**2022 Baltimore Jewish Council**

**Candidate Questionnaire**

The Baltimore Jewish Council is seeking to give voters the opportunity to learn more about the candidates for Maryland Governor, and the candidates for State Senate and House of Delegates in Districts where many members of the Jewish community live.

**We ask candidates to submit their written responses by Monday, June 13, to info@baltjc.org.** We will post responses online starting later that week for all candidates who respond. *Please note: The Baltimore Jewish Council does not make candidate endorsements. The responses to this questionnaire will be used only to help inform voters.*

**NAME:**

**CONTACT INFORMATION (email and phone for candidate or designated campaign staff member):**

(Note: The email and phone number will not be shared publicly – this information is being requested only for the purpose of follow-up confirmation/clarification)

**Questions:**

Briefly tell your personal story and why you are seeking this elected public service position. (Please limit your answer to no more than 250 words)

What are the 2 or 3 biggest challenges facing Maryland (or your district), and briefly describe how would you address those challenges over the next four years? (Please limit your answer to no more than 250 words)

Baltimore and Maryland are blessed to have so many committed foundations and non-profits. How can government better support the work of these non-profits in providing the care and services needed by vulnerable Marylanders?

(Please limit your answer to no more than 100 words.)

Over the past several years, we have seen a rise of hate and antisemitism in schools, college campuses, and the general community. What could you as an elected official do to help combat this alarming trend?

(Please limit your answer to no more than 100 words.)

Do you support continuing the initiatives begun by the state over the past several years to provide security grants to faith institutions, schools, and other entities that are threatened by hate crimes?

(Please limit your answer to no more than 100 words.)

For more than three decades, Maryland and the Jewish community have jointly invested in developing a flourishing business relationship between our state and Israel – creating jobs and economic activity both here and there. As part of that relationship, Governor Hogan signed an executive order in 2017 prohibiting all executive branch agencies from entering into contracts or conducting official state business with any entity unless they certify that they will not engage in a boycott of Israel during the duration of the contract. <https://governor.maryland.gov/2017/10/23/governor-larry-hogan-signs-executive-order-strengthening-marylands-opposition-to-bds-movement-against-israel/>

Do you support maintaining and enforcing this executive order?

(Please limit your answer to no more than 100 words.)

Over the past several years, Maryland has created the BOOST program – a scholarship opportunity to assist low-income families in attending non-public schools. Do you support continuing the BOOST program?

(Please limit your answer to no more than 100 words.)

What are your 2 or 3 biggest priorities to help protect the environment?

(Please limit your answer to no more than 100 words.)