UFCW Local 1994 MCGEO recommendations for

PRIMARY 2010

Local 1994’s executive board has worked with a multi-employer rank-and-file committee to vet candidates, especially candidates for the Montgomery County Council and Prince George’s County Council. The committee interviewed the candidates, reviewed their questionnaires, and then sent recommendations to the executive board. These recommendations were approved by the Local 1994 membership on August 26, 2010. Some of our endorsed candidates are incumbents, some are challengers.

U.S. SENATOR:
Barbara A. Mikulski

MARYLAND GOVERNOR:
Martin O’Malley

MARYLAND LT. GOVERNOR:
Anthony G. Brown

MARYLAND COMPTROLLER:
Peter Franchot

MARYLAND ATTORNEY GENERAL:
Douglas F. Gansler

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:
MD District 4
Donna F. Edwards

MD District 5
Steny H. Hoyer

MD District 6
Andrew Duck

MD District 8
Chris Van Hollen
Getting a handle on Montgomery County’s wasted spending is one key to balancing the cost and delivery of essential County services. It’s clear that the County Executive and County Council have been intimidated by School Superintendent Jerry Weast and his over aggressive Education Bureaucracy that gobbles up 57 percent, or $2.2 billion, of the Budget with virtually no transparency or accountability.

One place to start controlling those costs is to look at Weast’s compensation package—revealed to be some $489,000 in 2008, according to media reports. County taxpayers won’t find that figure in the School Board’s financial reports—his pay is a virtual state secret.

District 5 School Board Candidate Louis Wilens is one of the bright lights in the effort to understand the true costs of Montgomery County’s Education Bureaucracy. Wilens has noted that while teachers are adequately compensated, they do need help in keeping class sizes at manageable levels. He also notes, “the bureaucracy of $150,000 (and higher) administrators that has been put in place by Superintendent Weast has to be reduced.”

During the last budget debate—when Weast threatened to sue the County if the Council attempted to cut his budget—it was revealed that there are 2,626 education employees making more than $100,000 a year.

Wilens proposes to cut the number of education administrators and use the savings to put more teachers in schools. “If you work for MCPS, but don’t speak with students on a daily basis, we might not need you.” The school system does not need so many administrators, he says, “and we certainly don’t need to spend $10 million per year on a public relations department.”

Well said.

Mr. Wilens has also said he “would have supported MCPS employee furloughs as a way to reduce costs.”

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY’S SCHOOL BOARD
PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY

Congressional District #4
Donna F. Edwards

**County Executive**
Rushern Baker

**County Council**
**DISTRICT 1**
Sam Epps
**DISTRICT 2**
Will Campos
**DISTRICT 3**
Eric Olsen
**DISTRICT 4**
Ingrid Turner
**DISTRICT 5**
Andrea Harrison
**DISTRICT 6**
Derrick Davis
**DISTRICT 7**
Karen Toles
**DISTRICT 8**
Obie Patterson
**DISTRICT 9**
Mel Franklin

**COURTHOUSE OFFICES**
**Sheriff**
Raphael Hylton
**Register of Wills**
Cereta Lee
**State’s Attorney**
Tom Dernoga
**DISTRICT 21**
**State Senate**
Jim Rosapepe
**House of Delegates**
Joseline Pena Melnyk
Barbara Frush
Ben Barnes
**DISTRICT 22**
**State Senate**
Paul Pinsky
**House of Delegates**
Justin Ross
Ann Healy
Tawana Gaines
**DISTRICT 23A**
**State Senate**
Doug Peters
**House of Delegates**
James Hubbard
Nicole Williams
**DISTRICT 23B**
Marvin Holmes
**DISTRICT 24**
**State Senate**
Joanne Benson

**House of Delegates**
Carolyn Howard
Michael Vaughn
Greg Hall
**DISTRICT 25**
**State Senate**
Ulysses Currie
**House of Delegates**
Aisha Braveboy
Melony Griffith
Derek Davis
**DISTRICT 26**
**State Senate**
Anthony Muse
**House of Delegates**
Veronica Turner
Kris Valderrama
No Endorsement of Jay Walker
**DISTRICT 27**
**State Senate**
No Recommendation
**House of Delegates**
James Proctor
Joseph Vallario
**DISTRICT 47**
**State Senate**
Victor Ramirez
**House of Delegates**
Doyle Niemann
Jolene Ivey
Wanda Shelton Martin

FREDERICK COUNTY

Congressional District #6
Andrew Duck

**DISTRICT 3**
**Senate**
No Endorsement
3A
Galen R. Clagett
3A
No Recommendation
3B
Paul Gilligan

**DISTRICT 4**
**Senate**
No Endorsement
4A
Ryan P. Trout
4A
No Recommendation

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The primaries are approaching quickly. It’s time to see who is on our side and who is not. We’ve got new alliances to build.

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To ensure that we get worker friendly, family friendly candidates in office, we need to talk to people about the issues, especially the issues regarding the county budgets.

We’ll contact primary voters, informing our members, our families and other likely voters about the voting records of both our friends and our opponents. ABC money pays for voter registration drives; polling and research; analyzing voter demographics; finding out who are “our” voters and how to keep them; discovering who are “their” voters and how do we bring them over to our way of thinking. Contributions to endorsed candidates come from ABC money, not dues dollars.

Local 1994 Endorses Rushern Baker for Prince George’s County Executive

In an early endorsement, Local 1994 announced its support for Prince George’s County Executive candidate Rushern Baker.

“Rushern is the right fit to fight for Prince George’s County’s working families,” said Gino Renne, president of Local 1994. “We’re confident that he can help restore the county’s economy and bring good, middle class jobs back to those county residents who are now struggling.”

Local 1994 also pointed to Baker’s ethics reforms pledge as influencing the union’s decision to back his bid for County Executive.

“He will bring renewed dignity and the values that the people of Prince George’s County demand and deserve,” Renne added. “In our past work with him as a delegate in the state house and chair of the county delegation, he worked hard to advance bills that gave dignity and respect to working families. That’s the kind of leadership Prince George’s County needs today.”

The work we do today builds a foundation for the future. In the last eighteen months UFCW Local 1994 members have made a difference in the political arena.