


# FREDERICK COUNTY ELECTION GUIDE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Prepared for the Business Community by the Frederick County Chamber of Commerce

**YOU CAN'T GET THE GOVERNMENT YOU WANT UNLESS YOU VOTE!**

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**2010 General Election Day: Tuesday, November 2nd • Polls Open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

 <p><b>CHAMBER</b> <b>FREDERICK</b> <i>Making connections.</i></p>	Candidate has Business Management Experience	Supports Bio-tech Tax Credit	Supports Corrective Action for Properties Subjected to Down-zoning in Comprehensive Plan	Opposed to Commission's Two-Year Moratorium on Housing Construction	Supports Giving Frederick County Full Home Rule Rights Under Charter Government	Supports Appointment of Committee to Draft Charter and Let Voters Decide	Supports Investing in Transportation: I-270 Road and Transit Improvements	Supports Investing in Transportation: Key Rte 15 Intersection Improvements as Top Priorities	Favors Job Creation and Spending Cuts Instead of Tax Increases
	Frederick Chamber Position:	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

***Please note: The Chamber does not endorse candidates.***

Our goal is to provide relevant, useful information to the local business community as we make decisions in this year's elections. Names highlighted below indicate candidates whose responses support the Chamber's positions. This scorecard reflects the responses by each candidate to the Chamber's online questionnaire and individual interview. For additional information and clarification of each candidate's position, please read the complete responses online at [frederickchamber.org](http://frederickchamber.org).

CANDIDATES	Percent of Answers Supporting Chamber Priorities	FREDERICK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: General Election Candidates <i>(Voters may select up to FIVE candidates)</i>								
		Y	N	?	Y	N	?	Y	N	Y
Ellis Burruss (D)	39%	Y	<i>Note 1</i>	N	?	?	Y	N	N	Y
<b>KIRBY DELAUTER (R)</b>	<b>100%</b>	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
David Gray (R)	39%	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	<i>Note 2</i>
Kai Hagen (D)	44%	N	Y	N	N	?	?	Y	Y	Y
<b>MICHAEL KURTIANYK (D)</b>	<b>100%</b>	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Linda Norris (D)	89%	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<b>BILLY SHREVE (R)</b>	<b>100%</b>	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<b>PAUL SMITH (R)</b>	<b>100%</b>	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Janice Wiles (D)	50%	Y	<i>Note 3</i>	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y
<b>BLAINE YOUNG (R)</b>	<b>100%</b>	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

**Key:** Y = Supports Chamber Position N = Opposes Chamber Position ? = Undecided

**Notes:**

**1** -- Ellis Burruss indicated he would support the Bio-tech Tax Credit only "if there was room in the budget."

**2** -- Commissioner David Gray indicated he would be open to tax increases as part of his approach to solving future budget shortfalls. Commissioner Gray stated in our interview that if the teachers pensions are shifted to the County (which some consider likely) then "we would have to raise revenues to pay for it."

**3** -- Janice Wiles was not available during our interview period. Her answer on the Bio-tech tax credit included caveats that may limit its practical application.

**GENERAL ELECTION: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2**

# ASK THE CANDIDATES IF THEY SUPPORT FREDERICK'S KEY INGREDIENTS FOR ECONOMIC SUCCESS

The Board of County Commissioners election is about the economic well-being of our County. It's about creating an environment that provides top-quality education and job opportunities for our residents. It's also about ending traffic gridlock and providing the vital government services that our residents need. Those things won't happen without a healthy business climate.

- **Business-friendly policies and attitudes** in local government
- **Predictable, efficient and timely development review and permitting** by County government and planning agencies
- **Competitive prices, taxes, fees** and other costs of doing business, when compared to surrounding jurisdictions
- **Creative investment incentives** to help businesses overcome gaps in financing, such as tax credits and revolving loans
- **Readily available commercially zoned land** of all sizes, types and locations to meet the unique needs of every type of business
- **Readily available commercial buildings** of all sizes and types (including lab space)
- **Housing** for employees at all income levels
- **Adequate utilities**, including water, sewer, roads, broadband fiber, redundant electricity service
- **Well-trained and educated workforce** with diverse skills in a variety of industries
- **Quality of life**, including good schools, safe streets, efficient transportation networks, quality parks and recreational opportunities, convenient and attractive shopping and other community attributes that help attract and retain employees

*When you talk to BOCC candidates, ask them where they stand on these "Key Ingredients."*

**LET THE CANDIDATES KNOW THAT  
A HEALTHY FREDERICK  
NEEDS A HEALTHY BUSINESS CLIMATE**



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