

**Maryland 6th  
Congressional District  
Democratic Primary**

**June 26, 2018**

# The Stakes:

Before the re-districting based on the 2010 census, the Maryland 6th district was heavily Republican.

In 2010, however, the 6th lost heavily Republican Carroll County, as well as the rural and conservative parts of Frederick County.

It acquired population dense portions of Montgomery County, which is heavily Democratic leaning, thus changing the voting base in favor of Democrats.

Republicans have challenged the re-districting and the case was sent to the Supreme Court in December, 2017.

In March 2017, the justices indicated that there was aggressive partisan gerrymandering, but debated on how partisan the re-districting was and if the court should be involved in this decision.

The 6th district is currently represented by Democrat John Delaney, who plans to run for president in 2020.

The Stakes...



**The Candidates:**



**Aruna Miller**

Aruna Miller came to the US from India with her family when she was 7 years old. Miller learned English, attended public schools, and went to college with the aid of Pell grants. She earned her degree in civil engineering, and is married with three children.

A great deal of Miller's career has been spent as a transportation engineer for Montgomery County. In 2010, she was elected to the Maryland House of Delegates.



Miller advocates for a single payer health system as the way forward for healthcare.

She currently supports saving and improving the Affordable Care Act and maintaining support for Medicaid expansion. She has supported opioid treatment acts at the state level.

Miller brings her fact based scientific and engineering background to the fight for the environment. She believes that the US needs to return to the Paris Climate Agreement and intends to work to close the Halliburton loophole in the 2005 Energy Policy Act, that exempts natural gas companies from the Safe Drinking Water Act.



Andrew Duck

Andrew Duck, a Maryland native, works as Director of Operations for a green company Avertica, which researches conductive polymers.

He is a 20+ year army veteran. He was the Democratic nominee for the 6th district in 2006 and 2010, despite it being then considered unwinnable for Democrats.

Under the issue “defending democracy”,  
Duck has the following bullets: hold Trump  
accountable, ensure our democracy is free from  
foreign influence, protect the constitution, cut  
Defense spending, and campaign finance reform.

Andrew Duck

# George English

George English, of Montgomery County, is a retired economist who ran in the 2012 & 2014 elections to represent MD-8th. He was defeated both times by the incumbent Chris Van Hollen.



**Chris Graves**

Chris Graves grew up in Washington DC, with parents active in addressing social justice issues. He has led various small startup companies including a residential and commercial solar company in Maryland. His primary reason for running for Congress is to attempt to fix what he sees as a broken political system that only benefits the wealthy.

Chris Graves



On the issue of women's reproductive rights, Chris Graves believes that it is crucial for women's economic and social autonomy to have control over when and how to start a family (or not). He supports Planned Parenthood and federally mandating paid sick, maternity, and parental leave.

Chris Graves



Nadia Hashimi

Nadia Hashimi is a first generation American whose parents came from Afghanistan. She trained as a pediatrician and currently manages her husband's neurosurgery practice. She is the author of three best-selling novels.

If elected, she would be the first female Democratic physician serving on Congress.

Her healthcare goals are as follows:

1. Decrease inflated healthcare costs and eliminate waste
2. Enforce pharmaceutical pricing oversight and demand price negotiation
3. Expand access to healthcare by establishing Medicare for all children & lowering eligibility age to 55 years old.
4. Promote jobs within health care that expand access, not bureaucracy.

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6. Protect and boost funding for NIH

7. Cut back red tape to facilitate introduction of new medications and control research and development costs

8. Prioritize access to healthcare by establishing medicare for all children, dropping the eligibility age to 55 years old, and making it a public option



**Christopher Hearsey**

Christopher Hearsey has a masters degree in law, and a second masters in Space Studies from The University of North Dakota. Until 2017, he worked as senior research scientist for Astrosociology Research Institute. If elected, his goal is to prepare Marylanders to succeed in the 21st century.

Christopher Hearsey

With his expertise in the aerospace industry, Christopher Hearsey realizes that telecommunications infrastructure is one of the most essential public utilities. He intends to modernize Maryland's existing fiber optic infrastructure so that western Maryland is able to fully participate in the economy.

Christopher Hearsey





**Roger Manno**

**Roger Manno is a state senator for Maryland who has previously served as state delegate from the Maryland's 19th district. He graduated with a BA from Hunter College and his JD from the University of New Hampshire.**

Roger Manno

On the issue of the economy, Manno supports fairness in taxation, and economics diversification into areas such as IT, biotech, life sciences, and the rebuilding of infrastructure. As state senator, he worked on the restructuring of Maryland's tax code, and is in favor of closing corporate tax loopholes.

Roger Manno



David Trone

Businessman David Trone is co-owner of Total Wine and More, the largest private wine retailer in the country. He and his wife have been strong supporters of the ACLU, as a result of his arrests in connection with his business. Charges against him were dismissed as “prosecutorial overreach.” Trone has been attentive to the opioid crisis since he lost his nephew to an overdose.

Maryland has the 10th highest opioid overdose death rate in the country.

David Trone

David Trone stands with the Parkland survivors in support of common sense gun control. He intends to reject special interest money, particularly the NRA.

His favors background checks that will keep guns away from the violent, such as domestic abusers, and the mentally ill, as well as closing gun show and internet loopholes. He supports a ban on bump stocks.