



2024 MARYLAND GENERAL ELECTION

MARYLAND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 7 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. Responses for your district (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	CANDIDATES: MD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 7		1. Poverty	2. Abortion	3. Immigration	4. Education	5. Environment	6. Family	7. Conscience Rights
D	Kweisi	Mfume*	✓	X	✓		✓	✓	✓
R	Scott M.	Collier							

D = Democrat R =

KEY 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 Republican candidate did not respond. The Democratic candidate responded to three questions.

- 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

- 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

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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.

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.

Kweisi	Mfume	Studying the issue so that I can have the most informed perspective.
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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.

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.

Neither candidate provided comments

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

Kweisi	Mfume	Consistent with the January 9, 2024, Final Rule on Conscience Protections (see web link), I agree. https://www.hhs.gov/conscience/conscience-protections/index.html#:~:text=On%20January%209%2C%202024%2C%20the,as%20Protected%20by%20Federal%20Statutes
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8. Why should Catholics vote for me?

Kweisi	Mfume	Public service is my life’s passion. I have had the honor of serving local communities, national communities, and everything in between for several decades. Since I returned to Congress in 2020, I have zealously represented Maryland’s 7th Congressional District through a global pandemic, political insurrection, and major urban challenges. I feel very prepared to continue serving the People in Congress – based on my decades of experience and track record of getting things done. I know the communities of Greater Baltimore and would like to believe that I have earned the trust of our citizens.
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