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Maryland Elections Guide

2026 Primary Results & Your Roadmap to the November Ballot

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GENERAL ELECTION: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026

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From the TANTV Newsroom

Maryland voters showed up on June 23 to shape the ballot that will define the state's next four years — from the Governor's mansion in Annapolis to county executive offices across the DMV. Because Maryland is a heavily Democratic state, many of Tuesday's primaries functioned as the de facto general election, especially in local and legislative races where no Republican filed to run.

This guide breaks down what happened, what it means for our region, and what voters need to know before the real decision point: November 3, 2026. As always, TANTV's coverage centers facts over spin, with results sourced from the Associated Press and the Maryland State Board of Elections. Some county-level totals are still unofficial and subject to certification.

Statewide Races

Governor & Lieutenant Governor

Candidate	Party	Result
Wes Moore & Aruna Miller (incumbent)	Democratic	Winner — Dem. nomination
Dan Cox & Rob Krop	Republican	Winner — GOP nomination

WHAT IT MEANS Gov. Wes Moore secured the Democratic nomination for a second term and will face 2022 GOP nominee Dan Cox in a rematch this November — a race Moore enters as a heavy favorite in a blue state, but one Republicans see as a chance to relitigate Moore's first-term record on taxes, spending, and public safety.

Attorney General

Incumbent Anthony G. Brown (D) and Republican Jim Rutledge III each ran uncontested in their primaries. Both advance automatically to the November 3 general election.

Comptroller

Incumbent Brooke Lierman (D) ran uncontested and will face Republican Sonya Dunn in November. This is also a race to watch for DMV voters, since the Comptroller's office oversees state tax collection and Maryland's spending priorities.

Congress: DMV-Area U.S. House Races

These are the four congressional districts that most directly touch TANTV's core coverage area — the Washington, D.C. suburbs and Southern Maryland.

5th Congressional District • *Open seat — Steny Hoyer's former seat, after 45 years*

Candidate	Party	Result
Adrian Boaf	Democratic	Winner — Dem. nomination
Chris Chaffee	Republican	Winner — GOP nomination

WHAT IT MEANS Maryland State Delegate Adrian Boaf won a crowded 27-candidate field with backing from Hoyer, Gov. Moore, and Sen. Angela Alsobrooks, plus more than \$8 million in outside spending tied to AIPAC's United Democracy Project and crypto-industry PACs. He'll face Republican Chris Chaffee in a district that covers Charles, St. Mary's, and Calvert counties along with parts of Prince George's and Anne Arundel.

6th Congressional District • *Western Maryland, extending into Montgomery County*

Candidate	Party	Result
April McClain Delaney (incumbent)	Democratic	Winner — Dem. nomination
David Trone	Democratic	Runner-up

WHAT IT MEANS Incumbent Rep. April McClain Delaney turned back a primary challenge from self-funding former candidate David Trone, with an endorsement boost from Gov. Moore. She advances to defend the seat in November.

8th Congressional District • *Montgomery County*

Candidate	Party	Result
Jamie Raskin (incumbent)	Democratic	Winner — Dem. nomination
Cheryl Riley	Republican	Winner — GOP nomination

WHAT IT MEANS Rep. Jamie Raskin cruised to renomination with roughly 92% of the Democratic vote in Montgomery County and faces no serious threat in this safely blue district.

4th Congressional District • *Prince George's County*

Incumbent Rep. Glenn Ivey (D) won his primary decisively and is positioned for re-election in November in this safely Democratic Prince George's County-based seat.

Local Races That Will Shape Your Daily Life

Statewide and congressional races get the headlines, but county-level races — especially county executive — have the most direct impact on schools, property taxes, and local services.

Montgomery County Executive • *Open seat — Marc Elrich is term-limited*

Candidate	Party	Votes	Pct.
Will Jawando	Democratic	36,517	40.8%
Andrew Friedson	Democratic	29,968	33.5%
Evan Glass	Democratic	19,291	21.6%
Esther Wells	Republican	5,240	60.4%
Shelly Skolnick	Republican	3,439	39.6%

WHAT IT MEANS County Councilmember Will Jawando held a commanding lead over fellow Councilmember Andrew Friedson as Evan Glass conceded Wednesday afternoon. Jawando, a former civil rights attorney, campaigned on fully funding Montgomery County Public Schools through a higher tax on wealthy residents rather than a residential property tax hike. He's favored heavily over Republican nominee Esther Wells in November — registered Democrats outnumbered Republicans roughly 10-to-1 in this primary.

Baltimore City Sheriff

In a closely watched result, Sabrina Tapp-Harper appears to have unseated incumbent Sheriff Sam Cogen — despite Cogen holding endorsements from Gov. Moore, Baltimore State's Attorney Ivan Bates, AG Anthony Brown, and Rep. Kweisi Mfume. The result is a reminder that local name recognition and ground game can outweigh a stacked endorsement list.

Senate President Bill Ferguson — Baltimore

Senate President Bill Ferguson turned back a viral, social-media-driven primary challenge from sailboat captain Bobby LaPin, who ran a closer-than-expected race despite a roughly 30-to-1 fundraising disadvantage — a sign that grassroots attention doesn't always need deep pockets to move votes, even if it wasn't enough to win this time.

What's Next: Your Roadmap to November

1. Certification (Now through mid-July)

Several races — including Montgomery County Executive and the Baltimore City Sheriff's race — were still unofficial as of this guide's publication, with mail-in and provisional ballots still being counted. Maryland counties must complete their canvass and the State Board of Elections must certify results before any race is final. Watch for certified totals in early-to-mid July.

2. Mark Your Calendar for the General Election

- General Election Day: Tuesday, November 3, 2026

- Voter registration deadline: Typically 21 days before Election Day for mail/online registration — confirm your exact date at elections.maryland.gov as the calendar is finalized
- Early voting: Maryland holds early voting in the days leading up to Election Day; sites and hours are published closer to the date by your county Board of Elections
- Mail-in ballots: Request a ballot through Maryland's Voter Services portal if you plan to vote by mail this fall

3. Races to Watch Heading Into the Fall

- Governor: Wes Moore (D) vs. Dan Cox (R) — a rematch of 2022, with turnout and the national political climate as wildcards
- 5th Congressional District: Adrian Bofo (D) vs. Chris Chaffee (R) — Democrats are heavily favored, but this is the first open contest for this seat in 45 years
- Montgomery County Executive: Will Jawando (D) vs. Esther Wells (R) — Jawando's tax proposals will be a central fall debate even though Democrats hold a wide registration edge
- Down-ballot judicial and Board of Education races, several of which remain too close to call and could shift with final mail-ballot counts

4. What to Watch For Locally

- How newly elected county executives (Montgomery, and open seats in Baltimore, Harford, and Howard counties) staff their transition teams and set first-100-days priorities
- Whether outside spending — PACs tied to crypto interests, AIPAC's United Democracy Project, and education and affordability-focused groups — continues to shape fall campaigns the way it did in several primaries
- Redistricting-related shifts: Gov. Moore's Redistricting Advisory Commission work from late 2025 may continue to influence how districts are discussed heading into 2026's general election

How TANTV Will Cover This

TANTV News will track certification updates, candidate profiles, and voter guides for the general election as the fall campaign develops — with the same commitment to factual, real-time sourcing from the Maryland State Board of Elections and the Associated Press that shaped this primary guide. Look for our WordPress-embeddable candidate guides and social explainers as November approaches.

Sources: Associated Press, Maryland State Board of Elections, TANTV News, The Baltimore Banner, Bethesda Magazine, FOX 5 DC, WUSA9, NBC4 Washington, CBS Baltimore, NBC News Decision Desk. Vote totals reflect unofficial results as of June 25, 2026 and are subject to change upon certification.