

**Two big wins this week! HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!**



**Karla Bigham won a rare Monday special election for a Minnesota Senate seat, which keeps Democrats within one seat of flipping the entire chamber. **AND** Margaret Good won Tuesday in Florida thanks to everyone who contributed. Hers was the third R2B flip of 2018.**

## **ACTIONS**

### **ENVIRONMENT**

**URGENT ACTION ITEM: Press Columbia Association Board to OK Climate Advisory Committee**

**Background:** After several months of deliberation, the CA Board will consider a proposal to create an advisory committee during

its regular monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 22. It remains unclear whether they will create a stand-alone committee that is clearly focused on climate (our preference) vs. adding climate issues to an existing watershed committee that has had a spotty history. Some Board members may also push to diminish the climate focus by naming it a "sustainability" or "environmental" committee. This is crunch time and we need a strong showing to prod the Board to create a useful committee.

## **Action Request**

- 1. Columbia residents:** Email your respective Board members ASAP, with a cc: to the full Board. (See below list of Board members & email addresses). You may draw on the below template.
- 2. All members:** share this message with your family or friends living in Columbia and encourage them to (1) send similar messages and (2) likewise share this request with their Columbia family & friends to do the same.
- 3. Social media:** Post your thoughts on this issue to your FB, Twitter, and/or other social media to help generate a buzz and help move the Board to act on Feb. 22 without further delay. Encourage your Columbia friends to do the same.
- 4. Show up for the CA Board meeting** at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 22. Residents may sign up shortly before the meeting to address the Board for up to three minutes on any subject. Even if you choose not to speak, our numbers matter. Your presence will help the Board to see the depth of community support for this action.

## **Template for email messages:**

To: (your Board member - see below list for name and email address)

cc: [Board.Members@columbiaassociation.org](mailto:Board.Members@columbiaassociation.org)

**Dear: \_\_\_\_\_: As a resident of [YOUR VILLAGE], I am concerned about the adverse impacts associated with climate change. I applaud the CA Board's decision last October to endorse the "We Are Still In" declaration on the Paris Agreement.**

**I understand the Board is now considering the formation of a climate advisory committee, with a decision to come at your February 22 meeting. I think that creating such a committee would be very timely. A committee that both advises the CA Board on ways to deal with climate and that helps boost CA's community engagement would be an important step forward. It could help CA build on its recent successes in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and help the community find ways to reduce, avoid, or adapt to the impacts of climate change.**

**Columbia can and should be a leader in Maryland on climate. I ask that you support creating a committee with a name and mandate that sends a strong signal of our city's increased focus on meeting the climate challenge. The time for action is now. I hope the Board will act clearly and decisively on this matter without delay.**

**Thank you. Sincerely, \_\_\_\_\_**

**To see your CA Board member and contact info, check [here](#)**

## **VOTING RIGHTS**

### **Voter Registration and Candidate Forum - Sign Up**

**Join us to register voters and distribute flyers for the Oakland Mills High School Candidate Forum. We are going door-to-door, targeting neighborhoods that are located around the high**

school.

**Dates: February 24th, March 3rd**

**Time: 11AM**

**Address: We will meet in front of Oakland Mills High School**

[Sign Up](#)

## RED TO BLUE

### **CANVASSING FOR LOCAL CANDIDATES**

**February 17, afternoon – Door Knocking with Katie Fry Hester (State Senate 9), Natalie Ziegler (State Delegate 9A), and China Williams (County Council, D-5).**

**Email [info@katiefryhester](mailto:info@katiefryhester) to RSVP and for location details**

**March 11, afternoon - Door Knocking with Katie Fry Hester (State Senate 9), Natalie Ziegler (State Delegate 9A), and China Williams (County Council, D-5).**

**Email [contact@chinawilliams.com](mailto:contact@chinawilliams.com) to RSVP and for location details**

## **SPECIAL ELECTION WATCH**

### **WIN ANOTHER SEAT FOR THE BLUE TEAM**

**Angry about Trump's budget, DACA, and all the other disasters emanating from the White House? Well now you can do something about it!**

**As many of you know, we have a chance to take back a seat in Congress next month. Conor Lamb is the Democratic nominee in PA-18, a seat left open when Tim Murphy, an anti-choice Republican, resigned in disgrace following the revelation that he**

asked his mistress to have an abortion. Conor Lamb is a great candidate and a strong progressive. You can read about his priorities [here](#). Trump, Pence, and Ryan have all thrown full support behind his opponent, who boasts he was "Trump before Trump." So it is our time and passion versus their money.

SlsterDistrict and Swing Left are organizing canvassing trips to this district for the four weekends leading up to the election:

February 17-18 (this weekend)

February 24-25

March 3-4

March 10-11

The election is on March 13<sup>th</sup> and the district is in western Pennsylvania (the Pittsburgh suburbs), about a four hour drive from central Maryland. Because of the length of the trip, carpools will leave on Saturday mornings and return on Sunday evenings. They will provide housing and will finalize the details when they know how many people will be joining the group each weekend. If you're interested, please contact Betsy Krieger ([betsykrieger@gmail.com](mailto:betsykrieger@gmail.com)) for more information.



Tea and postcards  
Saturday Feb 17, 2-4pm  
7335 Carved Stone

This time we'll be writing to eligible voters in PA to urge them to register. [RSVP](#)

**EVENTS**



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The Greater  
Baltimore  
Grassroots Coalition

*invite you to attend*

# The Greater Baltimore Democratic Gubernatorial Forum

A moderated forum with Democratic Gubernatorial candidates *Rushern Baker, Ben Jealous, Kevin Kamenetz, Rich Madaleno, Alec Ross, Jim Shea and Krishanti Vignarajah*, followed by a Meet & Greet.

*Featuring moderator Phylicia Porter, President & CEO of Optimal Public Health Solutions*

*Closing Remarks by Dr. Maya Rockeymoore Cummings*

**Saturday, February 24, 2018**  
**Baltimore War Memorial**  
**101 N Gay St., Baltimore, MD 21202**  
**From 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

Authorized by United for Maryland PAC, Treasurer Robert Stevens

**Tickets available [HERE](#)**

**This event is an opportunity to see all the Democratic candidates at one time. IndivisibleHoCoMD has been asked to help with this event.**

**Here is how you can help.**

- To submit ideas for questions please click: [here](#)

- To volunteer for the event please [click here](#)
- Finally please feel free to share our [Facebook event](#)

## DEBATE



**County Council Candidates Districts 2 and 3  
March 8, 2018 , 6:30 to 8:30 PM  
Oakland Mills High School Auditorium**

### Participating

**District 2: Opel Jones (D) and John Liao (R)  
District 3: Hiruy Hadgu (D), Steve Hunt (D)  
Christina Rigby (D), Greg Jennings (D)**

**The event is free and open to public, Sponsored by Young Democrats Club of Oakland Mills High School**

## LET OUR LIGHT SHINE



**Every single democrat** in PA 18 had received a postcard in support of Connor Lamb by last weekend.

When we made calls for Connor on Monday, we had voters telling us in amazement that they had received handwritten cards for Connor!

Click on **\*See All Events\*** below to find upcoming events

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**Got a question about organizing and activism?**

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