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# Maryland House of Delegates District 11B

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**What's the job:** One of 188 members of Maryland's General Assembly, split between the House of Delegates and the Senate. Responsible for introducing and voting on legislation, approving state spending and providing oversight of Maryland government operations. Elected to a four-year term.

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*Candidates are listed in order of appearance on the ballot*

Jon S. Cardin (D) | Dana Stein (D) | John C. Gordon (R)

# Democratic

## Name: Jon S. Cardin

Jon S. Cardin. (Courtesy of Jon S. Cardin)

**Age:** 56

**Personal:** Married, two daughters (11 and 14).

**Education:** Bachelor's degree, international relations, Tufts University; master's degree, public policy, University of Maryland Baltimore County; master's degree, Judaic studies, Towson University; juris doctor, University of Maryland School of Law.

**Experience:** Member, Maryland House of Delegates (2019-present); chair, Civil Law and Procedure Subcommittee of the Judiciary Committee; chair, Subcommittee on Public Safety, Baltimore County Delegation; member, Maryland House of Delegates (2003-2014); chair, Ways and Means Committee, Election Law and Redistricting; Jon S. Cardin Legal Group.

## Questionnaire

**Q: Maryland's state government is facing a structural deficit in future years. Please describe how you would approach closing the gap. Be specific about any spending cuts or revenue increases you propose.**

A: If we can improve our business environment and attract more businesses and high-wage earners to Maryland, this will soften our deficits. I also believe in zero-base budgeting and to review all spending to determine if the ROI is worth it and if the spending is valuable enough to justify the tax it requires.

**Q: What do you consider the 3 most pressing issues facing Maryland?**

A: Affordability of housing and utilities; the integrity of our environment, farming land and water; relationship with Washington, particularly the status of our federal employee workforce.

**Q: What would you do to lower the cost of living for Maryland residents?**

A: Create grant incentives to reduce unnecessary consumption.

**Q: The cost of implementing the Blueprint for Maryland's Future education plan will exceed the money available in the Blueprint's fund over the next few years. Should the state raise new revenue for the programs, or should the programs be rolled back or adjusted?**

A: I think that an annual evaluation of the blueprint's ROI is appropriate. There are supposed to be internal audits and evaluations being done to ensure that the money spent is having the proper impact. If we can show that the blueprint is having the desired effect and positively and dramatically contributing to the success of Maryland's students, then it will be worth further investment because the ROI and the future revenues can be assured. If, however, the audit is not as certain, then we need to discuss where the blueprint could be cut.

**Q: Besides an election, how do you want constituents to review your job performance?**

A: Read my somewhat regularly published "Annapolis Report," and if my perspectives and information are not to one's liking, then I would understand losing said support. My goal in elected office is to be trusted to tell the truth and weigh public policy through data-driven analysis, oftentimes against constituent preferences. My goal is not to always agree, but rather to work on improving our quality of life in a civil way and through thoughtful policy analysis. It is also to make sure that the most vulnerable among us have a voice and are looked after in spite of their inability to fend for themselves.

## Name: Dana Stein

Dana Stein. (Courtesy of Dana Stein)

**Age:** 68

**Personal:** Married, three children.

**Education:** Bachelor's degree, Harvard University; juris doctor, Columbia Law School; master's degree, public affairs; Princeton University.

**Experience:** Member, Maryland House of Delegates (2006-present); chair, Environment Subcommittee of the Environment and Transportation Committee; executive director, Civic Works (1993-present); attorney, Squire, Sanders & Dempsey.

## Questionnaire

**Q: Maryland's state government is facing a structural deficit in future years. Please describe how you would approach closing the gap. Be specific about any spending cuts or revenue increases you propose.**

A: I would support combined reporting for companies in Maryland. Also, the legislature should do another review of tax breaks in the Maryland code to eliminate those that are outdated, inequitable, or have outlived their purpose.

**Q: What do you consider the 3 most pressing issues facing Maryland?**

A: Education, environment/climate, transportation

**Q: What would you do to lower the cost of living for Maryland residents?**

A: The work of the Maryland Prescription Drug Affordability Board (PDAB) will lead to lower costs for drugs purchased in Maryland. After PDAB has set upper payment limits for state and local government drug costs for two drugs, it will have the expanded authority to set upper payment limits on drugs purchased by all Marylanders. Construction of the Red Line will lead to lower transportation costs in the Central Maryland

region. Expanded energy efficiency measures will lead to lower utility costs.

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**Q: The cost of implementing the Blueprint for Maryland's Future education plan will exceed the money available in the Blueprint's fund over the next few years. Should the state raise new revenue for the programs, or should the programs be rolled back or adjusted?**

A: I would support allocating funding from combined reporting for the blueprint. If that funding is insufficient, we should consider pushing back some of the blueprint's timeline.

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**Q: Besides an election, how do you want constituents to review your job performance?**

A: Being an advocate for my district is my most important responsibility. That includes advocating for new public investments (schools, roads, etc.) and providing constituent service that helps residents with pressing issues.

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# Republican

## Name: John C. Gordon

Candidate did not respond to The Banner's voter guide questionnaire.

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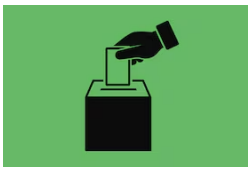

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