



MARYLAND CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

2024 MARYLAND GENERAL ELECTION

MARYLAND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2 CANDIDATE SURVEY

Early voting: Oct. 24-31 | Election Day: Nov. 5

ABOUT THIS GUIDE: The Maryland Catholic Conference sent candidates a survey covering policy issues of interest to Catholics. Their responses (agree/disagree and statements) are below. Before you vote, please review the responses and reflect upon the document Faithful Citizenship (mdcatholic.org/parish-elections) as you form your conscience and prayerfully discern your vote.

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PARTY	MD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2 CANDIDATES	1. Poverty	2. Abortion	3. Immigration	4. Education	5. Environment	6. Family	7. Conscience Rights
D	John "Johnny O" Olszewski, Jr.							
R	Kim Klacik*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓

KEY D = Democrat R = Republican

* = provided additional comments | ✓ = agree X = disagree blank = no response

We encourage you to read the additional comments provided by candidates on the following page to more fully explain their positions.

The Democratic candidate did not respond. The Republican candidate responded to two questions.

1. Poverty. The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and other similar initiatives provide funding for millions of poor Americans who cannot afford to adequately feed themselves or their families. Congress should oppose restrictions on SNAP that prevent the most vulnerable from receiving these benefits.

Neither candidate provided comments

2. Abortion. Congress should enact legislation permanently banning the use of taxpayer funding for abortion and banning abortion in federal healthcare facilities or from being performed by federal employees.

Neither candidate provided comments

See next page for additional questions and submitted comments

- 3. Immigration.** Congress should pass legislation to reform immigration policy to protect children and young people, such as the Protect Vulnerable Immigrant Youth Act, to provide humanitarian protection to abused, neglected or abandoned youth.

Neither candidate provided comments

- 4. Education.** Congress should enact legislation, such as the Educational Choice for Children Act, which empowers parents in every state with expanded educational options through federal tax credit incentives that will fund scholarships for K-12 students, including those attending Catholic schools.

Neither candidate provided comments

- 5. Environment.** Congress should pass legislation to encourage the responsible stewardship of the environment and its natural resources by protecting and promoting our national parks and wildlife preserves.

Neither candidate provided comments

- 6. Family.** Congress should enact legislation to support families, mothers and children, such as increasing and extending the child tax credit to include unborn children, extending the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) and providing increased funding for childcare programs and foster programs.

Kim Klacik (R)	I agree with increasing funding for childcare & foster programs, but I do not agree with extending the credit to include before birth. I also believe only Americans can participate in these programs. I am willing to extend the foster program to children unlawfully trafficked across the border without guardianship.
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- 7. Conscience Protections.** Congress should pass legislation to ensure religious freedom and rights of conscience for healthcare workers and other government employees.

Neither candidate provided comments

8. Why should Catholics vote for me?

Kim Klacik (R)	As a mother that has a daughter enrolled in Catholic school and has recently received the Eucharist, I know how important faith is in all of our lives. I also believe we should assist any way we can via federal programs to keep the religious freedoms we currently enjoy thriving in America.
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