additionally, we protected all the Frederick County projects in the Capital Budget as well as add funding for the dredging of Lake Linganore which is one of the sources of drinking water for The City of Frederick. We added funding for Westside Regional Park and the committee added funding for public school construction. Special thanks to Senate Capital Chair Doug Peters for honoring funding for all these projects.

On the last day of session, I was elected as the next President of the Women’s Caucus. The Caucus has 74 strong women legislators who are eager to continue our leadership in the General Assembly in a bipartisan manner. I look forward to working with all of them.

My office is providing a newsletter with updated information. If you wish to receive this newsletter please provide your email to my legislative email at carol.krimm@house.state.md.us. Stay healthy. Difficult times still lie ahead.

By authority: Friends of Carol Krimm, Peter Brehm, Treasurer

The Women's Democratic League of Frederick County (WDL) has undergone some recent leadership changes. On February 24th, the WDL Board of Directors accepted Lara Roholt Westdorp's resignation as President.

In accepting Lara's resignation, and per Article IV, Section 4 of the bylaws, the Board of Directors elected a new set of Officers:

Mari Lee will serve the remainder of the President's term until December 2020

Renee Knapp will serve as Secretary until December 2021

Sam Van Rens will serve as Treasurer until December 2021

Tarolyn Thrasher will serve as Director of Communications until December 2020

Following Article IV, Section 5a of the bylaws, Lara will continue to serve for a full calendar year on the Board of Directors to aid in the transition.

Following the Board of Directors' February decision, Lara stated, "This was a difficult decision for me, as I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve this outstanding organization for the last 7 years. I fully support the Board of Director's decision for all the new Officers. In particular, Mari Lee has my complete endorsement as the new President of the WDL. Mari brings a wealth of leadership experience, dedication to issues of equality, and a demonstrated commitment to the Democratic Party and the success of women in elected office. She is the perfect person to take the WDL to new heights."

In accepting the role of President, Mari stated, "The WDL has been advocating for women's issues since 1923. For the past decade, it has been my privilege to work alongside past and present members in efforts dear to the WDL. As President, that will continue. Lara was and is a tremendous asset to the WDL and I look forward to building upon the valuable work she has done, as well as that of former president Florence Schell and those before her. The WDL is a fantastic organization; I also look forward to helping steer our advocacy's footprint through new and expanded initiatives and enhanced community involvement."

We ask you to join us at the May 18 meeting to welcome the new leadership and the new opportunities it brings for the WDL's future. We will determine the status of the May meeting closer to that date. Please visit www.wdlfrederick.org for any changes.

Best regards,

Mari Lee & Lara Westdorp



Emerge Maryland women haven't missed a beat. Our alumnae know that adaptability is a valuable trait.

Whether it's knocking doors in dodgy weather,



addressing a crowd when there's no stage,



Photo: Washington Post

or attending an Emerge Maryland class with a newborn baby.



Now we are in the middle of a global pandemic and we are still going strong.
Online.



We want you to know we are not slowing down because we will always need fierce, strong, adaptable women to lead the way, now and in the future.

You have given us your faith and support and we have come through with results.

122 women trained to run for elected office.

70% have run or are currently running for elected office.

50 have been elected or appointed to serve.

12 different counties and Baltimore City represented.

56% of our graduates are women of color.

The Class of 2020 along with the upcoming elections will build on these stats as we continue to be a part of the significant changes for the better happening now in Maryland.

Under Maryland House of Delegates Speaker Adrienne Jones, women are now a majority of the Democratic House caucus.

That's absolutely a result of our work - there are currently 13 of our alumnae serving in the House.

We wanted you to know what we were up to and we will keep you updated as we approach the summer recruitment season for the Class of 2021.

Look for our summer workshops, Taste of Emerge Maryland, designed to help women find their political path to leadership.

Watch for the opening of our application for the Class of 2021. We are especially looking for women who are planning to run in 2022. We will make sure they are ready to run that winning race!

For those of you who are anxiously awaiting to attend one of our famous door-busting parties, we have plans to reschedule our Spring Fling as soon as it is truly safe to do so. We are grateful to all who have contributed to our future event and are still accepting donations and selling tickets. <http://bit.ly/EMDSPRINGFLING2020>
Wishing you and your family good health, Diane Fink, Executive Director

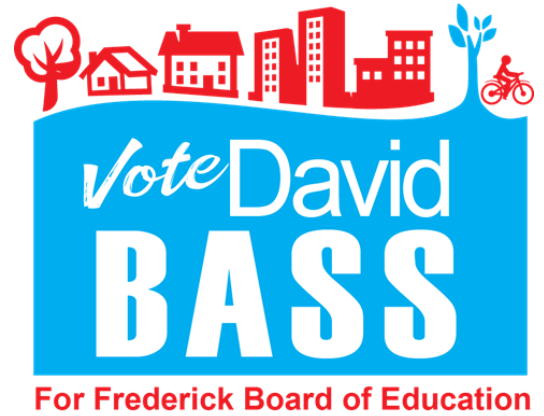


David Bass – Board of Education Candidate

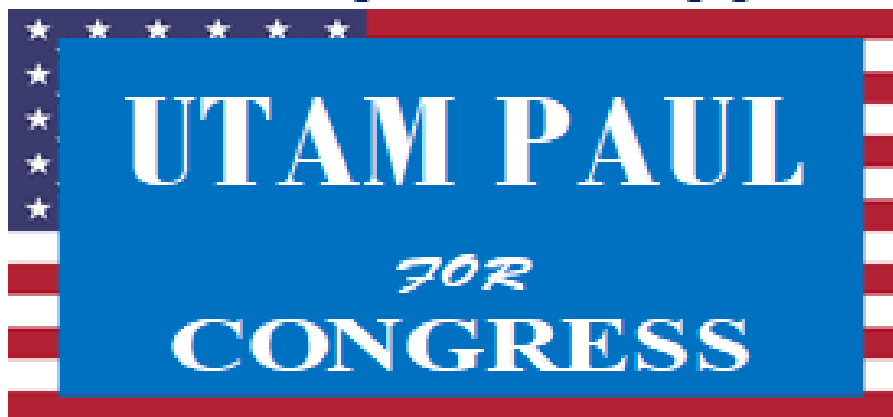
I want to thank our Democratic Central Committee for giving each candidate an opportunity to introduce ourselves. I am running for Board of Education because of my firm commitment to public education and educational equity. In my career, I have served as a special education teacher and a nonprofit administrator, and currently work in higher education on issues of diversity and inclusion. When elected, two of my immediate priorities will be to improve accountability to constituents and enhance our special education services. I also look forward to advancing efforts to close the achievement gap and to improve college and career readiness.

For a more accountable approach to leadership, I plan to establish in-person and online office hours. I want to make it as easy as possible for all Frederick County residents to bring issues of concern to the Board. With regard to special education, many families in Frederick have had to make difficult decisions to send their children to private schools, or to public schools in other counties, in pursuit of better special education services. Through a collaborative approach, we can improve special education in Frederick County and ensure we are providing equitable education to all our students.

I encourage you to visit my website DavidBass4Frederick.org and follow me on Facebook @Bass4Frederick. I hope to earn your vote in the Maryland primary on June 2.



Vote, help and support



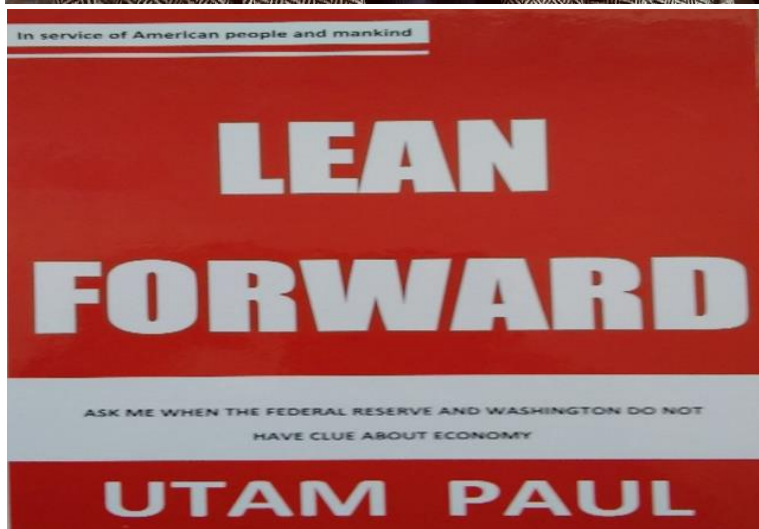
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Primary Elections

Important Note: By emergency proclamation of the Governor, the 2020 Presidential Primary Election has been postponed to June 2, 2020. The State Board of Elections will submit a comprehensive plan to the Governor on April 3, 2020, for the administration of this election. We will update the information on this page promptly when the details of the election are finalized.



Editor's Corner

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Due to circumstances, our meeting status is subject to change. Please visit our website below for updates closer to the dates.

Meet the Board of Education Candidates

Monday, May 18, 2020

6:30 p.m. Doors Open | 7:00 p.m. Program
Cafe 611 - 611 North Market Street, Frederick



2020 Board of Education Candidates

Andrea Pilon Artman, David Bass,
Rae M. Gallagher, Lois Jarman,
Jason "Mr. J." Johnson,
Sue Johnson, Dean Rose

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