

## **Democracy Requires Our Active Engagement**

***The Time to Get Engaged is NOW!***

A healthy democracy requires OUR informed choices. The best time to work towards the goal of putting forth ethical, constituent-service oriented elected officials is NOW. **If we don't stand up for the best candidates, at the primary level, then we risk having to choose between the lesser-of-two-evils in the general election.** How much better would it be if we could respect the general election candidates? The more respectable candidates we have on the November, 2018 ballot, the more we can focus on issues and the candidate's ability to serve constituents.



Candidate lists are now available. It is time to learn about your candidates.

- For official election information go to “Maryland.gov”  
<http://elections.state.md.us/index.html>
- Get Informed and active:
  - Find out about the candidates. (Don't just rely on your party's recommendation.) Go to candidate events, do your own research, ask people you trust.
  - Share information with family and friends.
  - Get others to register to vote.Elected officials know that we look to others in our circles for input.  
Each informed voter can influence many others.

We will continue to expand on this important point over the next few months. We welcome other comments and advice on this subject.