

2022 Baltimore Jewish Council Candidate Questionnaire

CANDIDATE NAME: Robin Ficker

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)

Lifelong Marylander and Maryland's leading civic activist who has placed 25 ballot measures which have received 2,537,000 votes to mandate Term Limits, Property Tax Revenue Increase Limits and to eliminate sewage sludge trenching and garbage dumps from residential zones.

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)

In these inflationary times want Maryland to be the first state ever to cut its sales tax, saving average household \$780/yr and luring in big business expansions.

Amazon, Apple, Boeing, Facebook, Global Foundries, Google, Hyundai, Intel, Microsoft, Nucor Steel, Samsung, Taiwan Semiconductor, Tesla, Texas Instruments, and Toyota have shunned the passive Ms. Schulz and the Sleepy Maryland Department of Commerce in the past couple of years by building multi Billion & expansions in other states. Our JOBS Strikeforce will go to the companies and bring well-paying jobs back.

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.)

As Governor, I shall personally go to meetings with foundations and non profits and help them help Marylanders. I shall have a 6 am Mansion Open House every Monday morning to learn how I can help Marylanders.

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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.)

As a defense attorney in all Maryland Courts for 48 years, I know hate and discrimination when I see it and will not tolerate same in Maryland.

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.)

I certainly support state security grants. We don't want murders in our beautiful state.

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.)

I love the Democratic state of Israel and would not allow any state agency to boycott Israel or to sign agreements with groups that Boycott Israel.

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.)

I am ok with Boost but prefer getting our public schools to do the job they should be doing.

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

My big climate change proposal is to double the clean electrical production at Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Plant. from 1 million to 2 million homes. They provide over 1/3 of the state's electricity. And keep the Bay clean. I have 0 tolerance for sewage treatment plants that pollute the Bay.

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