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Environment Wins in Open Seat Contests

Focused Campaign Turns Out Thousands of Voters to Elect Pro-Conservation Candidates

Baltimore, MD. After running an aggressive election campaign focused on the environment, the Maryland League of Conservation Voters and Baltimore City League of Environmental Voters reported a 67% win ratio of candidates endorsed by the organizations. A total of 8 out of 13 endorsed candidates won their races, with 1 still too close to call.

Liz Nelson, Legislative & Political Manager of the Maryland League of Conservation Voters, said, “We are thrilled that so many pro-conservation candidates have been elected to the City Council. Having strong leaders in Baltimore who care about the environment will not only benefit the citizens of Baltimore but will also benefit everyone in the state. We need leaders at every level working to protect the environment.”

Terry J. Harris, Chairman of the Baltimore City League of Environmental Voters, said, “We are particularly pleased with Bill Cole and Bill Henry, who will bring fresh ideas and new energy to the City Council when it comes to environmental protection. We look forward to making great progress.”

Getting out the Vote for Conservation Candidates

The Maryland League of Conservation Voters and Baltimore City League of Environmental Voters won 2 of their 4 priority races. The Maryland League of Conservation Voters and Baltimore City League of Environmental Voters reached out to thousands of registered environmental voters with a pro-conservation elections message through direct mail, phone calls, going door-to-door, and online. The organizations’ priority races included:

- **District 4:** In this race, the Maryland League of Conservation Voters and Baltimore City League of Environmental Voters sent out 3 pieces of mail to over 1,700 households in the district highlighting endorsed candidate **Bill Henry**. In addition, we went door-to-door in several neighborhoods, reaching an additional 500 households. Phone calls were made to voters the night before the election.
- **District 11:** The Maryland League of Conservation Voters and Baltimore City League of Environmental Voters went door-to-door in District 11, reaching over 500 voters with a pro-environment message about **Bill Cole**.

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- **District 6:** Much like the work in District 4, the Maryland League of Conservation Voters and Baltimore City League of Environmental Voters mailed 3 environmentally-focused mail pieces to over 1,700 households highlighting endorsed candidate **Liz Smith**. A door-to-door campaign in several neighborhoods was run, reaching 500 additional households. Calls were made to voters reminding them to vote for Liz Smith the night before the election. While Ms. Smith didn't win, she made a strong showing in the precincts where Maryland LCV and the Baltimore City League of Environmental Voters worked.
- **City Council President:** Mail was sent to 3,500 households, urging voters to support endorsed candidate **Michael Sarbanes**. In addition, over 1,500 households were visited in a door-to-door program.

“At Maryland LCV we know that who we elect matters. That’s why we chose to invest resources in these important races,” continued Ms. Nelson.

“From environmental health concerns like asthma and lead paint, to protecting our greenspace and parks, Baltimore has many environmental challenges, and new fresh leadership on the City Council will help us make progress.”

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Endorsed Candidates

- 1st** Jim Kraft - WIN
- 3rd** Robert W. Curran - WIN
- 4th** Bill Henry - WIN
- 6th** Elizabeth Smith - LOSS
- 8th** David Maurice Smallwood - LOSS
- 9th** Michael E. Johnson - LOSS
- 10th** Ed Reisinger - WIN
- 11th** William Cole - WIN
- 12th** Bernard C. “Jack” Young - WIN
- 13th** Vernon Crider - TOO CLOSE TO CALL
- 14th** Mary Pat Clarke - WIN
- Council President** – Michael Sarbanes - LOSS
- Comptroller** – Joan Pratt - WIN

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.

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The Baltimore City League of Environmental Voters is a grassroots political committee organized to elect pro-environment candidates in Baltimore City.

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