



2026 Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name: Paul Henderson

Position: State Senate

District: 42

What are your unique strengths for this position? What committee(s) would you like to serve on and why?

I have been an educator for more than 30 years. I have also taught in the Department of Juvenile Justice for 12 years. I would like to serve on committees addressing Education, juvenile justice, and the Environment

What legislation would you introduce/sponsor to address economic inequality in Maryland?

I would introduce or sponsor legislation that strengthened and extended the right of people to join unions and start unions. I would work on legislation that extended day care options and improved day care quality to those who are struggling to afford starting families.

What would you do to address the impacts of climate change in Maryland and how would you encourage growth without degrading our environment and natural resources?

Growth should be encouraged where existing infrastructure already supports it. We can also insist on greener building practices and certifications in our new buildings and building codes.

What legislation would you introduce and/or sponsor to ensure Marylanders' rights and wellbeing in the face of current federal policies? Please address protections for women, the LGBTQ+ community, and all populations under threat.

Legislation to protect our immigrant population and the most vulnerable among us include making sure that our police departments are not being deputized as ICE agents, that our labor laws including protections against wage theft are strengthened, that we enforce our anti-discrimination laws in housing and public accommodations, and that our schools remain safe and accessible for all.

How do you plan to address the funding shortfall that will soon reach Maryland due to Federal budget cuts to education, infrastructure, disaster response (FEMA) and others?



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The long term solution to funding shortfalls in Maryland is to grow as a state and increase our population so our tax base is expanded, our economy has both more customers and businesses, and our housing, education, and recreational attract more residents to our state.