



2024 MARYLAND GENERAL ELECTION

MARYLAND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 3 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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Democratic and Republican candidates for Maryland Congressional District 3 are in separate tables.

PARTY	U.S. HOUSE CANDIDATES MD. DISTRICT 3		1. Poverty	2. Abortion	3. Immigration	4. Education	5. Environment	6. Family	7. Conscience Protections
D	Sarah	Elfreth							
R	Robert J.	Steinberger *	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	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 to more fully explain their positions.

The Democratic candidate did not respond. Below are responses from the Republican candidate.

- 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.

Robert J.	Steinberger (R)	Some revisions may be warranted - but we must protect the most vulnerable
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- 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.

Robert J.	Steinberger (R)	I agree in a ban on federal funding but not in completely banning from facilities or by employees
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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.

Robert J. Steinberger With some guardrails
(R)

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.

Robert J. Steinberger I support access to education that works best for students and families.
(R)

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.

Robert J. Steinberger We must balance the environmental protection impact with any economic burden as
(R) we continue to improve efforts.

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.

Robert J. Steinberger Spending programs must be evaluated for efficiency improvement opportunities to
(R) better serve.

7. Conscience Protections. Congress should pass legislation to ensure religious freedom and rights of conscience for healthcare workers and other government employees.

Robert J. Steinberger Ensuring religious freedom, 100%. But we must balance individual rights with other
(R) considerations, such as public health and safety.

8. Why should Catholics vote for me?

Robert J. Steinberger I represent a pragmatic approach to developing solutions to issues we face and will be
(R) a voice for all MD. Progress results from working together.
