



Maryland League of Conservation Voters

“We keep score for the environment”

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Hispanic Voters in Baltimore Motivated to Turn Out in City Elections

73% of Candidates Endorsed by Maryland LCV have won.

Maryland LCV and partner Casa de Maryland Run Focused Campaign to Turn Out Hispanic Voters to Elect Pro-Conservation Candidates at Top of Ticket as well as Candidates in Key Legislative Races.

(Baltimore, MD) After running an election campaign focused on the environment and on the growing number of Hispanic Voters in Maryland, today the Maryland League of Conservation Voters reported 8 out of 11 endorsed candidates won their races.

Deputy Director Jen Brock Cancellieri said, “Baltimoreans made it clear on Primary Day – electing candidates who care about the environment is a priority. We were talking to voters about a clean energy economy, restoring the Bay, and protecting our quality of life and this year we spoke directly to Hispanic Voters. We had Spanish speakers going door-to-door and making phone calls” This was employed in two important races across the state; District 1 (Jim Kraft) and District 12 (Odette Ramos). Jim Kraft won his race while unfortunately, Odette Ramos did not.

As part of its effort to reach the growing number of Hispanic voters in Baltimore, the Maryland LCV partnered with the group Casa de Maryland which describes itself as working for “strong, economically and ethnically diverse communities.”

The league employed more traditional methods in efforts to elect Stephanie Rawlings-Blake for Mayor and Bernard “Jack” Young for Council President. Both Mayor Rawlings-Blake and Council President Bernard “Jack” Young won their primary race.

The Environment as an Issue in Citywide Races

The Maryland League of Conservation Voters made electing four candidates its top priority in Baltimore City and ran targeted campaigns to get out the vote to identified conservation-minded voters.

Maryland LCV reached out to of thousands of registered environmental voters with its pro-conservation elections message through phone calls, manning the polls, and online. The organization’s priority legislative races included:

- Stephanie Rawlings-Blake for Mayor*
- Bernard “Jack” Young for Council President*
- Jim Kraft in District 1*
- Bob Curran in District 3
- Bill Henry in District 4

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For more than 25 years, the non-partisan Maryland League of Conservation Voters has served as the political voice of the environment. We advocate for sound conservation policies, promote environmentally responsible candidates, and hold individual elected officials accountable through our scorecards and reports.

- Sharon Middleton in District 6
- David Smallwood in District 8
- Bill Marker in District 10
- Bill Cole in District 11
- Odette Ramos in District 12*
- Mary Pat Clarke in District 14

* = Priority Races

“At the Maryland LCV, we realize that who we elect matters. That’s why we chose to invest resources in these important legislative races, in addition to making over eleven total endorsements in the Baltimore City Primary Election,” continued Ms. Brock-Cancellieri. “Having these champions means Baltimoreans will have a real voice in this historic city when it comes to protecting our lands, and cleaning up our air and water -- including the Chesapeake Bay -- not just now but for future generations.” said Brock-Cancellieri.

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