



Maryland League of Conservation Voters

"We keep score for the environment"

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Environmental Voters Turn Out for Gov. O'Malley Five Additional Conservation Votes Likely for Maryland Senate

*88% of Candidates Endorsed by Maryland LCV Win (so far...)
Maryland Voters Prove the Environment Matters*

(Annapolis, MD) "Marylanders made it clear on Election Day – they care about the future of the state, their families, and the environment. In races all over the state winning candidates were talking about the future and importance of moving Maryland forward. In Maryland, where residents are passionate about the Chesapeake Bay, folks are growing increasingly concerned about over-development and traffic, and recognize the need to create new clean energy jobs. Environmental issues are always top of mind when voters go to the polls," said Executive Director Cindy Schwartz.

"Governor O'Malley's wide margin of victory is a resounding affirmation that Marylanders believe we can work ourselves out of the recession and protect the environment at the same time."

At noon on Wednesday, the Maryland League of Conservation Voters reported an 88% win ratio for the organization's endorsed candidates. A total of 119 out of 138 endorsed candidates won their race; two races in which the group made endorsements remain too close to call (District 38 and 30). *See attached list.*

This year, through partnerships with the Maryland State Educators Association (MSEA), the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), Sierra Club and Progressive Maryland, we successfully combined our traditional environmental messages with those of working families, kids and our future. Schwartz continued, "Our message really hit home with voters; they responded by choosing candidates who promoted healthy communities, education and the environment." This was best demonstrated in our four

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priority races for Governor, in District 38 on the Eastern Shore, District 42 in Baltimore County and District 30 in Anne Arundel County. In all of these tight races, Maryland LCV ran strong campaigns that included some combination of phone calls, direct mail, email, and social media. In the months prior to the elections, Maryland LCV made over 83,000 voter contacts and produced 11 web-based videos.

“We are thrilled that we may have gained five new conservation votes in the Maryland Senate,” said Schwartz. “We are optimistic that our endorsed candidate, Delegate Jim Mathias from District 38, will prevail and win the Senate seat, and we know that he will make a great Senator who will continue to fight for our air, land, and water.” This conservation win and the upset win by Maryland LCV endorsed candidate Ron Young (over Alex Mooney); give Maryland two new environmental Senators. That, coupled with the three wins by Karen Montgomery and Joanne Benson (both Maryland LCV priority races in the primary), and Maryland LCV endorsed candidate, Bill Ferguson, increases the number of Senators we can consistently count on for a conservation vote by five. This is a big shift in the make-up of the Senate and will be enormously helpful in passing strong environmental legislation.”

We are also pleased that we could help protect environmental champion, Senator Jim Brochin. With over 22,000 voter contacts in his district, this was also a priority race for Maryland LCV. “Communicating with the voters in Senator Brochin’s more conservative district was tailor-made for Maryland LCV’s mission. These are voters who were laser focused on the economy but at the same time care deeply about preserving open space and restoring the Bay – this is a place where our work really made a difference,” said Schwartz.

Maryland LCV’s new Anne Arundel County Chapter scored a huge victory with the election of Chris Trumbauer (the West Rhode Riverkeeper) to the Anne Arundel County Council. “We are thrilled that Chris Trumbauer, the grassroots, environmental candidate, won. He will be a knowledgeable champion for the environment at a time when we need it most,” stated Kincey Potter, Co-Chair of the Chapter. The chapter pulled out all the stops to elect Trumbauer and “Team 30,” (Speaker Busch, Senator Astle, Delegate Clagett and Judd Legum) by mobilizing volunteers and running phone banks. Schwartz said, “we are very sad to see that one of our strongest allies, Delegate Virginia Clagett, lost her bid for reelection, but we remain optimistic that Senator Astle will be returning to the Senate.”

“At Maryland LCV, we know that who we elect matters. That’s why we chose to invest resources in these important races, in addition to making 138 environmental endorsements across the state. Electing environmental champions for Governor and to the State House means Marylanders will have a stronger voice in Annapolis 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,” continued Schwartz.

Maryland League of Conservation Voters 2010 Endorsed Candidates

Statewide:

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Governor Martin O'Malley	WIN
Attorney General Doug Gansler	WIN
Comptroller Peter Franchot	WIN

Maryland General Assembly:

1B	Mary Beth Pirolozzi	House	LOSS
2A	Neil Becker	House	LOSS
2B	Brien Poffenberger	House	LOSS
2C	John Donoghue	House	WIN
3	Ronald Young	Senate	WIN
3A	Galen Clagett	House	WIN
3A	Candy Greenway	House	LOSS
5B	Wade Kach	House	WIN
6	John Olszewski	House	WIN
8	Eric Bromwell	House	WIN
8	Cal Bowman	House	LOSS
9A	Maryann Maher	House	LOSS
9A	Jonathan Weinstein	House	LOSS
10	Shirley Nathan-Pulliam	House	WIN
10	Emmett Burns	House	WIN
10	Adrienne Jones	House	WIN
11	Bobby Zirkin	Senate	WIN
11	Dan Morhaim	House	WIN
11	Dana Stein	House	WIN
11	Jon Cardin	House	WIN
12	Edward Kasemeyer	Senate	WIN
12A	Steven DeBoy	House	WIN
12A	James Malone	House	WIN
12B	Elizabeth Bobo	House	WIN
13	James Robey	Senate	WIN
13	Frank Turner	House	WIN
13	Guy Guzzone	House	WIN
13	Shane Pendergrass	House	WIN
14	Karen Montgomery	Senate	WIN
14	Anne Kaiser	House	WIN
14	Craig Zucker	House	WIN
14	Eric Luedtke	House	WIN
15	Rob Garagiola	Senate	WIN
15	Kathleen Dumais	House	WIN

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15	BrianFeldman	House	WIN
15	Aruna Miller	House	WIN
16	Brian Frosh	Senate	WIN
16	Bill Frick	House	WIN
16	Susan Lee	House	WIN
16	Ariana Kelly	House	WIN
17	Luiz Simmons	House	WIN
17	Kumar Barve	House	WIN
17	James Gilchrist	House	WIN
18	Richard Madaleno	Senate	WIN
18	Ana Sol Gutierrez	House	WIN
18	Al Carr	House	WIN
18	Jeff Waldstreicher	House	WIN
19	Roger Manno	Senate	WIN
19	Ben Kramer	House	WIN
19	Bonnie Cullison	House	WIN
19	Sam Arora	House	WIN
20	Jamie Raskin	Senate	WIN
20	Heather Mizeur	House	WIN
20	Sheila Hixson	House	WIN
20	Tom Hucker	House	WIN
21	Jim Rosapepe	Senate	WIN
21	Ben Barnes	House	WIN
21	Barbara Frush	House	WIN
21	Joseline Peña-Melnyk	House	WIN
22	Paul Pinsky	Senate	WIN
22	Anne Healey	House	WIN
22	Justin Ross	House	WIN
22	Tawanna Gaines	House	WIN
23	Douglas J.J. Peters	Senate	WIN
23A	James Hubbard	House	WIN
23A	Geraldine Valentino-Smith	House	WIN
24	Joanne Benson	Senate	WIN
24	Carolyn Howard	House	WIN
24	Michael Vaughn	House	WIN
25	Aisha Braveboy	House	WIN
25	Melony Griffith	House	WIN
25	Dereck Davis	House	WIN
26	Veronica Turner	House	WIN

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26	Kriselda "Kris" Valderrama	House	WIN
26	Jay Walker	House	WIN
27A	Joseph Vallerio	House	WIN
27A	James Proctor Jr.	House	WIN
27B	Sue Kullen	House	LOSS
28	Peter Murphy	House	WIN
28	C.T. Wilson	House	WIN
29	Roy Dyson	Senate	WIN
29B	John Bohanan	House	WIN
29C	Chris Davies	House	LOSS
30	John Astle	Senate	?
30	Michael Busch	House	WIN
30	Virginia Clagett	House	LOSS
30	Judd Legum	House	LOSS
31	Steve Schuh	House	WIN
32	Pamela Beidle	House	WIN
32	Mary Ann Love	House	WIN
32	Theodore Sophocleus	House	WIN
33A	Madonna Brennan	House	LOSS
33B	Bob Costa	House	WIN
34A	Mary-Dulany James	House	WIN
34A	Marla Posey-Moss	House	LOSS
34B	David Rudolph	House	WIN
36	Arthur Hock	House	LOSS
37	Chris Robinson	Senate	LOSS
37A	Rudolph Cane	House	WIN
37B	Patrice Stanley	House	LOSS
38	Jim Mathias	Senate	?
38B	Norman Conway	House	WIN
39	Kirill Reznik	House	WIN
39	Charles Barkley	House	WIN
39	Shane Robinson	House	WIN
40	Catherine Pugh	Senate	WIN
40	Shawn Tarrant	House	WIN
40	Barbara Robinson	House	WIN
40	Frank Conaway Jr.	House	WIN
41	Lisa Gladden	Senate	WIN
41	Jill Carter	House	WIN
41	Nathaniel Oaks	House	WIN

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41	Samuel I. "Sandy" Rosenberg	House	WIN
42	Jim Brochin	Senate	WIN
42	Stephen Lafferty	House	WIN
42	Lori Albin	House	LOSS
43	Joan Carter Conway	Senate	WIN
43	Maggie McIntosh	House	WIN
43	Curt Anderson	House	WIN
43	Mary Washington	House	WIN
44	Verna Jones	Senate	WIN
44	Keith Haynes	House	WIN
44	Melvin Stukes	House	WIN
44	Keiffer Mitchell Jr.	House	WIN
45	Talmadge Branch	House	WIN
45	Cheryl Glenn	House	WIN
45	Hattie Harrison	House	WIN
46	Bill Ferguson	Senate	WIN
46	Peter Hammen	House	WIN
46	Brian McHale	House	WIN
46	Luke Clippinger	House	WIN
47	Victor Ramirez	Senate	WIN
47	Doyle Niemann	House	WIN
47	Jolene Ivey	House	WIN
47	Michael Summers	House	WIN

Maryland LCV Anne Arundel County Chapter Endorsements:

County Executive	John Leapold	WIN
County Council - 6	Chris Trumbauer	WIN
County Council - 7	Tory Jacobson	LOSS
County Council - 4	Jamie Benoit	WIN

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