

NONPARTISAN CANDIDATE GUIDE:  
2018 MARYLAND GOVERNOR'S RACE

	Larry Hogan (R – Incumbent)	Ben Jealous (D)
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<b>Abortion:</b> Mostly ban or mostly legal?	Legal. <a href="#">Personally opposes abortion</a> , but declares <a href="#">the subject settled &amp; will not try to change Maryland's laws protecting woman's rights</a> .	Legal. <a href="#">"If we increase barriers to abortion &amp; family planning services, women will see their health compromised, &amp; all of our families will suffer."</a>
<b>Campaign Finance:</b> Support <i>Citizens United</i> decision, allowing unlimited political donations from corporations and unions?	Unclear. <a href="#">Hogan was elected under a public financing system &amp; pushed bill to strengthen</a> .	No. <a href="#">Opposes "dual attack on our democracy – everyday voters are being disenfranchised while corporations are being hyper-enfranchised." Co-founded national coalition of unions, civil rights groups &amp; environmental groups working to roll back money in politics.</a>
<b>Climate Change:</b> Consider climate change a serious threat? Limit or tax production of greenhouse gasses?	Considers a threat. More mixed on regulations. <a href="#">Signed The Maryland Commission on Climate Change. Has signed bills to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Vetoed increasing required percentage of renewables for utilities to buy, saying costs too high.</a>	Yes. <a href="#">"Protecting our planet is not just a moral imperative, it is an economic opportunity that Maryland can take to propel our state forward." Climate Justice Program was first program launched when NAACP president.</a>
<b>Contraception:</b> Employers can withhold contraceptive coverage if they disagree?	No. <a href="#">Signed expansive birth control insurance bill.</a>	No. <a href="#">Criticizes Hogan for leaving out state employees in bill expanding insurance contraception coverage.</a>
<b>Education:</b> Increase funding for K-12 education?	No. <a href="#">Create more efficiency with current revenue streams, allow choice programs like vouchers.</a>	Yes. <a href="#">"Raise teacher pay by 29%, fund full-day universal Pre-K." Fund this by taxing legal marijuana.</a>
<b>Criminal Justice:</b> Felon voting rights rules & how to address prison population.	<a href="#">Supported Justice Reinvestment Act to reduce incarceration for nonviolent criminals. Recently proposed harsher sentencing requirements.</a>	<a href="#">Wants to shrink prison population 30% through additional diversion of nonviolent offenders &amp; increasing violence intervention programs, while increasing budget of homicide police.</a>
<b>Education:</b> Provide vouchers to parents to send their children to private schools with public money?	Yes. <a href="#">Increased scholarship funding for low-income students attending non-public school of their choice.</a>	No. <a href="#">Criticized proposals vouchers proposals. Would instead increase funding for public schools.</a>
<b>Education:</b> Address college costs?	<a href="#">Expanded scholarship program to help cover community college tuition. Has limited tuition increases to 2%.</a>	<a href="#">Make community college free &amp; 4-year public institutions debt-free for Marylanders. Establish refinancing program for existing loans.</a>

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<b>Elections:</b> Support nonpartisan redistricting to address charges of partisan <a href="#">gerrymandering</a> ?	Yes. <a href="#">Introduced Redistricting Reform Act</a> to create a nonpartisan redistricting commission.	Yes. <a href="#">Founded two organizations to require federal nonpartisan redistricting.</a>
<b>Gay Marriage:</b> Support gay marriage?	Yes. <a href="#">“The voters have made their decision. I will support their decision &amp; uphold the law.”</a>	Yes. As NAACP president, pushed for a <a href="#">resolution supporting same-sex marriage.</a>
<b>Gun Control:</b> Support more restrictive gun control legislation? Restrict semi-automatic weapons?	Yes. Signed <a href="#">measure to ban bump stocks</a> , supports <a href="#">universal background checks</a> & keeping guns from <a href="#">mentally ill</a> & those with <a href="#">“criminal backgrounds.”</a>	Yes. Supports <a href="#">universal background checks, an interstate compact on gun control, &amp; creating gun courts to combat gun violence.</a>
<b>Healthcare:</b> Support or Repeal ACA, aka Obamacare?	Support, but <a href="#">didn’t publicly oppose repeal efforts.</a> <a href="#">“The Affordable Care Act needs to be fixed... Keep what works, improve the parts that do not.”</a>	Support. Great progress has been made with ACA, <a href="#">“but there is more to be done.”</a> <a href="#">Build on All Payer program to move toward Medicare for All.</a>
<b>Healthcare:</b> Let Planned Parenthood receive public funds for non-abortion health care?	Unclear. <a href="#">Allowed bill to protect Planned Parenthood health services to go into law without his signature.</a>	Yes. <a href="#">Supports Planned Parenthood. Include women’s health services as part of Medicare for All.</a>
<b>Labor:</b> Support bill requiring 5 days of paid sick leave from companies with 15 or more workers?	No. <a href="#">Prefers incentives rather than requirements. Law passed over his veto.</a>	Yes. <a href="#">Our economy works best when we invest in our people. And that starts with investing in their health.</a>
<b>Immigration:</b> Support DREAM Act (DACA), allowing “Dreamers” who arrived illegally as children, then grew up in the US, to achieve legal status if meet certain conditions?	Position unclear on citizenship. But <a href="#">“stop targeting innocent kids.”</a> <a href="#">“Find a bipartisan, common sense solution to protect Dreamers.”</a> <a href="#">Opposed allowing driver’s licenses for undocumented residents.</a>	Yes. <a href="#">“Defend Dreamers &amp; champion a pathway to citizenship at the federal level.”</a> Named “Marylander of the year” for role in <a href="#">securing in-state tuition for undocumented students.</a>
<b>Marijuana:</b> Legalize or decriminalize marijuana?	Mixed. <a href="#">Signed bill expanding medical marijuana industry. Wait and see before recreational legalization.</a>	Yes. <a href="#">Fully legalize marijuana, including diverse communities in licensing. Use tax revenues to pay for universal, full-day, pre-K education.</a>
<b>Minimum Wage:</b> Raise the minimum wage above the current \$10.10?	No. <a href="#">Opposed current minimum wage law, then accepted that would pass. Has resisted proposed increase to \$15, saying concerned about job losses.</a>	Yes. <a href="#">Would raise the minimum wage to \$15 by 2023.</a>
<b>Renewable Energy:</b> Support government subsidies for renewable energy?	Yes, with limits. <a href="#">Supports the expansion of renewable energy sources &amp; investment in green jobs. Vetoed previously mentioned renewable energy requirements.</a>	Yes. Addressing climate change is top priority. <a href="#">“Will build on the surge of clean energy jobs in Maryland &amp; put our state on a path to 100 percent clean energy well before mid-century.”</a>
<b>Taxes:</b> Support <a href="#">President Trump’s tax cuts</a> ?	<a href="#">Criticized for not taking stand at the time.</a> Proposed legislation to <a href="#">protect Marylanders from being “negatively affected” after passage.</a>	No. Denounced the GOP tax law, calling it <a href="#">“disastrous legislation.”</a>
<b>Taxes:</b> Proposals on state taxes	<a href="#">Has cut taxes in current term. Would exempt retirement income from taxation.</a>	<a href="#">Cut sales tax while legalizing &amp; taxing marijuana &amp; creating new taxes on out-of-state retailers &amp; hedge fund income.</a>
<b>Voting Rules:</b> Voting rights for felons?	<a href="#">Vetoed bill to let felons vote when on probation or parole.</a>	<a href="#">Strong supporter of felon voting rights.</a>

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