



2026 Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name: Ed Crizer

Position: County Council

District: 9

What is your position regarding the Councilmanic Courtesy norm?

Though not a perfect system, for the sake of protecting my district from overdevelopment it must be kept for now. I feel as though other systemic problems in zoning and development must be prioritized first.

What concrete steps will you take to address the acute shortage of affordable housing in Baltimore County? Please include your position on the current Urban-Rural Demarcation Line.

"Incentivize the construction the types of affordable housing we don't see being built as much such as townhouses, duplexes, and small apartments. I acknowledge the concerns around the current formation of the Urban-Rural Demarcation Line given the state of farming in our country right now we must do what we can to support our farmers as well as the natural wildlife that live there. I believe that the expansion of suburban sprawl should be should be limited and for the construction of the types of affordable housing that meet our county's demands.

What resources are under-utilized in our County that could be used to increase economic growth?

There are plenty of departments across the county that require an increase in personnel to meet the needs of all constituents let alone the vacancies that currently exist. Our schools, our parks department, our health services all have personnel gaps that if filled can spur economic growth.

What is the greatest need in the district you are seeking to represent and what are your plans to address it?

Housing affordability is among the highest priorities of my constituents. In the southeast side of the county we have some of the highest eviction rates in the county and the homeownership rate has fallen from 80% to 65% across the county. We must reform our permit system, build affordable housing where needed and provide property tax relief to seniors and first time homebuyers.