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INTRODUCTION

The Jews United for Justice Campaign Fund is a grassroots community organization working in DC and Maryland to advance economic, racial, and social justice by educating and mobilizing our local Jewish communities to advance campaigns for real, immediate, and concrete improvements in people's lives. We work to build independent electoral power alongside partners, leaders, and communities of color — including the capacity to affect who wins elections — and insist that elected leaders advance an agenda for economic justice and racial equity in our region.

JEWISH VALUES

The JUFJ Campaign Fund strives to be guided by the sacred values of Jewish tradition and by the history of our ancestors who sought justice. These values sustain us and provide us with ethical and spiritual direction. As a Jewish organization committed to social, economic, and racial justice for all people, elections call us not just to vote, but to vote our values.

The Jewish sage, Hillel, taught us that we cannot separate ourselves from the community. And, according to Rabbi Yitzchak, whose words are recorded in the Babylonian Talmud, “A ruler is not to be appointed unless the community is consulted” (Berachot 55a). When we participate in local elections, we take responsibility for ensuring that our leaders represent our values and we strengthen our connection to the larger community.

ENDORSEMENT CRITERIA

In 2022, we updated our candidate endorsement criteria:

- The candidate's platform/incumbent's record is **closely aligned with our community's agenda** for social, racial, and economic justice.
- The candidate has a demonstrated commitment to **racial equity**.
- The candidate has demonstrated **integrity** as a core value.
- The candidate, their campaign, and our endorsement have the potential to change the public narrative and/or political landscape in ways that result in **concrete improvements in people's lives**.
- The endorsement of the candidate and the impact of their campaign have the potential to **build collective grassroots power**.

The Jews United for Justice Campaign Fund makes our endorsement choices **in dialogue with key partners**.

ENDORSEMENT TEAM

We are grateful to all of our Board members, volunteers, and staff who contributed to the endorsement process, giving generously of their time and insights, and to our partners who consulted with us throughout the process.

Debbie Amster	Lisa Hack	Heidi Rhodes
Robert Barkin	Bill Halpern	Jeff Rubin
Linda Bergofsky	Steven Harvey	Amy Sanders
Riley Blaugrund	Brigid Howe	Jo Shifrin
Karen Caplan	Deedee Jacobsohn	Devorah Stavisky
Nikki Cole	Stephanie Joseph	Carol Stern
Michael English	Jerry Kickenson	Bruce Turnbull
David S. Fishback	Anita Lampel	Laura Wallace
Joseph Gelula	Robert Landau	Naomi Weiss
Rafi Glazer	Phyllis Lerner	Shelley Winkler
Sherry Glazer	Anna Levy	Mark Wolff
Jesse Glickstein	Laura Loeb	Eli Wykell
Melissa Goemann	Michelle Mazurek	Fran Zamore
Mara Greengrass	Jeff Reiser	

MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL SCORECARD

In June 2022, the JUFJ Campaign Fund released our first [Montgomery County Council Scorecard](#), which has details and analysis of current Councilmembers’ votes and sponsorships on key bills and budget items that the JUFJ Campaign Fund and our partners took positions on during the 2019–2022 Council period.

AT-LARGE: EVAN GLASS



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Councilmember Evan Glass is an At-Large member of the Montgomery County Council who was first elected in 2018. He is currently serving as Council Vice-President and will likely serve as the next Council President, which is an especially critical leadership position because there will be at least 5 new Councilmembers in the next term.

Councilmember Glass is the first openly LGBTQ+ person to serve on the Council. In his first term, he

led successful campaigns for the Housing Justice Act, the Montgomery County Pay Equity Act, and the LGBTQ+ Bill of Rights. In his role on the Health and Human Services Committee, where he is the Council's lead for Homelessness and Vulnerable Communities, Councilmember Glass called for funding for mental health services in schools and emergency rent stabilization measures to keep people in their homes during the COVID pandemic. He was a leader in the 2020 campaign to increase representation across the County by adding two district seats to the Council.

Councilmember Glass has a long list of endorsements, including CASA in Action, SEIU Local 500, and the Montgomery County Education Association's Apple Ballot. He is participating in Montgomery County's public financing program and has strong grassroots support.

As of June 21, 2022, Councilmember Glass has a [score of 80% on our scorecard](#), reflecting overall alignment on our issues. In his second term, we look forward to Councilmember Glass working with the other Councilmembers we have endorsed and with impacted community members to take bold steps forward in preventing evictions, making wages fairer, and investing in community supports that don't criminalize people.

AT-LARGE: WILL JAWANDO



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Councilmember Will Jawando's impressive record on the Montgomery County Council shows his deep alignment with the JUFJ Campaign Fund's values and priorities. Throughout his first term, he has consistently been a champion for legislation and funding to address systemic inequities and meet the needs of the most vulnerable community members.

Shortly after being elected to the Council in 2018, Councilmember Jawando led the effort to pass the

first piece of police reform legislation in a decade. Since then, he has been an outspoken advocate for a new vision for public safety, even when his advocacy has yielded racist comments and personal attacks. His record includes sponsoring a strong use of force policy; introducing a legislation and funding package to support the student-led call to replace armed law enforcement officers in schools with mental health supports and restorative justice programs; and supporting robust community participation in policing matters by strengthening the Police Advisory Commission and the new police disciplinary boards.

Councilmember Jawando has been a leader on issues of affordable housing and rental assistance, including sponsoring two rounds of emergency rent stabilization legislation during the COVID crisis. He consistently pushes for the inclusion of affordable housing in projects that provide tax breaks to developers, and he has introduced legislation to make it more affordable to live near transit by preventing price gouging and changing zoning to allow different types of housing.

As of June 21, 2022, Councilmember Jawando has a [score of 98% on our scorecard](#) — the highest score of any Councilmember. He has been endorsed by CASA in Action, the Montgomery County Education Association's Apple Ballot, and many local unions. While we are disappointed that Councilmember Jawando is not using public financing, he has said he supports the program and that he believes it is an especially important tool for first time candidates.

AT-LARGE: LAURIE-ANNE SAYLES



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Elected in 2017 to the Gaithersburg City Council, Laurie-Anne Sayles made history as Gaithersburg's first Black Councilmember. With at least 5 new members on the Montgomery County Council next term, we value Sayles' experience, which has prepared her to lead as a first-term Councilmember.

In her time on the Gaithersburg City Council, Sayles worked to include affordable housing in development projects, put policies into place to prevent evictions during the COVID

crisis, and allocate funding to increase non-police supports for students. In response to the tragic killing of Kwamena Ocran by Gaithersburg police, Sayles successfully strengthened the Gaithersburg police department's policy on body-worn cameras to include plain clothes officers.

As a policymaker and an advocate, Sayles has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to those who are underserved and underrepresented. She has developed a robust policy platform for a just and equitable recovery from the COVID pandemic. She believes there should be stronger community engagement in County decision making processes, and she has committed to addressing any concerns identified by the [Office of Legislative Oversight's Racial Equity and Social Justice Impact statements](#).

In a field that includes four current Councilmembers, Sayles has garnered an impressive list of endorsements, including CASA in Action, the Montgomery County Education Association's Apple Ballot, Progressive Maryland, Working Families Party, many local unions, and current and former elected officials from across Montgomery County. She is running a people-powered, energetic grassroots campaign and she is participating in Montgomery County's public financing program.

On the incumbent:

At-Large Councilmember Gabe Alborno has fallen short of his pledge to be a progressive leader on the Council. As of June 21, 2022, he has a [score of 74% on our scorecard](#) — there is only one Councilmember

with a lower score. He has not used his position as the Chair of the Council's Health and Human Services Committee to support the programs and funding needed to replace police in schools with other student supports in a timely and effective way. He has not been supportive of ensuring that legislation that gives tax breaks to developers requires fair wages for workers and includes affordable housing, and he has not been supportive of extending rent stabilization as people are continuing to recover from the COVID crisis. We endorsed Councilmember Alborno in 2018, and we hope that if he is re-elected, he will more consistently champion the priorities of the JUFJ Campaign Fund and our partners.

On the other candidates:

The JUFJ Campaign Fund had endorsed Brandy Brooks in the Montgomery County Council At-Large race. In April there were reports, including in the [Washington Post](#), that the candidate harassed a campaign staff member. After a deliberative process, which included speaking to Brooks, the aggrieved staff member, other members of her staff, several of her closest advisors, and our coalition partners, the JUFJ Campaign Fund has withdrawn its endorsement of Brandy Brooks.

Dana Gassaway entered the race after we had concluded our endorsement process.

Scott Goldberg was an important partner on the ballot question campaign in 2020 to prevent forced budget austerity and reduced representation in Montgomery County. However, many of his policy positions are not aligned with the JUFJ Campaign Fund and we think our endorsed candidates will be more effective on the Council.

Councilmember Tom Hucker, currently representing District 5, entered the At-Large race after we had concluded our endorsement process. We appreciate Councilmember Hucker's partnership on issues from raising the minimum wage to funding for mental health crisis response. As of June 21, 2022, Councilmember Hucker has a [score of 87% on our scorecard](#), which shows his consistent alignment with the JUFJ Campaign Fund and our partners. We look forward to that continued support if Councilmember Hucker is elected to one of the At-Large seats.

DISTRICT 1: NO ENDORSEMENT

On the incumbent:

Councilmember Andrew Friedson is the incumbent in the District 1 race and he is running unopposed. While we appreciate that Councilmember Friedson is always willing to listen to our point of view, we disagree with the Councilmember's approach to addressing systemic issues facing our County. As of June 21, 2022, he has a [score of 63% on our scorecard](#), which is the lowest of all the Councilmembers. His score shows his lack of alignment with the JUFJ Campaign Fund and our partners on reimagining public safety; protecting renters and preventing evictions; and prioritizing higher wages for workers in County budgeting and when offering tax breaks to developers.

After the 2022 election, Councilmember Friedson will be representing most of Potomac and Bethesda. District 1 is the wealthiest district in Montgomery County and the only district where white residents are the largest ethnic/racial group. We urge Councilmember Friedson to collaborate with his colleagues on the new Council to pass policies and approve budgets that move us towards a more equitable Montgomery County for all residents.

DISTRICT 2: WILLIAM ROBERTS



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William Roberts is a civic, political, and non-profit leader and a long time resident of Clarksburg. We enthusiastically endorse Roberts as the best candidate for the redrawn District 2, which encompasses the northwestern parts of Montgomery County: Poolesville, Dickerson, Boyds, Barnesville, Germantown, and Clarksburg. His experience with equity-focused policymaking and coalition building at the local, state, and federal level has prepared him well to meet

the needs of residents of District 2, which is one of the most diverse districts in the country.

Roberts is a civil rights attorney with an impressive record, including previously serving as Legislative Director and Chief Counsel for Congressman Jamie Raskin and currently serving as a Managing Director at the Center for American Progress. He has been Chair of the Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board and he is currently president of the Association of Black Democrats.

The JUJF Campaign Fund worked closely with Roberts on the 2020 ballot measure campaign, when he was the co-chair of the coalition that defeated Robin Ficker's budget austerity effort. In Roberts' role as Board Chair of Montgomery County Renters Alliance, we have partnered on efforts to ensure safe and affordable housing for renters and to prevent mass eviction during the COVID crisis.

Roberts is participating in Montgomery County's public financing program and he has been endorsed by CASA in Action, the Montgomery County Education Association's Apple Ballot, SEIU Local 500, and Progressive Maryland. We are confident he will join others we have endorsed for Council to form a potent majority to move Montgomery County forward on the issues that are a priority for the JUJF Campaign Fund and our partners.

On the other candidates:

We worked closely with Marilyn Balcombe on the successful 2020 campaign to increase representation by adding two district seats to the County Council, and we appreciate her knowledge of financial and budgetary matters. However, we do not align with Balcombe on our vision for the role of the Council and the needs of the County. We do not believe she would be a strong advocate for issues of importance to the JUFJ Campaign Fund and our partners.

Lorna Phillips Forde is a small business owner and a longtime advocate. While she is aligned with the JUFJ Campaign Fund on the majority of the issues, her policy proposals for addressing the significant challenges facing the County generally and the Upcounty in particular were not sufficiently developed and lacked specificity. Of the candidates, we believe William Roberts will be most effective on the Council.

DISTRICT 3: NO ENDORSEMENT

On the incumbent:

Councilmember Sidney Katz is running for a third and final term on the County Council to represent District 3, which includes the city of Gaithersburg and the city of Rockville. The JUFJ Campaign Fund did not endorse him in 2018 and [his score on our scorecard, which is 76% as of June 21, 2022](#), shows his continued lack of alignment with the JUFJ Campaign Fund on many key issues. However, we appreciate that in the current term Councilmember Katz has been more accessible to the JUFJ Campaign Fund and our partners. He has taken our proposals and concerns seriously and he has engaged with us on important issues. If Councilmember Katz is re-elected to the Council, we look forward to continuing to build that relationship.

On the other candidates:

Tiquia Bennett is passionate about talking to people in her community about their needs and the ways the County Council can address those needs. She is not accepting any campaign donations because she doesn't want anyone to feel they have to choose between funding her campaign and taking care of themselves and their families. Although we do not believe Bennett has a path to victory, we admire her commitment to grassroots community building and her personal approach to community engagement.

Gaithersburg City Councilmember Robert Wu impressed us during the endorsement process. His answers to our questions showed his depth of knowledge about local issues and his commitment to using an equity lens in decision making. While we think we would have an excellent working relationship with him if he is elected, we did not endorse him because of a lack of alignment on a few key policy positions, including the role of police in schools and the best path forward for reimagining public safety.

DISTRICT 4: KATE STEWART



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As the third-term Mayor of Takoma Park and Vice Chair of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG), Mayor Kate Stewart will bring an impressive combination of political experience, policy knowledge, and a record of determined advocacy for a more racially and economically equitable Montgomery County. Her commitment to equity includes adopting a racial equity framework for decision-making in Takoma Park and chairing a task force for MWCOG to develop racial equity trainings for regional leaders.

District 4 is one of the two new districts created by the 2020 ballot question, and it includes North Bethesda, Kensington, Garrett Park, Silver Spring, and Takoma Park. In a district that is struggling to identify its shared interests, Mayor Stewart has already shown a commitment to meeting with and listening to residents in each of the different communities.

Mayor Stewart is dedicated to meaningful public safety reform, which is a priority issue for the JUFJ Campaign Fund. With her leadership as Mayor, Takoma Park replaced the police chief who was an obstacle to implementing reforms, achieved a significant decrease in traffic stops, and improved public access to data regarding interactions between police and the community. Stewart believes that true safety for students requires investment in mental health supports and restorative justice, rather than criminalizing students.

Mayor Stewart has widespread support from the JUFJ Campaign Funds' partners, including CASA in Action, the Montgomery County Education Association's Apple Ballot, Progressive Maryland, and SEIU Local 500. She is participating in Montgomery County's public financing program. The JUFJ Campaign Fund believes she will be a strong partner in developing equitable and effective solutions to our County's most pressing problems.

On the other candidates:

Delegate Al Carr entered the race after we had concluded our endorsement process. Delegate Carr has consistently supported priority legislation for the JUFJ Campaign Fund and our partners as a member of the Maryland House of Delegates representing District 18.

Amy Ginsburg declined to participate in the JUFJ Campaign Fund's endorsement process.

Troy Murtha entered the race after we had concluded our endorsement process.

We think John Zittrouer brings an important perspective as a renter and an hourly employee in the hospitality industry who does not have the protection of a union. While Zittrouer's positions align with the JUFJ Campaign Fund, we believe Mayor Stewart's experience makes her the best choice for District 4.

DISTRICT 5: FATMATA BARRIE



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Fatmata Barrie is an experienced lawyer and policy-maker, with expertise in immigration, special education, and the juvenile legal system. She has been a consistent advocate for the issues that matter to the JUFJ Campaign Fund. Her lived experience as an immigrant and as a witness to police violence informs her approach to leadership based on equity, inclusion, and a government that listens to constituents who traditionally have been excluded from decision making.

Barrie emigrated to the United States from Sierra Leone, West Africa, when she was eleven years old. She has lived in White Oak for 20 years, which is part of the new District 5 in East County. District 5 also includes the Four Corners area of Silver Spring, Burtonsville, Colesville, Cloverly, and Leisure World. Barrie has a strong connection to this district where, for the first time in our County's history, Black residents are the largest ethnic/racial group in a district. Barrie has shown her commitment to meeting the needs of this part of the County, which has historically been under-resourced and under-developed.

We were impressed by our experience working closely with Barrie when she was a Senior Legislative Aide for Councilmember Will Jawando. She helped usher through key public safety legislation, such as implementing new limits on use of force by police, by coordinating with advocates and impacted community members while working to get support for the strongest possible bill from other Councilmembers and their staff.

Barrie is endorsed by many partners of the JUFJ Campaign Fund, including CASA in Action, the Montgomery County Education Association's Apple Ballot, Progressive Maryland, and SEIU Local 500. She is participating in Montgomery County's public financing program. We look forward to Barrie bringing her community connections and her experience working for Councilmember Jawando to address the longstanding challenges facing East County.

On the other candidates:

Brian Anleu declined to participate in the JUFJ Campaign Fund's endorsement process.

Christopher Bolton is a lifelong resident of the East County, is active in his community, and is running a totally grassroots campaign. However, he is not aligned with the JUFJ Campaign Fund on a number of issues.

We worked closely with Daniel Koroma when he served as treasurer of the campaign to defeat the 2020 ballot measure that would have forced budget austerity on Montgomery County. While we value his strong ties to the community and his long history of advocacy, we are not aligned on the role of police in the community and in schools.

Cary Lamari's positions are not aligned with the JUFJ Campaign Fund or our partners.

Kristin Mink is an effective progressive advocate who is totally aligned with the JUFJ Campaign Fund on the issues. However, given the historic nature of this district that for the first time has a plurality of Black voters, the one thing Mink is missing is the deep community ties and longstanding community trust of the African-American and African immigrant communities.

We had a good conversation with William Montier and learned about his focus on bringing resources and opportunities to the East County. However, we are not aligned with Montier on issues of transforming public safety.

The JUFJ Campaign Fund has partnered with Jeremiah Pope in his role as chief of staff for Maryland State Delegate Charlotte Crutchfield, especially on the successful passage of the bill creating the first women's pre-release facility in Maryland. We appreciate the work we have done together, but based on Pope's answers to the questionnaire and in the endorsement interview, we do not think he would be a champion for the JUFJ Campaign Fund's priorities.

DISTRICT 6: NATALI FANI-GONZÁLEZ



Natali Fani-González is a proven leader who will bring a wide range of experience and expertise to District 6, which includes Aspen Hill, Glenmont, Wheaton, Kemp Mill, Forest Glen, and Kensington Heights. As a result of the redistricting process, Latinx residents are the largest ethnic/racial group in District 6.

Fani-González came to Maryland from Venezuela when she was 16, and after attending a CASA event about access to affordable trans-

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portation, she became deeply engaged in organizing and policy work. As a senior staff member of CASA, she worked with Jews United for Justice, the Campaign Fund's sister organization, on passing the DREAM Act and raising the minimum wage in Maryland. She also briefly worked as a consultant for the DC Paid Family Leave Campaign, which is housed at Jews United for Justice.

Fani-González has served as the Vice Chair of the Montgomery County Planning Board and Commissioner for the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, where she approached her work with an equity lens and commitment to community outreach. The County Council has a pressing need for expertise in planning, transit, and housing equity — areas where Fani-González has proven her alignment with the JUFJ Campaign Fund's values and priorities.

Across the board, the JUFJ Campaign Fund's partners have endorsed Fani-González, including CASA in Action, the Montgomery County Education Association's Apple Ballot, Progressive Maryland, Working Families Party, SEIU Local 500, and many other unions. She is participating in Montgomery County's public financing program. We are excited for Fani-González to join the Council with her background in County policy work, her strong and broad base, and her fierce commitment to the priorities of the JUFJ Campaign Fund and our partners.

On the other candidates:

We were impressed in our conversation with Omar Lazo, whose deep connections to the community and experience as a small business owner would inform his approach on the Council. However, his policy proposals beyond meeting the needs of small businesses were not well developed, and we believe Fani-González will be more effective on the Council.

Maricé Morales was a steadfast partner to the JUFJ Campaign Fund during her time as a Maryland State Delegate, especially on issues of immigrant justice. While we are aligned with Morales on many issues, she does not have the relationships with community organizations and unions that are so critical to effectiveness on the Council.

Brit Siman-Tov entered the race after we had concluded our endorsement process.

Steve Solomon entered the race after we had concluded our endorsement process.

Christa Tichy provided thoughtful analysis on labor issues, education access, and community outreach. We especially appreciated her proposal to strengthen trade schooling in Montgomery County. That said, she is not aligned with the JUFJ Campaign Fund on issues of transforming public safety and racial equity.

Mark Trullinger did not have the infrastructure to participate in our endorsement process.

Vicki Vergagni entered the race after we had concluded our endorsement process.

DISTRICT 7: NO ENDORSEMENT

District 7 is a new district that includes Olney, Derwood, Montgomery Village, and Damascus, and since it is a new district there is no incumbent.

On the candidates:

Andrew Elismann declined to participate in the JUFJ Campaign Fund's endorsement process.

Paul Geller worked closely with our sister organization, Jews United For Justice, on the successful campaign in 2016 to raise property taxes in order to fund schools and safety net services. Overall, however, his positions do not align with the JUFJ Campaign Fund.

Sharif Hidayat entered the race after we had concluded our endorsement process.

Dawn Luedtke would bring considerable expertise to the Council, including her experience serving as an Assistant Attorney General for Maryland, and she has been endorsed by many of the JUFJ Campaign Fund's partners. We are aligned on some issues, such as the critical need for non-police mental health crisis response. In other areas, such as the need for rent stabilization and whether having armed police stationed in schools creates more harm than good, Luedtke is not aligned with the JUFJ Campaign Fund and our partners. We are confident that if Luedtke is elected to the Council, we will have open lines of communication, even in areas where we disagree.

Jacqueline Manger did not respond to our questionnaire or other outreach to her.

Paul Schwartz spoke about his desire to use an equity lens in decision making and we appreciate his support of civilian review boards for oversight of police, but we are not aligned on most issues.

Ben Wikner is a faith and non-profit leader in District 7 with strong community ties. He is the founder and director of the Equity Center, which has helped thousands of residents during the COVID crisis, and he is the pastor of Cross Community Church. Based on his on-the-ground experience, he is passionate about ensuring the programs created and funded by the County actually meet the needs of residents. Wikner is new to policy making and in some areas he has little experience, but in our conversation he listened closely to our positions and we think he would be very effective on the Council.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE: NO ENDORSEMENT

The JUfJ Campaign Fund did not conduct an endorsement process for the County Executive race, but we have experience with three of the candidates that we think is relevant for voters. [We also have a link on our website to the County Executive endorsements made by some of our key partners.](#) Whoever serves as the next County Executive, we will work to hold them accountable to make Montgomery County a place where everyone has what they need to live and where everyone feels safe and welcome.

On the incumbent:

County Executive Marc Elrich's first term in office has been defined by the COVID crisis, which has impacted his ability to accomplish a number of the priorities important to the JUfJ Campaign Fund when we endorsed him in 2018.

County Executive Elrich has been especially strong on the implementation of the Racial Equity and Social Justice Act, which he co-sponsored when he was a Councilmember, and the funding and staffing of the Office of Racial Equity and Social Justice. He issued the [Promoting Community Trust](#) executive order when the Council did not pass legislation to protect immigrants. He has made significant investments in the social safety net and is consistently supportive of better wages and conditions for working people.

His budgets have included robust funding for affordable housing, he has been supportive of rent stabilization to keep people in their homes, and he was supportive of an eviction moratorium during the COVID crisis. However, programs to distribute rent relief have been slow and hard to access, and the conditions of rental units in many parts of the County are clearly in violation of the housing code.

Our biggest concerns are in the areas of public safety, where twice the County Council created a body to review police related matters, first the Policing Advisory Commission and then the Student Wellbeing Action Group, and in response the County Executive created a competing taskforce that resulted in confusion and inaction. The County Executive has not taken action to prevent more residents from being killed by police, especially when they are facing a mental health crisis.

And we are extremely disappointed that County Executive Elrich went back on his promise to students to eliminate armed police officers from schools.

County Executive Elrich has been endorsed by CASA in Action and all of the major unions in Montgomery County, including those representing County workers and educators. If elected to a second term, we urge County Executive Elrich to improve the responsiveness of his administration and to work with those who are the most impacted to address systemic issues in our County.

On the other candidates:

We did not endorse multi-millionaire businessman David Blair in 2018, and we continue to believe he is [not the right choice](#) for County Executive for Montgomery County. We did work collaboratively with Blair on the 2020 ballot question campaign, but he does not support the key priorities of the JUFJ Campaign Fund and our partners. We are especially concerned about his [“law and order” take on public safety](#), which has historically resulted in over-policing, incarceration, and the killing of Black and brown people.

We have no previous history with Peter James.

The JUFJ Campaign Fund endorsed Councilmember Hans Riemer in 2018 for re-election, and he has continued to be a frequent ally on our issues. As of June 21, 2022, Councilmember Riemer has a [score of 78% on our scorecard](#), which is in the middle of the nine members of the Council. He has taken the lead on issues such as working to remove police from schools and establishing the policing advisory commission to evaluate policing policies in the County. In other areas we have differed with Councilmember Riemer, especially his votes against higher wages for workers in County contracts and when offering tax breaks to developers.

STATE'S ATTORNEY: PERRY PAYLOR



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Montgomery County's criminal legal system is in urgent need of transformational change. Perry Paylor is a Montgomery County native and current Deputy State's Attorney in Prince George's County who has the breadth of executive experience and the deep community connections needed to create that change.

In his questionnaire and interview, Paylor shared his specific recommendations for making the State's Attorney's office more equitable and effective. His recommendations

are based on 25 years of practicing law and his experience in the Prince George's County State's Attorney office, which has been working to implement many of these changes.

Perry Paylor is committed to serve as State's Attorney in the model of progressive prosecutors around the country, including committing to the following actions:

- Prioritizing transparency and creating data dashboards accessible to the community
- Holding police accountable for misconduct and ensuring police are properly implementing new policies and procedures
- Implementing restorative justice and diversion programs to keep people out of the criminal legal system
- Charging children as children and not adults
- Engaging with community members and regularly meeting with stakeholders

On the incumbent:

State's Attorney John McCarthy has been in office since 2006. The statistics under his leadership are alarming — as of May 2020, Montgomery County's jail population was 54% Black, compared to 18% of our County's population. Between 2011 and 2020, Black, brown, and other children of color made up 90% of the detained juvenile population and 100% of juveniles charged as adults. Around the country, prosecutors have been enacting significant changes to address racial inequities in the criminal legal system, but here in Montgomery County, McCarthy has failed to take meaningful action. [Click here to read more](#) about the State's Attorney office under the leadership of McCarthy and why we need a change.

On the candidates:

We enjoyed our conversations with Tom DeGonia and Bernice Mireku-North. Both would bring a significantly more progressive approach to the State's Attorney's office, and Mireku-North is especially aligned with the JUFJ Campaign Fund and our partners on the issues. However, Perry Paylor has the institutional support it takes to win a tough race against an incumbent, and he has the detailed plans, based on his experience, to be effective in the office.

OTHER RACES

The JUFJ Campaign Fund limited our endorsements to the Montgomery County Council and State’s Attorney races, but real policy change involves elected officials at all levels of government.

A number of our partner organizations made endorsements for County Executive, Board of Education, and Maryland state-level offices. These are organizations we work with regularly, who are committed to building power in Montgomery County and to making meaningful and effective change in our community.

[Click here for a chart of endorsements](#) or visit the websites of our partners:

- [CASA in Action](#)
- [Montgomery County Education Association’s Apple Ballot](#)
- [SEIU Local 500](#)
- [Progressive Maryland](#)

You can also find this information at jufjcampaignfund.org/montgomery.

LOCAL PRIMARY ELECTION INFORMATION

- Visit elections.maryland.gov for information about your voter registration status, districts, and polling place. You can also request a mail-in ballot.
- Montgomery County information: (240) 777-VOTE or 777vote.org
- Your Congressional, State, and County districts all have different numbers and you vote only for the candidates in your district. Everyone votes in all Board of Education races.
- You must be registered with a party to vote in a party primary. You may vote in the nonpartisan Board of Education races without registering with a party. You can change your registration online through June 28, 2022 or in person during early voting or on primary election day.
- If you are a first-time voter in Maryland, you may need an ID to vote. [Click here](#) for more information.
- You may not use electronic devices while voting. Print this guide or take written notes with you to vote.
- Sources of local news about the primary election:
 - » [Bethesda Beat](#)
 - » [Bethesda Beat Voter Guide](#)
 - » [Maryland Matters](#)
 - » [Maryland Matters Voter Guide](#)
- Jews United for Justice Campaign Fund resources:
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2022 PRIMARY ELECTION DATES

- June 28: Deadline for advance voter registration and change of party affiliation
 - » You must be registered with a party to vote in the party primary
 - » You may vote in the nonpartisan Board of Education races without registering with a party
- July 7 - July 14: Primary Early Voting, 7 AM to 8 PM
 - » You can register to vote in person during this time
- July 12: Deadline to request a mail-in ballot by mail or fax *
- July 15: Deadline to download a mail-in ballot from elections.maryland.gov *
- July 19: Deadline to request a mail-in ballot in person at a local board of elections office *
- July 19: Primary Election, 7 AM to 8 PM
 - » You can register to vote at your assigned polling place (bring a document that proves where you live)

* Any registered voter may vote by mail-in ballot for any reason.
[Click here for more information about mail-in voting.](#)

EARLY VOTING

You may vote at any Early Voting location in Montgomery County from July 7 to July 14, anytime from 7 AM to 8 PM.

[Click here for more details on Early Voting.](#)

Early Voting Locations:

- Activity Center at Bohrer Park
506 South Frederick Ave, Gaithersburg
- Bauer Drive Community Recreation Center
14625 Bauer Dr, Rockville
- Damascus Community Recreation Center
25520 Oak Dr, Damascus
- Germantown Community Recreation Center
18905 Kingsview Rd, Germantown
- Jane E. Lawton Community Recreation Center
4301 Willow Ln, Chevy Chase
- Marilyn J. Praisner Community Recreation Center
14906 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville
- Mid-County Community Recreation Center
2004 Queensguard Rd, Silver Spring
- Montgomery County Executive Office Building
101 Monroe St, Rockville
- Nancy H. Dacek North Potomac Community Recreation Center
13850 Travilah Rd, Rockville
- Potomac Community Recreation Center
11315 Falls Rd, Potomac MD 20854
- Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department Station 4, The Ballroom
17921 Brooke Rd, Sandy Spring
- Silver Spring Civic Building at Veterans Plaza
1 Veterans Pl, Silver Spring
- Wheaton Library & Community Recreation Center
11701 Georgia Ave, Wheaton
- White Oak Community Recreation Center
1700 April Ln, Silver Spring

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