



MARYLAND REPUBLICAN PARTY

MDGOP ELECTS 2025-2026 EXECUTIVE BOARD OFFICERS; CELEBRATES PARTY GROWTH AT FALL 2024 CONVENTION

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Annapolis, MD: On November 22nd and 23rd, the Maryland Republican Party held our Fall 2024 Convention in Anne Arundel County. This weekend allowed over 250 conservative activists to gather, celebrate our 2024 victories, reflect on the growth of our party over the last two years, and look ahead to the opportunities for future growth heading into 2026 and beyond.

Saturday's main session was highlighted by the election of our 2025-2026 Executive Board officers. Chairwoman Nicole Beus Harris, 2nd Vice Chair Kathleen Smero, Secretary Mark Uncapher, and Treasurer Christopher Rosenthal were all re-elected by overwhelming acclamation. Talbot County's Richard Osborne was elected 1st Vice Chair, and Carroll County's Rich Collins was elected 3rd Vice Chair. The newly elected board will begin their two-year term on January 3, 2025.

Much of the convention's discourse was focused on Republican's recent substantial growth in Maryland:

- **Voter Registration:** Since January of 2023, we have turned the tide on declining registration numbers and **increased** Maryland Republican voter registration by **over 25,000 registered Republicans**.
- **Party Finances:** Since January of 2023, we have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to **eliminate nearly all of the party's outstanding debt**, fund party operations, and support the Maryland Republican cause.
- **Voter Outreach:** Through partnership with multiple technology companies and the RNC, we developed **new programs for using advanced data to target potential voters**. Since January of 2023, the MDGOP and our affiliated organizations have used these programs to make **over 1.5 million targeted voter contacts** by knocking on over **100k doors**, making over **310k phone calls**, sending **over 1.1 million direct text messages**, and sending out approximately **a dozen direct mailers**.
- **Healing Division:** In 2024, we fostered a big-tent party where nearly every Republican Central Committee and auxiliary organization in the state was **united** in the common cause of getting President Trump, Governor Hogan, and countless down-ballot

Republicans elected. This united approach allowed us to coordinate approximately 1,400 volunteers and staff for the Maryland Republican campaign.

- **Messaging**: We now leverage all of our communication platforms to provide frequent updates and shareable content for our party members to distribute in their communities. Our messaging emphasizes accountability for Maryland Democrat's near-constant bad policies and proposals, and effective branding of our Maryland Republican values.
- **Election Results**: In 2024, President Trump had his **best** performance in Maryland, ever. Governor Hogan had the strongest statewide results in a Presidential election year of any Maryland Republican since 1988. In MD-01, Congressman Andy Harris secured re-election to his eighth term, by the widest margin since redistricting. In MD-02, Kim Klacik earned the **most** votes of any Republican in the district since 2000. In MD-06, Neil Parrott's narrow defeat came within the **closest margin** of any Republican in a decade. In Cecil County, County Executive-elect Adam Streight won by the largest margin in the history of the position. In Board of Education and municipal races across the state, conservative candidates made major gains.

Just two years ago, our election losses were piling up, our organization was divided, and our systems and technology were out-of-date. When Chairwoman Nicole Beus Harris first came into office, she set an ambitious agenda to rebuild the Maryland Republican Party from the ground up. As we see the rightward shift that Maryland took in the 2024 election, we can proudly say that the first phases of that rebuild have been a success.

The Fall 2024 Convention gave all of our stakeholders an opportunity to celebrate this success, but even more importantly it provided an opportunity to prepare for the coming years. Maryland Republicans took advantage of the weekend to host grassroots and finance trainings, analyze potential areas of future growth, and discuss strategic visions for the future of our party and movement. It was an exciting and productive convention that reflects Maryland's quickly-growing Republican Party.

Says Chairwoman Nicole Beus Harris, *"The aggressive actions we have taken to rebuild our organization have left us with a Maryland Republican Party that is fundamentally different than it was just two years ago. We are now more unified, functional, and competitive in Maryland elections than we have been in a long time. The next 5 years will be among the most consequential in our state's history, and we are prepared to fight for conservative values, hold Democrats accountable, and win."*

Thank you to all of the Central Committee Members, volunteers, candidates, and elected officials who contributed to this turnaround for our party, and for the Maryland conservative movement. It was a true pleasure to reflect on the state of our organization with so many of you at our Fall Convention, and it is an honor to continue serving on this party's dynamic new executive board for 2025-2026!"

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