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Prince George's County Young Democrats

Prince George's County, MD - The membership of the Prince George's County Young Democrats Legislative Committee have unanimously supported the following coalitions and policy resolutions.

Coalitions

- Medical Aid in Dying (MAID) Bill Coalition
- Essential Worker's Coalition
- Maryland Rise - Paid Family Leave Coalition

Policy Resolutions

In Support Of:

- The expulsion of Delegate Mary Ann Lisanti. Lisanti referred to District 25 as a "nigger district" in the company of several state legislators. She was censured for this act in February 2019 but has refused to resign.
- The renaming of the House Office Building to honor Congressman Elijah Cummings. Former Chair of the Legislative Black Caucus of Maryland, first Black legislator to be named Speaker Pro Tempore, Congressman from Maryland's 7th Congressional District from 1996-2019, Chair of the Oversight & Reform Committee during the Trump presidency, and leading figure in Trump's impeachment by the House of Representatives.
- Banning the Maryland state government and local governments from the sale or purchase of items produced by prison labor unless paid prevailing wages.
- The Housing Justice package (HB52; HB18/SB154; HB104/SB401). Sponsored by Delegates Vaughn Stewart, Jheanelle K. Wilkins, Melissa Wells, Wanika Fisher and Senators Jill P. Carter, Will Smith, Charles Sydnor, & Shelly Hettleman.
- The Tax Fairness package (HB215; HB262; HB319; HB201). Sponsored by Delegate Julie Palakovich Carr to make Maryland's local property taxes & capital gains taxes are assessed in a progressive manner that lowers the burden for working families and ends tax loopholes in "opportunity zones" & carried interest.
- HB120/SB178. Sponsored by Delegate Gabriel Acevero & Senator Jill P. Carter, to expand public transparency of police data.
- HB15. Sponsored by Delegate Joseline Peña-Melnyk, to create a Governor's Office of Immigrant Affairs.

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- **HB28. Sponsored by Delegate Joseline Peña-Melnyk, to require Implicit Bias Training for medical professionals.**
- **HB309. Sponsored by Delegate Joseline Peña-Melnyk, to require a racial and ethnic health breakdown in state medical data.**
- **HB227. Sponsored by Delegate Nick Charles, to establish civil liability for improper police calls.**
- **HB82. Sponsored by Delegate Wanika Fisher, to amend the Maryland Constitution to guarantee a clean and safe environment for all Marylanders. HB82**
- **HB375. Sponsored by Delegate Kriselda Valderrama, to expand paid family leave in Maryland.**
- **HB124. Sponsored by Delegate Kriselda Valderrama, to protect employees from aerosol-transmitted diseases, including COVID-19.**
- **HB411. Sponsored by Delegate Nicole Williams, to prohibit sexual contact between law enforcement and those under arrest. HB411**
- **HB63. Sponsored by Delegate Nicole Williams, to prohibit state expenditures on magnetic levitation transportation systems. HB63**
- **HB171. Sponsored by Delegate Alonzo Washington, to study school discipline statistics in Maryland. HB171**
- **HB206. Sponsored by Delegate Alonzo Washington. to expand Early Voting hours in Maryland.**
- **HB153. Sponsored by Delegate Julian Ivey, to expand vote by mail in Maryland.**
- **HB24. Sponsored by Delegate Julian Ivey, to make primary and general Election days as state holidays in Maryland.**
- **HB336/SB276. Sponsored by Delegate Julian Ivey & Senator Jill P. Carter. to ban private police departments for universities.**
- **HB168/HB221. Sponsored by Delegates Julian Ivey & Veronica Turner, to address credit discrimination in motor vehicle insurance.**
- **HB51. Sponsored by Delegate Veronica Turner to require environmental justice analysis during the zoning process for landfills.**
- **HB172. Sponsored by Delegate Mary Legman to require combined reporting of corporate income taxes, as is practice in 29 states and DC.**
- **HB341. Sponsored by Delegate Mary Lehman, to begin the tabulation of absentee ballots 14 days before Election Day, as is practice in Arizona.**
- **HB524. Sponsored by Delegate Mary Lehman, to require the presentation of rental licensing during court proceedings involving rental properties.**
- **HB194. Sponsored by Delegate Melissa Wells, to require implicit bias training for police officers.**
- **HB413. Sponsored by Delegate Melissa Wells, to require implicit bias training for**

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judges.

- **HB355/SB37.** Introduced by Delegate Sheila Ruth & Senator Jill P. Carter, to ensure electronic collection of ballot signatures and expand the public's ability to gather signatures.
- **HB89/SB397.** Sponsored by Delegate Jheanelle K. Wilkins & Senator Jill P. Carter, to shorter incarceration sentences with academic options.
- **HB222/SB224.** Sponsored by Delegate Jheanelle K. Wilkins & Senator Chris West, to ensure that incarcerated individuals are aware of their voting rights and are given the opportunity to vote.
- **HB155/SB98.** Sponsored by Delegate Jheanelle K. Wilkins & Senator Cory McCray, to ban discrimination in pre-k programs and schools.
- **HB41.** Sponsored by Delegate Stephanie Smith, to establish a state banking taskforce.
- **HB320.** Sponsored by Delegate Stephanie Smith, to ease the transfer of credits.
- **Legislation to shield eviction proceedings from the general public and protect the credit and financial history of tenants.** Sponsored by Delegate Nicole Williams.

Favorable With Amendments

- **HB238.** Sponsored by Delegate Melissa Wells, to automatically expunge certain crimes after a certain period of time, expanding job opportunities for returning citizens.
Amendment, introduced by Janna Parker:
"Crimes that have been expunged or not found guilty for, should be retroactively removed from the Maryland CaseSearch database."
- **HB269.** Sponsored by Delegate Melissa Wells, to create urban agriculture grants.
Amendment, introduced by Richard DeShay Elliott:
"Prince George's County will be included in the implementation of this bill, following upcoming rezoning"

In Opposition Of:

- **The nomination of Bryon Bereano to the Circuit Court. Prince George's County voters did not nominate him to the Court in the 2020 elections. His Senate confirmation should be denied.**

"The members of PGCYD remain committed to amplifying their voices on potential policy decisions that could impact their communities and daily life. We look forward to working with our elected leaders to ensure that public policy presented before us, is for us and for the betterment of everyone, and not just a select few", Henry said.

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