

General Assembly

District 39

STATE SENATE

DEMOCRAT

*CLARENCE M. MITCHELL III—

No contest

REPUBLICAN

LEANA B. THOMAS—No contest

HOUSE of DELEGATES

(VOTE FOR 3)

DEMOCRATS

ANTHONY J. AMBRIDGE, 32

BIOGRAPHY: Baltimore Polytechnic Institute, University of Maryland, College Park B.S., University of Maryland at Baltimore, graduate work. U.S. Chamber of Commerce, N.A.A.C.P., Baltimore Urban League, President—Man Alive, Inc., Charles Village Business Association, National Board of Drug Treatment and Rehabilitation.

ISSUES: The most devastating effects of Reaganomics are felt in employment, education, and the increase in crime. My legislation would favor local employers and employees in awarding state contracts, demand full and equal educational funding for our children regardless of where they reside, and deal with crime "realistically."

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING: All public employees are entitled to the protections of collective bargaining. Public employees should not have to subsidize state-mandated programs. Where the services of public employees are considered essential to the public safety, those em-

ployees must have impartial binding arbitration.

IRVIN CONWAY, 45

BIOGRAPHY: St. Peter Claver Cath. School, Calvert Hall High School. Community Developer for Model Cities, 3 years. Director of Model Cities Community Council, 5 years. Chairman Balto. Civic Interest Group, 7 years. Board Director Provident Hospital, 7 years. Member of Md. General Hospital Citizen Council.

ISSUES: (1) Unemployment—Working business group to help come up with some jobs. (2) High crime rate and drugs in the community—The only way we are going to cut down on crime and drugs in our community is for the community to start working together and looking out for each other and working with the police.

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING: I support collective bargaining for public employees. The basic right and protections gained by private sector workers are still denied to a large number of government employees. It is not right. I would like to see all workers with collective bargaining right.

ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS, 31

BIOGRAPHY: Honors graduate of City College, Howard University (Phi Beta Kappa); University of Maryland Law School, Senior partner of law firm, Cummings & Smith, P.A.; President, Monumental City Bar Association; current leadership roles in Congressional

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Black Caucus, Maryland State Bar, Volunteer Lawyers Association, Maryland Legislative Black Caucus, Selective Service Commission.

ISSUES: The legislature must take decisive action to create jobs, to remove the drug pushers from our schools and streets and to protect our poor, elderly and handicapped citizens against the misery of Reaganomics. We must re-examine and adjust our taxation system to fairly allocate the cost of these essential programs.

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING: I support collective bargaining—but no community can permit a public employee to strike if that action would immediately threaten the safety, health or welfare of its citizens. Under those circumstances, binding arbitration is the process which most fairly balances the interests of the public and the individual government worker.

***ISALAH "IKE" DIXON, Jr., No age given**

BIOGRAPHY: Attended St. Peter Claver's, Douglass HS and Howard Univ.; D.C. businessman; insurance broker and realtor; 16 years member of House of Delegates; vice-chairman of Baltimore City delegation to Annapolis; senior member of House Economic Matters committee and only member of Governor's Task Force on Violence and Extremism.

ISSUES: The most serious issues facing the General Assembly, and an ongoing one, are unemployment, education and housing. Unemployment can be alleviated to a large extent by involving blacks and minorities in all facets of our economic development programs, both public and private. This involvement of the people will also reduce crime tremendously.

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING: I know of no better incentive than to have employees involved in their own destiny, of course, with legislative oversight.

PATRISCYA E. DUNCAN, No age given

BIOGRAPHY: BA Queens College, City Univ. of NY; work towards Master, Univ. of Baltimore; I have an extensive background in organizational development, personnel management and training, computers and communications. Many of my professional and community activities required a facility with law, legislation and budgetary accounting, and I am more than adequately familiar with relevant subjects and skills.

ISSUES: Employment—The legislature should address this high unemployment phenomenon with a comprehensive plan encompassing the control of inflation and its casualties, training and development in marketable skills, productivity and personal income. We should assist the public in the resolution of these critical components by allocating funds to specific programs which enhance people's abilities to deal effectively with the manpower and poverty policies.

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING: The collective bargaining process for public employees should be available and adequate in its purpose. I am not sure that it would be in the public interest to promote the right to strike in the public sector because of the possible corruptive effects of this element. However, though public employees are entrusted with the proper functioning of governmental agencies, particular attention should be paid to assisting those employees in receiving equitable benefits.

ROBERTA ABRAMS GAINES

No age given

BIOGRAPHY: Involved in community for last 20 years; always a woman of her convictions, a fighter for freedom and the rights of her community. During '60's worked in civil rights movements planning, organizing and believing one day she would overcome. Marched with her brothers and

sisters many times; most memorably March on Washington. Worked diligently with majority of elected officials in her district.

ISSUES: No response

RUTH M. KIRK, 52

BIOGRAPHY: Although I have a high school diploma, my experience is my education. For the past 20 years, I have served as either president or board member at one time of many organizations in the 39th District; I know the people. Urban Services Advisory Council, Poppleton PAC, Greater Model Community Council, etc.

ISSUES: (1) Affordable housing (2) Health (3) Unemployment. I would like to see greater concern placed on mortgage financing, teenage pregnancy, high blood pressure programs and an implemented economic policy that will bring jobs back to Baltimore.

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING: I support collective bargaining, but a fair arbitration rule would be much more feasible.

PATRICK O. LANSEY, 26

BIOGRAPHY: Pursued undergraduate studies at Morgan State University's School of Business and Career Studies at the Institute for Financial Education. Ideal Savings & Loan Assn., Administrative & Managerial Experience.

ISSUES: Crime is always a major issue to contend with in the legislature. However, the solution is not always to pass another law. For the most part the law already provides for adequate punishment. Yet the sentence specified for a given offense is not always imposed where needed, thus cancelling the legislature's aim.

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING: No response

WILLIAM B. MARKER, 31

BIOGRAPHY: JD (Law) U. of Maryland; BA (History) U. of Pennsylvania. Private practice attorney; VISTA attorney for hearing-impaired; Disaster Counsel, U.S. Government; Legislative Aid; Lobbyist for disabled; Maryland Chairperson, national vice-chairperson, New Democratic Coalition; executive director, DC PIRG; community and bicycling activist; consumer interest rate regulation advocate.

ISSUES: Fostering quality public education: equalize funding statewide, involve citizens and students, Opposing discrimination, whether due to race, sex, age, disability, or sexual preference: remedies include legislative prescriptions and affirmative action. Minimizing trickle-down Reaganomics, including resulting unemployment: Support adequate levels of taxing, spending and regulations to meet human needs.

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING: Public employees must have the right to bargain collectively, as stated in my campaign brochure.

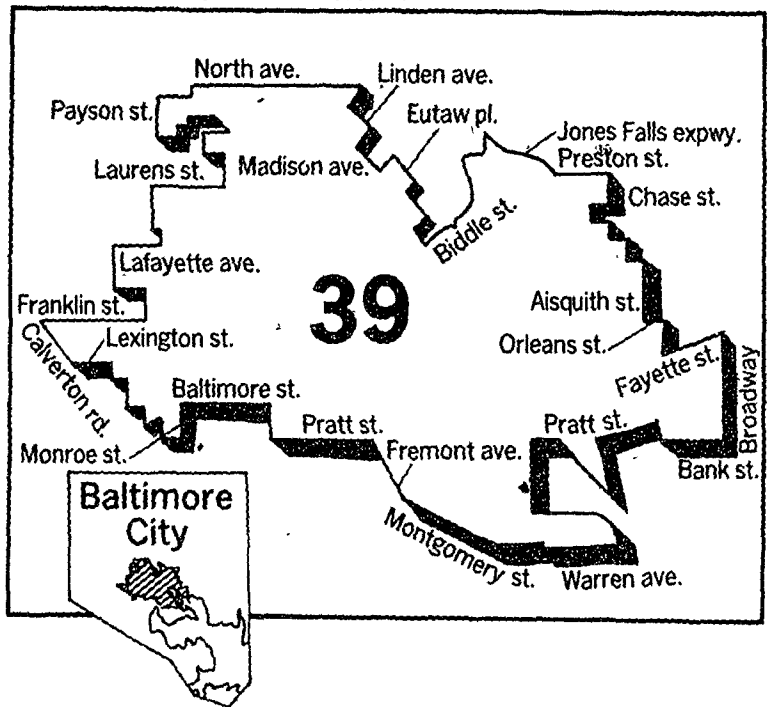
RODNEY ALBERT ORANGE, 39

BIOGRAPHY: BA degree in political science (cum laude). Served 4 years in the United States Marine Corp; served on the board of the Poppleton Planning Action Council; voted one of the "Outstanding Young Men of America" in 1978; served as a legislative intern to Delegate Larry Young in 1975.

ISSUES: (1) Funding public education: The legislature should develop an equitable funding formula for public education. (2) Funding social programs: The legislature should do all it can to maintain the level of services provided by the state, and increase services where possible. (3) Unemployment: The state should take the lead in assisting the unemployed.

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING: Despite some pitfalls, I favor collective bargaining for public employees. Contract negotiations between public employees and the state would give both sides a sense of commitment to the contract that is finally developed. I feel that it is a right for workers to have some say over their working conditions.

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***LARRY YOUNG, 32**

BIOGRAPHY: B.S. Goddard College. Two terms in the House of Delegates beginning in 1974. Member, House Environmental Matters Committee 1974-present. Chairman, Baltimore City Delegation Subcommittee on Health.

ISSUES: Human Resources-Health-Economic Recovery—Fight further budget reductions. Support a gubernatorial candidate

who will be responsive to the human needs of Marylanders. Reaffirm my commitment to bring \$ to Baltimore City.

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING: I support collective bargaining to the extent of a system of binding arbitration. Further position on this issue is undecided.

REPUBLICAN

No candidate filed

* Denotes Incumbent