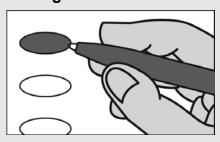
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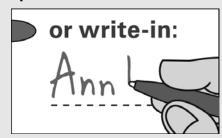


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### Vote for 1

- Mary Kramer
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○ Yes

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- For Question B
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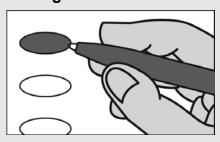


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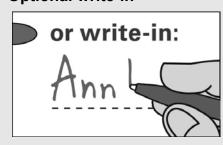


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Massachusetts and

### Ajamu Baraka

Georgia

Green

or write-in:

## Representative in Congress District 2

### Vote for 1

Pat McDonough

Republican

## ○ C. A. Dutch Ruppersberger

Democratic

## Kristin S. Kasprzak

Libertarian

or write-in:

### **Judge of the Circuit Court** Circuit 5

## Vote for 1

- Mary Kramer
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○ Yes

 $\circ$  No



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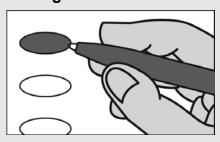


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## BS<sub>3</sub>

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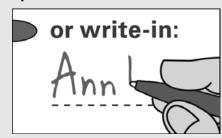


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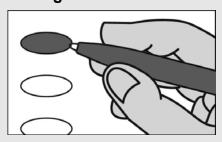
- For Question B
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State of Maryland, Howard County

## **BS 4**

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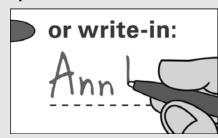


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**Vote Yes or No** For Continuance in Office

○ Yes

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## Board of Education Vote for up to 3

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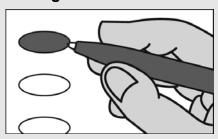


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## **BS** 5

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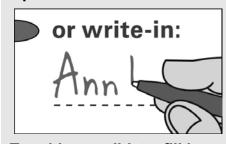


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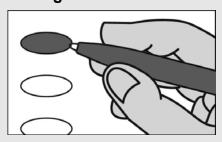
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## **BS** 6

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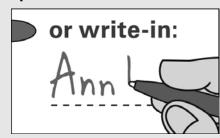


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- For Question A
- Against Question A

# Question B Charter Amendment Changes to Budgetary and Fiscal Procedures

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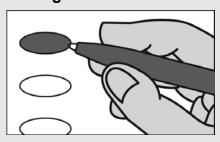
- For Question B
- Against Question B

State of Maryland, Howard County

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### Instructions

### **Making Selections**

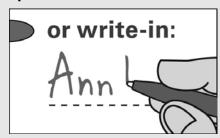


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Do not cross out or erase, or your vote may not count. If you make a mistake or a stray mark, you may ask for a new ballot.

#### Optional write-in



To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "or write-in" and print the name clearly on the dotted line.

## **President and Vice President** of the United States

### Vote for 1

Donald J. Trump New York and

## **Michael Pence**

Indiana Republican

Hillary Clinton

New York and

### Tim Kaine

Virginia Democratic

Gary Johnson New Mexico

and

## Bill Weld

Massachusetts

Libertarian

### ○ Jill Stein

Massachusetts and

### Ajamu Baraka

Georgia

Green

or write-in:

## **Representative in Congress** District 2

### Vote for 1

- Pat McDonough
  - Republican

## ○ C. A. Dutch Ruppersberger

Democratic

#### Kristin S. Kasprzak Libertarian

or write-in:

### **Judge of the Circuit Court** Circuit 5

## Vote for 1

- Mary Kramer
- or write-in:

## U.S. Senator Vote for 1

- Kathy Szeliga Republican
- Chris Van Hollen

Margaret Flowers

Democratic

or write-in:

Green

**Appeals At Large Dan Friedman** Vote Yes or No For Continuance in Office

Judge, Court of Special

○ Yes

 $\circ$  No



## Board of Education Vote for up to 3

- Kirsten Coombs
- Vicky Cutroneo
- Christina Delmont-Small
- Mavis Ellis
- Robert Wayne Miller
- Janet Siddiqui
- or write-in:
- or write-in:
- or write-in:

## Question 1 Constitutional Amendment (Ch. 511 of the 2016 Legislative Session)

# Appointments and Special Elections for Attorney General and Comptroller

Changes the way the Governor fills a vacancy of the Attorney General or the Comptroller and requires a special election for vacancies that occur on or before a certain date. Under current law, the Governor fills a vacancy by appointing an individual to serve for the remainder of the term. Under the amended law, if the vacating Attorney General or Comptroller was a member of a political party, the Governor must fill the vacancy from a list of three names provided by the political party of the vacating official, and if no names are provided by the political party within a set time period, then the Governor must select a successor from the political party of the vacating official. If the vacating Attorney General or Comptroller was not a member of a political party, then the amended law requires the Governor to appoint any qualified individual. The Governor must make the appointment within a set time period following the vacancy. The amended law requires a special election to replace the successor if the vacancy occurs early enough in the term to allow for candidates to participate in the regular elections held in the second year of the vacating official's term.

(Amending Article V, Section 5 and Article VI, Section 1 the Maryland Constitution)

- For the Constitutional Amendment
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- For Question B
- Against Question B

