

# 2022 Baltimore Jewish Council Candidate Questionnaire

CANDIDATE NAME: Dan Cox

*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)*

As a husband and father of 10 children, my Judeo-Christian roots support protecting life, liberty and property. Our youth need tradition and morality, so I have advocated for and will expand school choice. Crime and the high Baltimore City murder rate is a national security issue, and I'll work to end it, taking the cartels/gangs off the streets. I will protect the unborn from conception to natural death. I will restore freedom; mandates will be ended. Everyone is essential; our houses of faith will never be shuttered by government; and I will order immediate tax relief. I will enable synagogues and academies to receive both concealed carry permits and security assistance. I humbly ask for your vote.

*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)*

1. Restoring constitutional protections.
2. Renewing small business wealth through drastic taxation reduction.
3. Regaining national recognition for all our schools through reduced testing and increased parental rights and school choice options.

*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.)*

By providing additional tax credits for private industry to partner with various nonprofit missions and incentivizing citizens to obtain its services to better their lives.

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*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.)*

**End the BDS movement and all divisive, anti-Semitic teaching through public advertising and mandatory instruction in the history of the holocaust and the beauty of the diverse history of our nation. Include key Founders who are heroes such as the funding provided General George Washington by Polish-Jewish financier Haym Soloman.**

*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.)*

**Absolutely yes.**

*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.)*

**Absolutely yes. I will re-authorize and expand this executive order to include any entities that invest in entities who engage in anti-Israel boycotts.**

*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.)*

**Yes and I have fought to expand it. I will sign an executive order expanding this program as a matter of national security, and will work the General Assembly to include expansion of funding of school choice for all of Maryland.**

*What are your 2 or 3 biggest priorities to help protect the environment?  
(Please limit your answer to no more than 100 words.)*

**Conservation: (1) End the effluent into the Bay by sewage systems. I will conduct a state-wide audit of government systems and provide timelines of improvement requirements to end effluent into the Bay. I will work with the Governor of Pennsylvania to end silt overflowing the Susquehanna River Dam into the Bay (2) I will work hard to expand ecological use of fisheries and oyster beds, so that replacement of oysters is incentivized to clean up our Bay while supporting our watermen and farmers. (3) Pursue small modular reactors to produce 100% clean energy and electricity and safe/clean fuel resources.**

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