



# The People's Community Baptist Church

## Justice Reform Summit

Delegate **Queen**

**Saturday, May 22, 2021**  
**10:00 AM**

# Agenda

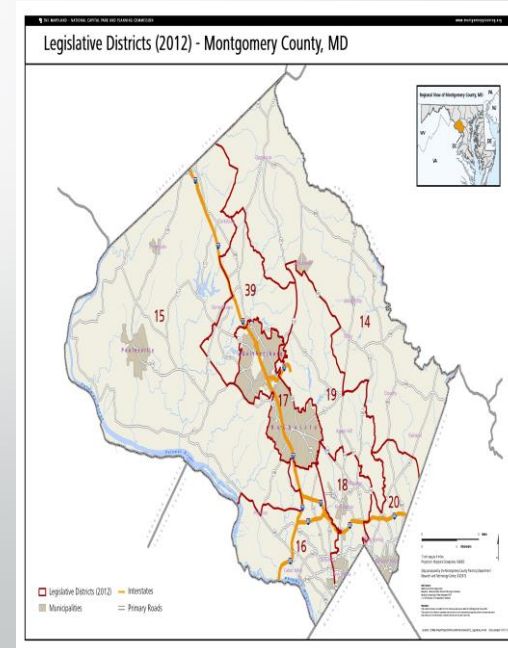
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# About Delegate Queen

**Pam Queen** serves on the House Economic Matters Committee and chairs the Subcommittee on Banking, Consumer Protection, and Commercial Law. She is co-chair of the House Study Group to address economic stability in Maryland. She is an HBCU undergraduate with graduate degrees from John's Hopkins and George Washington University. She has a PhD in Finance and is a professor at Morgan State University. She lives in Olney and is an integral part of her community with membership in many social and community groups.

## Legislative District 14

- **Communities:** Ashton, Brinklow, Burtonsville, Calverton, Clarksburg, Cloverly, Colesville, Damascus, Etchison, Fairland, Goshen, Olney, Sandy Spring, Silver Spring, Spencerville and Sunshine
- **Municipalities:** Brookeville and Laytonsville
- **Population:** 121,000 (2010 census)
- **High Schools:** Damascus, Sherwood, Blake and Paint Branch



# About Annapolis

- **Part-time legislature**, in session from early January thru early April.
- **Interim** is the time for meeting with constituents and planning for next session.
- **Two Chambers**: Senate has 47 members and the House of Delegates has 141 members.
- **House** has 6 **Standing Committees** and **Senate** has 5 **Standing Committees**.
- **Maryland General Assembly** comprised of representation from 23 Counties and Baltimore City.
- **Montgomery County Delegation** has the most members with 8 **Senators** and 24 **Delegates**.



# MGA Committee Structure

## • HOUSE COMMITTEES

- Appropriations Committee
- Economic Matters Committee
- Environment and Transportation Committee
- Health & Government Operations Committee
- **Judiciary Committee**
- **Ways & Means Committee**
- Rules & Executive Nominations Committee

## • SENATE COMMITTEES

- Budget & Taxation Committee
- **Education, Health & Environmental Affairs Committee**
- Executive Nominations Committee
- Finance Committee
- **Judicial Proceedings Committee**
- Rules Committee

# Follow Status of Legislation

- Daily Record: <http://thedailyrecord.com/>
- Maryland General Assembly Website:  
<http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite>
- Montgomery County's State Delegation's Website:  
[www.montgomerycountydelegation.com](http://www.montgomerycountydelegation.com)
- Montgomery County (MD) Council:  
<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/leg/bill/index.html>

# Legislative Highlights – Justice Reform

- **Dignity Not Detention Act** bans private immigration prisons in Maryland stopping new detention center contracts and grandfathers its three existing detention centers. Maryland should not profit off the unnecessary incarceration of immigrants or be complicit in U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) inhumane treatment of immigrants held in its detention centers.
- **Parole Reform - Life Imprisonment** ends potential political decision-making about parole by taking the Governor out of parole decisions for those who are sentenced to life with parole, after serving 20 years in prison. Maryland will now join the majority of states who follow this model. This bill ensures the parole process is independent, fair and based on the Parole Commission's recommendations.
- **Juvenile Restoration Act** ends juvenile life sentences without parole; individuals who were convicted as adults for an offense committed as a minor can be considered for parole after being imprisoned for at least 20 years for the offense.
- **The Walter Lomax Act** provides appropriate compensation through the BPW for individuals who are erroneously convicted, sentenced and jailed. There needs to be a consistent process in place to provide restitution and adequate resources so those who have been exonerated can have a better quality of life when they re-enter society.

# Legislative Highlights – Election Law

- **Absentee Voting**
  - Increase access with permanent absentee ballot list.
  - Send absentee ballot application to eligible voters.
- Increase **Ballot Dropbox** locations.
- **Early Voting Centers**
  - Expand Early Voting sites in the County.
  - Extend Early Voting hours to 7am – 8pm.
- **Incarcerated Individuals**
  - Educate on voting eligibility for those incarcerated for a misdemeanor.
  - Provide voter registration application upon release after sentence served.



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# Questions?

