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Maryland House of Delegates District 42A

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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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Jyoti Mohan (D) | Charles Edward Murphy III (R)

Democratic

Name: Jyoti Mohan

Jyoti Mohan. (Suresh Srinivasan)

Age: 50

Personal: Married with three children.

Education: Bachelor's degree, history, Delhi University; master's degree, history, University of Maryland; PhD, history, University of Maryland.

Experience: Professor, Maryland Institute College of Art, (2025-present); professor, Coppin State (2025); multiple adjunct appointments, University of Maryland, College Park (2007-2022); founder, nonprofit Minority Coalition Community Center of Baltimore County.

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 believe that the tax on the wealthiest people in Maryland (and Maryland has a LOT of very wealthy people) needs to be increased to reflect progressive taxation norms. We also need to reform our corporate tax system to close loopholes that allow corporations to pay minimal tax. Additionally, we need to look carefully at our strongest sectors — farming, cannabis, manufacturing, government employment — and envision the future of these sectors in the context of the seismic changes brought about by developing technology. Governor Moore has proposed strong support for data centers and IT companies. I am cautiously optimistic within the context of responsible development, which means that Marylanders should not find their energy bills or water bills overextended or their utilities at maximum capacity due to Data Center use.

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

A: Affordability, robust job creation and a reformed and fair taxation system.

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

A: Increase access to local food production to lower costs associated with long-distance transport and spoilage. Make utility companies maintain their infrastructure in optimal condition. Increase housing supply and develop walkable communities. Expand Earned Income Tax, and Child Tax Credit. Increase energy efficiency and strengthen renters' protections against eviction and unlawful fees and surcharges.

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: There needs to be some combination of both. Expansion of the blueprint did not lead to expected, tangible improvements in student performance. We need to decide what to prioritize in the blueprint for immediate and complete funding, and what other programs can be sustained through delayed funding, alternate revenue or even public-private partnerships. The state also needs to raise new revenue by pivoting to public transportation, progressive taxation and other measures.

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

A: I want constituents to review my job performance primarily by my constituent service and how effective I am at responding to and resolving their issues. Secondly, I want to be reviewed by the amount of development I bring to the district, either by attracting new business and new residents or by advocating for

state funding for district projects. My priority will remain service and accountability to constituents.

Republican

Name: Charles Edward Murphy III

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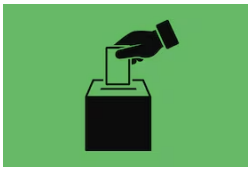

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