



HARFORD COUNTY

2022 Maryland Primary for Central Committee Candidates of the Democratic State Central Committee of Maryland

The Democratic State Central Committee of Maryland elects the **ten (10)** members of Harford County by a countywide vote of their Democratic voters during the Gubernatorial Primary on **June 28, 2022**. Membership of the committee allows for representation of three (3) gender categories; **Male, Female, & Non-Binary**. When filing for candidacy, candidates will identify their preferred gender identity, which will appear on the official ballot alongside their names. **All candidates will appear under one ballot title**. Elections of the committee shall allow for gender balance ensuring that **no more than fifty (50) percent of the membership** is represented by one of the three (3) gender categories listed above.

Three Gender Categories:

Each candidacy filing form will show THREE (3) categories **Male, Female, & Non-Binary**. **Non-Binary: "non-binary" is one term people use to describe genders that don't fall into one of these two categories, male or female.**

What does gender balance mean?

Gender balance allows for equal representation between genders. The election process will take into account both vote total and gender representation. Through the election process, the committee will be considered gender balanced as long as there is **no greater than a variance of one (1)** between **Male** and **Female**, as **Non-Binary** will not count as either **Male** nor **Female**.

What DOES this mean:

- No more than a maximum of **five (5)** members can be **Male, Female, or Non-Binary**.
- Candidates **WILL** have their preferred gender identity listed on the ballot with their names.
- In the case that a **Non-Binary** candidate wins a spot on the committee, the remainder of the committee will be balanced as equally as practicable between **male** and **female** with the remaining candidates on the ballot.
- There are no guaranteed slots to any one gender. Meaning the allocation of members is solely determined by vote total and gender balance allocation.
- There is **NO** advantage or disadvantage to selecting a specific gender category.

Questions:

If you have any questions, please contact the Maryland Democratic Party at 410-269-8818 or info@mddems.org.