

2019 Legislative Priorities

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Voting – Ballot Access during incarceration; Feasibility Study



- In 2016, the Legislature overrode Governor Hogan’s veto allowing approx. 40,000 Marylanders on parole or probation to vote
- Citizens currently serving a felony conviction in prison are prohibited from voting in elections
- African Americans = 70 percent of the prison population
 - 30 percent of state population
- Maryland must be a leader in this effort
 - Only Vermont and Maine allow unrestricted ballot access

Prohibition on Youth Solitary Confinement



- Maryland uses solitary confinement at about twice the national average
- 8% of persons in Maryland state prisons are being held in solitary confinement
- Average length of stay in administrative segregation is 130 days and 124 days in disciplinary segregation
- Children should never be housed in extended isolation

Community Trust Act



- Law enforcement collaboration with Federal immigration enforcement efforts has encouraged racial profiling in Latinx communities and fostered distrust for local police
- Victims of crimes often decide to not to report for fear of deportation
- Police have detained individuals for longer than constitutionally allowed via ICE hold requests
- We will work to disentangle local law enforcement from the misguided practices of federal immigration efforts.

Community Control over Police Surveillance



- There has been increased use of surveillance technologies by local law enforcement
- Surveillance technologies are acquired and deployed without knowledge or input from the public or their elected officials
- In 2016, a privately owned and operated plane took thousands of pictures of Baltimore and supplied them to Police
- The Mayor had no knowledge of this program
- We will support legislation to give local governments greater oversight of the acquisition and deployment of surveillance technology

Pre-release Facility and Services for Women; Taskforce/Study



- Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services Recruitment (DPSCS) operates no dedicated lower-security facility for women preparing to return to the community from prison
- DPSCS has nine facilities dedicated to preparing men to return to the community from prison
- Re-entry services for women will ensure they are best prepared to reintegrate into society

Education



- The “Kirwan” Commission will be releasing its final recommendations in December 2018 revamping the public education system in Maryland
- Maryland schools are \$2.9 Billion short of funding
- The ACLU needs your help to push to pass a fair and equitable formula
- The ACLU of Maryland will support legislation that seeks to create a positive school climate and reduce racially-disproportionate numbers of suspensions
- Expanding restorative practices in schools helps children improve their behavior and strengthens communities

Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights (LEOBR)



Trial Board Composition

- Must not be vulnerable to manipulation during collective bargaining

Police Abuse Complaints and Investigations

- Only law enforcement may investigate other law enforcement
- Civilian Review Board may only comment on investigations
- Provision must be removed to allow for effective oversight and disciplinary procedures



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I will vote **FOR Question 1**

to increase education funding in Maryland!

- For the Constitutional Amendment / A Favor de la Enmienda Constitucional**
- Against the Constitutional Amendment / En Contra de la Enmienda Constitucional**

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I will vote **FOR Question 2**

for Election Day Registration in Maryland!

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STARTS**

**OCT 25 - NOV 1
FROM 10 AM -8 PM**

**IF YOU ARE IN LINE AT 8
P.M. YOU WILL BE ABLE TO
VOTE.**

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