



2024 MARYLAND GENERAL ELECTION

MARYLAND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 6 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, including the candidate comments, 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 | CANDIDATES: MD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 6 | | 1. Poverty | 2. Abortion | 3. Immigration | 4. Education | 5. Environment | 6. Family | 7. Conscience Rights |
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| D | April | McClain Delaney | | | | | | | |
| R | Neil C. | Parrott * | ✓ | ✓ | 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 the candidates to more fully explain their positions.

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

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.

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| Neil (R) | Parrott | Like all government welfare programs, SNAP is subject to waste, fraud and abuse. Fully 13% of the country is on it. Congress should strengthen work requirements for eligibility. Work requirements help people get off welfare, they promote marriage, promote mental health, and help people build social capital. The Biden administration greatly increased SNAP spending, and that has disincentivized work, and a large percentage of our population permanently disengaging with the labor market. Congress should crack down on SNAP fraud, eliminate the marriage penalties in qualifying for SNAP, and increase the financial role of states. |
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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.

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| Neil Parrott (R) | Since 1977, the Hyde Amendment has banned the use of any federal funds for abortion, only allowing exceptions to pay for terminating pregnancies that endanger the life of the pregnant person or that result from rape or incest. This flips when Democrats hold the presidency, but should be made permanent law. |
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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.

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| Neil Parrott (R) | Our broken immigration system and the Biden administration’s open-border policies are our number one national emergency. Until we have a secure border and reform our asylum and immigration parole laws, we cannot entertain legislation that expands asylum rights. The typical effect of these Democrat-sponsored immigration bills is to let more illegal immigrants into the country while doing nothing to reform the system or protect anyone from harm. Incentivizing the cartels and coyotes to bring more minors across the border is bad public policy, and it ultimately serves to harm more people than it helps. |
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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.

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| Neil Parrott (R) | I strongly support school choice. I promoted school choice as I served 12 years in the Maryland House of Delegates and believe that the money should follow the child. No child should be trapped in a failing government school. |
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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.

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| Neil Parrott (R) | I support responsible environmental stewardship. Our national parks and wildlife preserves are an important part of our national heritage. I do not, however, support legislation that ends up sending more of our manufacturing jobs overseas and raising energy prices for all Americans. The primary world polluter is China. US environmental policy should not sacrifice American manufacturing jobs to countries like China that would pollute at a much higher level to produce the same goods. Instead, trade laws should be used as one negotiating tactic to get China and other countries to pollute less. |
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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.

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| Neil | Parrott (R) | I support legislation that helps families, mothers, and children, such as expanding the child tax credit to include unborn children. Blanket expansion of often wasteful government programs is rarely, if ever, the answer. WIC already serves half the nation’s infants. Legislation that incentivizes and encourages marriage, work, and self-sufficiency will help American families much more than government handouts. Lower taxes, policies that combat inflation, and a reduction in careless and inefficient government spending will do much more for families of every socioeconomic status than handing blank checks to an often unaccountable, wasteful federal bureaucracy and activist, left-wing NGOs. |
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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?

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| Neil | Parrott (R) | People matter, and right now, American families are hurting – high cost of living, struggling businesses, crime, the border crisis, and battles over what children are taught in schools. I want to work to change this and help families across the district. I’m a professional engineer and small-business owner who likes solving problems. It was my privilege to solve problems for constituents and to help them for 12 years in the House of Delegates. I am running for Congress so that I can help people directly. As a legislator, I will work together with others to develop and implement effective solutions. My record in the House of Delegates on pro-life issues, religious freedom and freedom of conscience issues, and pro-family legislation speaks for itself. Catholic voters had no better friend than me in the 12 years I served in Annapolis. |
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