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The Rest Of the Story

The Crazies are Amongst Us Part III

*Tom Slater, Frederick County Democratic
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Frederick County Democratic Party Historian*

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We cannot repeat this too often. Michael Hough is clearly too extreme for Frederick. His election as Frederick County Executive would set back the county enormously, back to the days of the Blaine Young-controlled county government.

Why is Michael Hough too extreme for Frederick? He tries to present himself as a moderate, reasonable person, but he is not! Let's be specific:

Despite his protestations to the contrary, Michael Hough is a supporter of Dan Cox. Even Republican Governor Hogan has condemned Cox as a "QAnon whack job" and has called him "mentally unstable." Nothing like that has come out of the mouth of "moderate" Michael Hough. Hough's past actions demonstrate that he stands four square behind the extremist Dan Cox. During the 2020 presidential campaign Hough participated in a Trump caravan with Dan Cox. Michael Hough: Too Extreme for Frederick.

Michael Hough was Senator Ted Cruz's Frederick County presidential campaign manager in 2016 and President Trump's in 2020. Hough attended events supporting Trump at Ft. McHenry and at the White House, described as super-spreader events during the pandemic. Hough put on his

Facebook page pictures of himself campaigning for Trump in Pennsylvania. He displays pictures of himself with Trump in his Annapolis Senate office. He has derided fellow Maryland Republican Michael Steele as "not being Pro-Trump enough." He has described opposition to Trump as "Trump derangement syndrome." Hough helped gin up attacks against Michigan governor Gretchen Whitmer for enacting COVID-19 safeguards, part of an environment that led to a plot to kidnap and murder her. He called her actions to safeguard the citizens of Michigan from COVID as an "absurd overreach by government." When he first ran for the state senate in 2014, Hough was endorsed by Congressmen Roscoe Bartlett and Andy Harris, Blaine Young, Kathy Afzali, Kirby Delauter, and delegates Justin Ready and Neil Parrott. Michael Hough: Too Extreme for Frederick.

Michael Hough was a long-time (2008-2015, 2020-21) resident fellow and contractor for Americans for Legislative Excellence Federal Political Action Committee (ALEC), an organization responsible for much of the most extreme legislation proposed for state legislatures around the country. He has been since 2004 a legislative aide and now chief-of-staff for West Virginia Congressman Alex Mooney. We all know how extreme Mooney was when he was a state senator representing Frederick County. Mooney is an election denier and is under investigation for serious ethics violations. Hough has defended Mooney for spending \$5,000 of campaign money to fly to Portugal. The Office of Congressional Ethics found "substantial reason to believe" that Mooney acted improperly in taking his family on an all-expenses paid holiday to Aruba in 2021 paid for by HSP Direct LLC, with staff work provided by his congressional staff. Hough recorded a



video of his boss storming the SCIF, the secure room where initial depositions took place during the first impeachment of Trump. Michael Hough: Too Extreme for Frederick.

Hough has spread misinformation and made outrageous claims. He has made statements in support of far-right militias and gangs such as the Proud Boys and the Oath Keepers. He has called NPR "Fake News." He opposed the military's plan to remove the ban on women serving in combat calling it a "bad idea" on Twitter. On January 23, 2013, he posted on Twitter, "I can't imagine having my two daughters register for the draft. Is this where liberal feminist rule of the military is taking us." He has defended the electoral college, calling it a "splendid system." In a 2008 op-ed in [The Examiner](#), Hough criticized the creation of the Consumer Financial Protection Agency, arguing that the agency's purpose of regulating financial organizations from engaging in predatory behavior was

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unnecessary and placed undue burdens on financial institutions. He authored an op-ed in 2008 arguing against a national texting and driving ban using a state’s rights argument. Michael Hough: Too Extreme for Frederick.

Hough, as a member of the Maryland General Assembly, has supported extreme measures, such as the elimination of all funding for Planned Parenthood. He introduced legislation to stop the implementation of Obamacare in Maryland and to repeal Maryland’s Health Exchange. He has stated that there is something “mentally wrong” with transgender persons. All bills introduced by Hough that passed in 2016 were vetoed by Governor Hogan. He opposed the appointment of Frederick County’s David Brinkley to be Maryland’s Budget Secretary. Hough dissented on all 19 police reform regulations proposed by the Maryland Working Group on police reform. He voted against requiring Maryland police officers to wear body cameras and opposed making certain officer misconduct records available to the public. He sponsored a bill to end the requirement that the state provide public defenders for poor people at their initial bail hearings. He opposed the regulation of flavored tobacco and was against the increase in the minimum age for the possession of cigarettes. He opposed the idea of requiring the state to provide counsel for tenants in eviction cases. He voted against requiring the state to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and voted against establishing renewable energy standards. He voted against the probation of the use of the pesticide Chlorpyrifos. He even voted against same-day voter registration because he insisted that there be an ID requirement. He also voted against established “No-Excuse” absentee voting. Hough voted against every O’Malley budget and every increase in taxes since 2010. He voted against the marriage equality bill, calling it “radical.” He has opposed a \$15.00 minimum wage and paid family and medical leave. He also opposed putting marijuana legislation on the ballot this year in Maryland. He is one of five Maryland senators to vote against supplementing SNAP benefits for senior

citizens. In 2020, Hough introduced legislation to exempt motorcyclists and their passengers from wearing a helmet if the operator were 21 years or older, had two years riding experience, and had completed an approved safety course. In 2019 he voted in committee to kill a house bill that eliminated the statute of limitations on lawsuits alleging child sexual abuse, saying that “it would be very unfair to subject individual defendants and organization they worked for to litigate decades after the alleged wrongdoing.” Groups that evaluate legislators on their support for the environment and for education have consistently given him low scores. He has consistently been ranked as the most conservative Maryland state senator by the American Conservative Union. Michael Hough: Too Extreme for Frederick.

With regard to local issues, Hough has staunchly opposed the development of a downtown hotel in Frederick. He supported diverting Frederick County’s recordation tax revenues away from affordable housing and toward agricultural preservation. He has sought to freeze county revenues and lower the county tax rate, which would significantly reduce county revenues and largely impact spending on education in Frederick County. He claimed that his property taxes had increased by 80%, when they had not increased by anything close to that percentage. Despite his votes against any tax increases in Maryland and against the budget, he takes credit for securing state funds for local projects. Hough contributed money to conservative Board of Education candidate Ashley Nieves’s 2022 campaign as well as to conservative House of Delegate candidates April Montgomery and Barry Ciliberti. Michael Hough: Too Extreme for Frederick.

Hough is in the pocket of the NRA. He brags that people have to walk across a rug in his office with the NRA. logo on it. He called efforts to enforce a “good and substantial” justification requirement for a concealed carry permit in Maryland an “unconstitutional abomination.” He held a fundraiser for the NRA and has a 100%

voting record from the NRA. He has argued for fewer gun safety regulations. He voted against banning bump stocks in Maryland. He shared on social media a post of himself and a family member purchasing a pistol with the comment “A family that shoots together stays together.” He had a campaign raffle contest to give away an AR-15 rifle and 250 pounds of ammunition. He has dismissed the idea that schools should be gun-free and voted against a bill that would have prohibited firearms on college campuses in Maryland. He also voted against a bill prohibiting individuals from possessing a firearm within 100 feet of a polling site. In 2013, Hough hosted an event where NRA President David Keene was scheduled to speak. Michael Hough: Too Extreme for Frederick.

Michael Hough has been endorsed by Maryland “Right to Life.” He has opposed expanding access to and protections for abortion care. His continued support for the elimination of funding for Planned Parenthood would significantly limit women’s access to low-cost healthcare and preventative care like birth control and cancer screening. He has repeatedly shared on his Facebook page anti-abortion propaganda stories. Michael Hough: Too Extreme for Frederick.

Tell your family, tell your neighbors, tell everyone! Michael Hough is too extreme for Frederick.



Michael Hough — Maryland State Senator for District 4





Delegate Ken Kerr

Democratic Nominee, Delegate, 3

We are just about 100 days from the opening of the 2023 Maryland General Assembly Legislative Session. On Wednesday, January 11 at noon, your district 3 delegation will be sworn in to begin the 2023-2027 term to do the important work of representing the people of Frederick County.

I have some unfinished legislation that I look forward to working on. The Healthcare Subsidies for Young Marylanders pilot program is due to expire and needs to be extended. My plan is to tie its existence to the continuation of the Federal ACA subsidies. I will pick back up on a palliative care bill that was turned into a study last session. With some data about the lack of a coherent and comprehensive array of palliative care services in Maryland, we should have better luck getting that one through this year. A tree conservation bill that was held up by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation looks like differences have been worked out over the interim, and we will try again with that one. I'll also re-introduce the Threats to Elected Officials bill which will include election officials and poll workers.

Finally, I believe this is the year I can get the Teacher Apprentice Pilot through. Senator Jim Rosapepe (D-Prince George's) and I will crossfile this legislation I began while serving on the Frederick County Board of Education. We will tap into workforce Development money remaining in the American Rescue Plan. Once this model

proves effective, we will expand it to include healthcare workers and other essential services that require post-high school training and credentials.

Over the interim, I have continued to represent the House of Delegates on several important committees: the Commission to Study the Critical Healthcare Worker Shortage; the State Oversight Committee for Quality Care in Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities; and the Joint Committee for Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and Biotechnology.

While we feel good about our chances, your district 3 team is out working every day--not only to get elected, but to ensure that David Trone is re-elected to Congress in District 6, Jessica Fitzwater is our next County Executive, and we get Jessica a supporting County Council. We are all out working for each other where our districts overlap. And, of course, we need Bravo, Gallagher, Dean Rose, and Yoho on our school board.

We can't take this election for granted. We need to elect Democrats up and down the ballot. Make a plan and vote, and get your friends and family to the polls!



We are looking for Poll Watchers and Poll Monitors for Early Voting and Election Day. If you are interested or to get more information, please send an email to volunteers@frederickdemocrats.org



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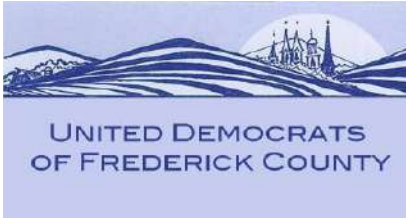
Hope you enjoyed reading!

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Don't forget to check the calendar on our web site to keep up with Democratic meetings, candidate events, and more!

<http://www.frederickdemocrats.org/events/calendar>



UNITED DEMOCRATS OF FREDERICK COUNTY

We had our September meeting at Café 611, with special guests on Solid Waste Management in Frederick County. Our guests were Rebecca Culler, Recycling Program Manager for Frederick County; Eric and Sara Sclar, Reliable Recycling Center; and Phil Westcott, Key City Compost. The county has a goal of 60% waste diversion by 2025 – and we are currently at 47%. It is imperative that we all do our part by reducing contamination of recyclables by following the recycling guidelines posted by the county. The social media campaign has been very successful in raising awareness and reducing contamination from 22% to 10%. Also, remember plastic bags are not part of the county’s program but should be taken to grocery stores and other retail location like Target for recycling into such useful items as decking.

Phil from Key City Compost shared the history of his company and how it came about, due to public demand. After running a pilot program, they are nearing completion on the first tier 2 composting facility in the state. This will be critical to reducing their carbon footprint and to service their customers more efficiently.

Finally, we had Eric and Sara from Reliable Recycling share with us the challenges their industry faces and how they are preparing for the future. Did you know Reliable does not charge to drop off your items for recycling? This is so important, since the cost of processing has gone up and the durable materials they need are getting harder to come by. We encourage you to contact Reliable before taking items to the dump, since they will gladly accept your items and use the important materials. In addition to saving you money, it will save scarce landfill space. We want to thank our panelists and Michael Sowell for organizing the event on behalf of the UDFC.

We will not have an October meeting, but we will have a November meeting at Democratic Headquarters to distribute

signs and to create our nominating committee for the upcoming club officer elections in January 2023.

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

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!



**Democratic HQ
Office Hours:**



Mondays: 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesdays: 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Saturdays: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

1080 W. Patrick Street, suite 4, Frederick (tucked in the corner to the right of the ALDI store) in the Vista Shoppe/Hillcrest Plaza

HQ Phone #240-877-7453

October 2022 At-a-Glance



**United Dems of Frederick Co. (UDFC) Monthly Meeting
No Meeting**

**South Frederick Co. Dems (SFCD) Monthly Meet-Up
Saturday, 22 October 9:00 a.m.**
Bar-T Mountainside, 2914 Roderick Rd, Frederick

**Young Democrats of Frederick County (YDFC) Monthly Meeting
No Meeting**

**Women’s Democratic League (WDL) Annual Celebration of Women
Monday, October 17 at 6:00 p.m.
See page 8 for more information**

**Frederick Co. Democratic Central Committee (FCDCC) Meeting
Thursday, October 13 at 6:30 p.m.**
Democratic HQ located at 1080 W. Patrick Street (in the corner to the right of the ALDI grocery store in the Vista Shoppes/Hillcrest Plaza.

Speaker Adrienne Jones invites you to join her at a breakfast fundraising event to benefit the re-election of



Speaker Adrienne Jones
Maryland House of Delegates

Delegate Ken Kerr

Thursday October 20th

9:00-10:30 am

The Monocacy Room

at the Frederick Clarion Inn



Delegate Ken Kerr
District 3, Frederick

5400 Holiday Drive, Frederick, MD 21703

Guest: \$100, Supporter: \$250, Sponsor: \$500, Host \$1000

Send checks to:

Friends of Ken Kerr

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Frederick MD 21702

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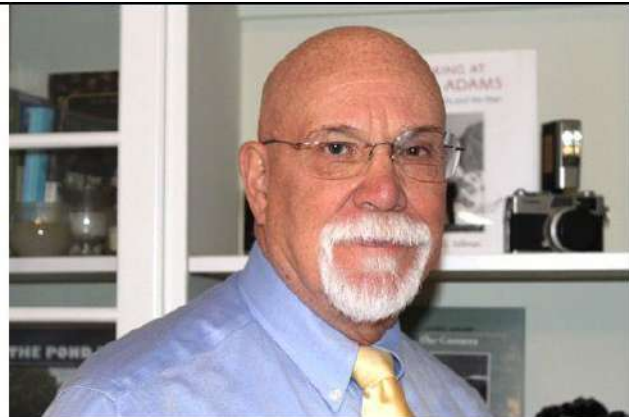
KARL BICKEL for Frederick County Sheriff

Frederick County is Maryland's fastest-growing jurisdiction, expanding in density, diversity and economic importance as a live-work community in the Baltimore-DC area.

Our growth must be accompanied by smart policing strategies and a community partner approach that keeps residents safe.

Karl Bickel is the only sheriff candidate with the education, field experience, leadership expertise and track record of community service required for a successful, 21st-century sheriff's organization.

Karl Bickel, Democrat for Frederick County Sheriff!



The Right Choice for Frederick County's Future!

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Meet Voters with Karen

Saturday, October 15

10 AM – 1 PM EST

10 AM Gather

10:30AM -1PM Knock Doors



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Meet with Karen

Las Tunas

Sunday, October 23

1 PM – 2 PM EST

Las Tunas

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Meet Voters with Karen

Saturday, October 29

10 AM – 1 PM EST

10 AM Gather

10:30AM -1PM Knock Doors



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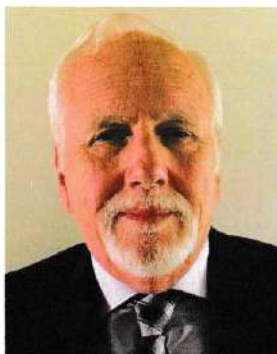
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**Karen
Simpson**
State Delegate



Marvin Schwab

for

**Judge of the
Orphans' Court**

Frederick County
Maryland

November 8, 2022

**We ask for your vote
and support.**

Marvin Schwab Campaign
PO Box 352 Monrovia MD
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By Authority of S.O. Stotlemeyer,
Treasurer

I had made a pledge to myself at the end of last year to be of service in 2022. Working in this position would be an opportunity to be a fair and objective arbiter of decisions that affect the lives of community members.

A Judge of the Orphan's Court, which is a level of probate, involves being able to find solutions, determine best alternatives and mitigate equity. With 50 years in business as an insurance executive and business owner, I have experience in scrutinizing legal documents including contracts and dealings in fiscal matters.

Through my work, I have learned to relate to people and listen to their concerns, communicate solutions and negotiate compromises. Orphans' Court would be a good place to channel my abilities.

Growing up part-time in rural Frederick County, I have developed a love for the area. Since I was nine years old, I've been spending summers, weekends and even full-time living in a log cabin on eight acres next to a creek. Neighbors there have become life-long friends that have taught me integrity and added to the richness in my life.

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Please join the Women's Democratic League (WDL) for a special evening in recognition of the contributions women have made to Frederick County

Annual Celebration of Women

with Guest & Sponsor, Congressman David Trone

Monday, 17 October 2022

Doors open 6:00 p.m. | Program 7:00 p.m.

Home of Lois Jarman, 1606 New York Ave., Knoxville, MD

Tickets: \$40

To register and get your tickets, please scan the QR code
or visit www.WDLFrederick.org if the QR code isn't scannable.

Refreshments provided | Space is limited | Questions - Email wdlfrederick@gmail.com

Ticket price includes WDL membership for 2023



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GENERAL ELECTION**

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