# Baltimore City 2026 | Candidates & Questions

November 3, 2026 | Information compiled from the preceding election overview; not a substitute for an official sample ballot.

## Baltimore City local candidates

**State's Attorney - Ivan Bates (D)** - Incumbent, listed as unopposed. Emphasizes quality-of-life prosecutions, repeat violent offenders and illegal handgun penalties.

**Sheriff - Sabrina Tapp-Harper (D)** - Listed as unopposed. Neighborhood safety, domestic violence prevention and gun violence prevention.

**Clerk of Circuit Court - Xavier A. Conaway (D)** - Incumbent, listed as unopposed; office focuses on court administration.

**Register of Wills - Belinda K. Conaway (D); Andy Zipay (R)** - Conaway is incumbent and formerly served on City Council; Zipay has a social-work background. Office administers estate-related matters.

## Baltimore City judicial candidates

**Circuit Court, Judicial Circuit 8** - Catherine Chen; Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill; Kimberly C. McBride; Piper Faith McKeithen; Hope Tipton; Levi S. Zaslow.

**Orphans' Court** - Charles "Chuck" Bernstein; Lewyn Scott Garrett; Michele E. Loewenthal.

## Baltimore City Board of Education

**At-large candidates** - Jamar Day; Ashley Ash Esposito; Domonique A. Flowers; Kwame Jamal Kenyatta-Bey.

## Baltimore City ballot questions

**A - Affordable housing bonds, $22M** - FOR: authorizes housing-related borrowing. AGAINST: no new authority under this question.

**B - Schools bonds, $60M** - FOR: authorizes school facilities borrowing. AGAINST: denies this authority.

**C - Economic development bonds, $50M** - FOR: authorizes neighborhood/business development borrowing. AGAINST: denies this authority.

**D - Infrastructure bonds, $148M** - FOR: authorizes streets, facilities, parks and related borrowing. AGAINST: denies this authority.

**E - Contract bidding** - FOR: removes specified charter-level bidding, tie-bid and bond requirements. AGAINST: retains existing charter provisions.

**F - Legislative/budget authority** - FOR: modifies mayoral veto deadlines, council procedures, budget and Board of Estimates responsibilities. AGAINST: retains existing charter procedures.

**G - Franchises/minor privileges** - FOR: changes franchise/minor-privilege rules, protects stormwater system from franchise sale/rental and changes minor-privilege approvals. AGAINST: retains current rules.

**H - Water and Wastewater Department** - FOR: creates separate department effective January 1, 2029. AGAINST: keeps existing charter structure.

**I - Baltimore Baby Fund** - FOR: creates dedicated newborn-family fund with annual budget contribution based on $0.03 per $100 taxable property value. AGAINST: no such charter fund/requirement.

## Important scope and verification notes

This document separates only the requested geographic scope. Statewide contests/questions are intentionally excluded from the City and County documents. District-specific congressional and General Assembly contests are not included because the earlier overview did not

provide a verified roster.

Statements are summarized from the earlier conversation, not newly verified official ballot text. Some offices, judges, candidate positions, vote histories and question details remain incomplete. Confirm with the official sample ballot before distribution.

Bond approvals authorize borrowing and potential debt service; they are not necessarily immediate tax increases.

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