

# Information About U.S. Congressional District 7 Candidates

Charlestown John Erickson Conference Center

January 18, 2020

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.



Legislative/Political Committee

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*Table 1*



**Leslie E. Grant – D**

Dr. Leslie Grant is a health care and community advocate, passionate about affordable health care and quality education for all. Leslie lives in Glen Arm in North Baltimore County, is graduate of the University of Maryland School of Dentistry and received a Master’s Degree in Speech Pathology and Audiology from the University of Washington.

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*Table 2*



**Jay Jalisi – D**

Delegate Dr. Jay Jalisi is a medical doctor who was elected to the Maryland Assembly in 2014, and was re-elected in 2018 with one of the highest vote totals in the entire state of Maryland. Due to the recent death of his longtime friend and mentor, Congressman Elijah Cummings, he is considered one of the leading contenders for the open seat from Congressional District 7.

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*Table 3*



**Terri Hill – D**

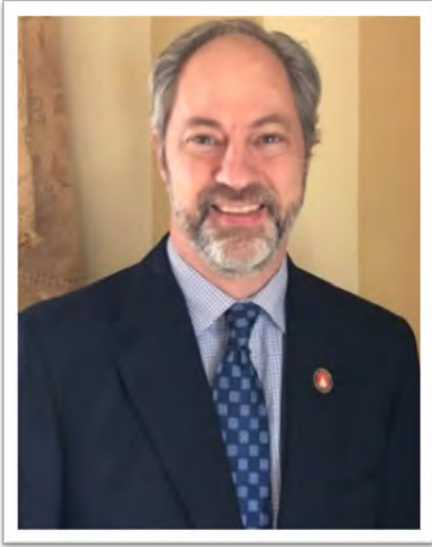
Delegate Terri Hill, MD, represents District 12, where her focus has been on improving healthcare. She attended public schools in Howard County, has an engineering degree from Harvard and a medical degree from Columbia University. As a successful legislator, she believes success lies at the intersection of education and opportunity.

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Table 4



Mark Gosnell – D

I grew up in a Baltimore row house. My father worked at Eastern stainless steel until he died when I was nine years old. I was raised by a single mother. I graduated with honors from the University of Delaware and am now Director of ICU and Chief of Pulmonary Medicine at Medstar Harbor hospital. My experience has provided perspective to improve health care and reduce drug abuse and crime in our district.

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Table 5



Talmadge Branch – D

Since Baltimoreans first elected Delegate Talmadge Branch to the Maryland General Assembly in 1994, he has earned a reputation as an effective consensus builder, skillful negotiator, and polished statesman. In his present role as Majority Whip, Del. Branch's balanced approach to policy issues has earned him praise on both sides of the aisle. Del. Branch represents the 45th Legislative District for the 23rd year.

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Table 6



Adrian Petrus – D

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*Table 7*



**Liz Matory – R**

Liz Matory was the 2018 Republican Nominee for the adjacent district CD2. In 2015, she became an independent after working in the Democrat Party. Liz is a writer, and received a BA from Columbia University, JD from Howard University, and an MBA from Maryland's Robert H Smith School of Business.

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*Table 8*



**Nathaniel M. Costley Sr. – D**

I am a graduate of Morgan State University with a BS and a Master of Business Administration with concentration in Marketing and Strategic Planning. I have been a community leader for the past 20 years working on current issues such as the opioid crisis, housing crisis, crime, and equality in schools and the workplace.

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*Table 9*



**Kweisi Mfume – D**

Kweisi Mfume was born and educated in the city of Baltimore. He graduated from Morgan State University and from the Johns Hopkins University. He is a former member of the Baltimore City Council and served five terms in the United States Congress. Proven. Trusted. Ready to serve on day one.

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Table 10



Jermyn Davidson – D

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Table 11



Ray Bly – R

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Table 12



Harry Spikes – D

Harry Spikes served as Congressman Elijah Cummings District Director for 15 years. He holds a Master of Public Policy from the University of Baltimore. He is the Vice President of the Board of the Community Assistance Network, a non-profit organization in Baltimore County that helps families and individuals, who are homeless, go from inefficiency to self-sufficiency.

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Table 13



Reba A. Hawkins – R

Reba Hawkins is a proud businesswoman who resides in the Govan neighborhood of West Baltimore. Reba felt that things in the 7th Congressional District needed to change, and she filed to run against Cummings in August of 2019. Her platform aims to bring tangible change to the 7CD by leveraging federal funds to catalyze economic development and infrastructural renewal.

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Table 14



T. Daniel Baker – D

My name is T. Dan Baker. I am not a politician but a regular District 7 voter, and I am concerned. I am concerned with the lack of leadership regarding race relations and climate change AND with corruption in federal/local government. I believe that America's diversity is her greatest strength. [VoteTDanBaker.com](http://VoteTDanBaker.com)

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Table 15



Jill P. Carter – D

State Senator Jill P. Carter is the daughter of civil rights activist Walter Carter and has built on his legacy with her legislative advocacy. She began serving in the Maryland House of Delegates in 2003 and has passed bills to improve police training, guarantee healthcare coverage, and increase funding for public schools.

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Table 16



Kimberly Klacik – R

Mrs. Klacik grew up in Accokeek, Maryland, once known as the home of the Beretta Gun Manufacture. In 2010, she moved to Baltimore once becoming engaged to her husband. In 2013, Kimberly founded Potential Me to assist underserved women with workforce development. Assisting close to 200 women become gainfully employed.

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Table 17



Maya Rockey Moore Cummings – D

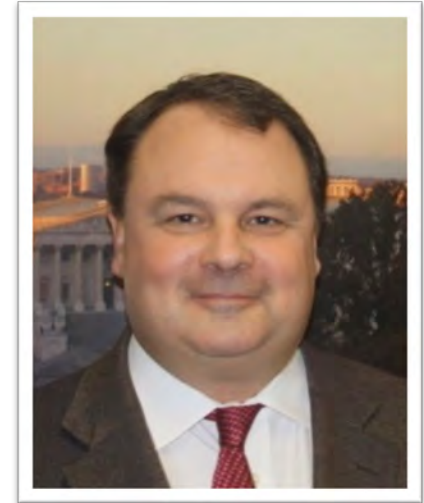
Dr. Maya Rockey Moore Cummings' American story is rooted in the core values of hard work, faith, giving back to her community, and never taking rights and opportunities for granted. In 2008, Maya married the love of her life, the late Congressman Elijah Cummings. Maya resides in Baltimore's Madison Park neighborhood.

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Table 18



Darryl Gonzalez – D

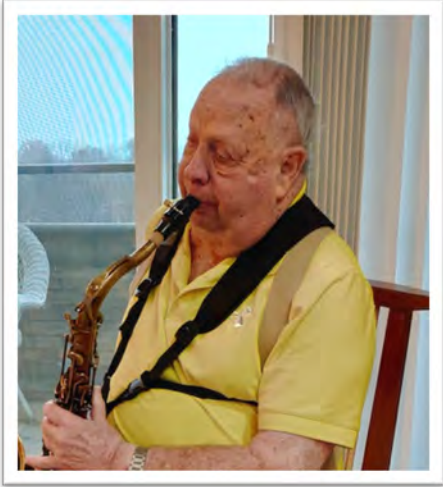
The son of a welder and a housewife, Darryl has spent 31 years in education, and has earned the Ph.D. in Education Leadership and Policy. He has lived in Maryland for 28 years and wants to use his skills in relationship building and advocating for others to represent the people of the 7<sup>th</sup> District.

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Table 19



Jay Fred Cohen – D

I believe I have more experience and knowledge than any other candidate running and will do a better job in office.

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Table 20



Chris Anderson – R

Christopher lives in the 7th district and is a community activist that has seen the negative effects in the district. During the Baltimore uprising he marched with the 300 men, People's Power Assembly & the Clergy March which calmed the riots. He was part of Scott Presler's clean ups in the district.

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Table 21



F. Michael Higginbotham – D

Michael Higginbotham is a law professor, author and international political consultant. He has taught and written on issues of racial equality for over thirty years. Higginbotham is author of the book *Race Law: Cases, Commentary, and Questions* (Durham: Carolina Academic Press, 2001). His latest book, *Ghosts of Jim Crow: Ending Racism in Post-Racial America*, was published in 2013

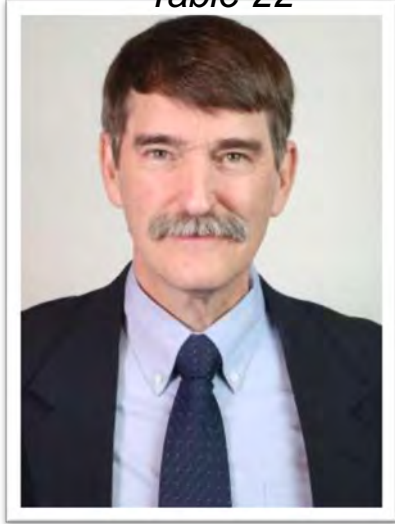
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Table 22



Paul V. Konka – D

BA, MBA, and JD. Retired Navy Captain, with two tours as a Commanding Officer. Adjunct finance professor with UMGC. Teacher in Baltimore County Public Schools. Formerly, professor at the University of Notre Dame, management consultant with Booz Allen, Supervisory Accountant with CMS, and Contracting Officer with the Federal Government.

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Table 23



Saafir Rabb – D

Saafir Rabb is a son of District 7. Simultaneous to a career in education and international development, he has served this community his entire life. Rabb served on President Obama’s Transition Team for public diplomacy and holds a BA from the University of Maryland and an MBA from Johns Hopkins University.

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Table 24



William Newton – R

Now is the time to send Patriots and Constitutional Conservatives into our halls of government. For you, Liberty and the State of Maryland that person is WILLIAM T. NEWTON...who is currently your Baltimore County Republican Central Committee District 3 Representative AND Chairman of the Maryland Republican Election Integrity Committee.

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Table 25



James Arnold – R (Table Only)

My name is Jim Arnold. I was born in Baltimore in 1966 and I was raised in Catonsville. I am a graduate of Mount Saint Joseph High School and Loyola University in Baltimore. I am the part owner of my family owned Plumbing & Heating Co. in Catonsville. All facets of my life (ie. Birth, Schooling, Marriage, Fatherhood, Home Ownership, Business, Teaching, Coaching, Worship, etc.) have all taken place in Md. District 7.

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## Candidates that did not respond.

Alice D. Brown – D	Baltimore City
Brian L. Brown – R	Montgomery County
Anthony Carter, Sr. – D	Baltimore City
Matko Lee Chullin, III – D	Baltimore County
Dan Hiegel – D	Baltimore City
Charles U. Smith – D	Baltimore City
Charles Strokes – D	Baltimore County

## ELECTIONS 2020 for 7th DISTRICT CONGRESSIONAL SEAT

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