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First Round of Environmental Endorsements Announced for

Maryland Senators and Delegates

Candidates with Proven Conservation Records and Demonstrated Leadership

(Annapolis, MD) Today the Maryland League of Conservation Voters released its first round of endorsed candidates for Attorney General, Comptroller, Senate and the House of Delegates in the 2010 state elections. The 16 Senate, 41 House, and statewide endorsed candidates have all demonstrated pro-conservation records, leadership on environmental issues, and an open-door policy when it comes to working with the environmental community.

Earlier this year, the League endorsed Governor Martin O'Malley for re-election.

“These candidates walk the walk – they’ve shown they don’t just vote for pro-conservation legislation; they actively champion our cause in the fight for Maryland’s air, land, water, and people,” said Cindy Schwartz, Executive Director of the Maryland League of Conservation Voters. “As we continue our efforts to restore the Chesapeake Bay and our waterways, lead the way to a clean energy economy, and leave the state in better shape for future generations, Marylanders must have elected officials who speak out for the environment. These elected officials are the frontline who can be counted on to do the right thing.”

Every year, the Maryland League of Conservation Voters (LCV) evaluates candidate questionnaires and considers legislative work and leadership on behalf of the environment. Before announcing endorsements, the League sent a questionnaire to every candidate with more than 40 questions aimed at examining candidates’ positions, records, and plans for protecting Maryland’s air, land, water, and people. Additionally, the Board of Directors and staff conduct interviews with dozens of candidates for legislative office—as well as for Comptroller, Attorney General, and Governor. In the 2010 elections, Maryland LCV will actively work to get selected pro-conservation candidates elected.

More endorsements will be released in the coming weeks and months.

“At the Maryland League of Conservation Voters, we are dedicated to passing strong environmental legislation, which is why who we elect matters—particularly at the state level, where we have a great opportunity to make a substantial difference by increasing the conservation majority in the Maryland General Assembly.”

(Please see attached list of endorsements)

Maryland League of Conservation Voters
2010 Endorsements – June 10, 2010

District	Name, Office, Challenger
Statewide	Attorney General Doug Gansler
Statewide	Comptroller Peter Franchot
6	John Olszewski, House
10	Shirley Nathan-Pulliam, House
11	Dan Morhaim, House
11	Dana Stein, House
11	Jon Cardin, House
12B	Elizabeth Bobo, House
13	Frank Turner, House
13	Guy Guzzone, House
13	Shane Pendergrass, House
14	Del. Karen Montgomery, Senate, Challenger
14	Anne Kaiser, House
15	Rob Garagiola, Senate
15	Kathleen Dumais, House
16	Brian Frosh, Senate
16	Bill Frick, House
16	Susan Lee, House
17	Former Del. Cheryl Kagen, Senate, Challenger
17	Luiz Simmons, House
17	Kumar Barve, House
17	Jim Gilchrist, House
18	Richard Madaleno, Senate
18	Ana Sol Gutierrez, House
18	Al Carr, House
18	Jeff Waldstreicher, House
19	Mike Lenett, Senate
20	Jamie Raskin, Senate
20	Heather Mizeur, House
20	Sheila Hixson, House
20	Tom Hucker, House
21	Jim Rosapepe, Senate

21	Ben Barnes, House
21	Barbara Frush, House
21	Joseline Peña-Melnyk, House
22	Paul Pinsky, Senate
22	Anne Healey, House
22	Justin Ross, House
22	Tawanna Gaines, House
23A	James W. Hubbard, House
26	Veronica Turner, House
30	Michael Busch, House
30	Virginia Clagett, House
31	Steve Schuh, House
32	Pamela Beidle, House
36	Don Alcorn, Senate
38	Del. Jim Mathias, Senate, Challenger in Open Seat
39	Del. Saqib Ali, Senate, Challenger
39	Kirill Reznik, House
40	Shawn Tarrant, House
41	Lisa Gladden, Senate
42	Jim Brochin, Senate
42	Stephen Lafferty, House
43	Joan Carter Conway, Senate
43	Maggie McIntosh, House
44	Keith Haynes, House
44	Melvin Stukes, House
47	David Harrington, Senate
47	Doyle Niemann, House
47	Del. Jolene Ivey, House

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