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MPT establishes slate of candidates for Maryland general election gubernatorial debate on October 12

Goucher College poll provides data used in process for determining inclusion of debate participants

Additional gubernatorial candidates are appearing on MPT's State Circle

OWINGS MILLS, MD – Using its own candidate research and the Goucher College Poll published on September 19 as criteria for participation, Maryland Public Television (MPT) established today that the MPT/WBAL-TV Maryland general election gubernatorial debate airing on Wednesday, October 12 at 7 p.m. will consist of Democratic Party candidate Wes Moore and Republican Party candidate Dan Cox.

Both gubernatorial candidates meet the criteria for participation outlined in MPT's editorial guidelines found at mpt.org/about/editorialpolicies/. Included in these criteria, a candidate must demonstrate significant voter interest and support. Polls are a key measure of voter interest. A candidate who receives at least 10% of voter support in an established, reliable, nonpartisan general election poll is considered a significant candidate.

The Goucher College Poll surveyed 1,008 Maryland residents in September from which 748 likely voters were identified. Among the topics in the poll, likely voters were asked for their candidate preferences in the upcoming statewide general election contents. The poll was funded and co-sponsored by the [Sarah T. Hughes Center for Politics at Goucher College](#), *The Baltimore Banner*, and WYPR. Complete results of the Goucher College Poll can be found [HERE](#).

In the content for governor, 53 percent of respondents said they plan to vote for the Democratic nominee, Wes Moore, and 31 percent said they would vote for Republican nominee Dan Cox. Libertarian Party candidate David Lashar received four percent support in the poll, and Green Party candidate Nancy Wallace garnered two percent support.

Should another established, reliable, nonpartisan statewide poll be published with findings that show another gubernatorial candidate having 10 percent or more support of respondents, this candidate will

be invited to the debate stage. These poll findings must be published 48 hours or more before the debate takes place to enable MPT to facilitate additional candidate participation.

Gubernatorial candidates on the ballot but not currently slated to be on the debate stage have appeared or will soon appear on MPT's weekly [State Circle](#) program, which is broadcast and [livestreamed](#) on Fridays at 7 p.m.

- **David Harding, Working Class Party** candidate for governor, appeared in a nearly 10-minute "Ask the Candidate" segment, which aired on September 16 and is viewable on MPT's website at <https://video.mpt.tv/video/friday-september-16-2022-c6zafe/>. The interview segment begins 13 minutes into the program.
- **David Lashar, Libertarian Party** candidate for governor, appeared in a similar 10-minute "Ask the Candidate" segment on September 23. The interview is viewable on MPT's website at <https://video.mpt.tv/video/friday-september-23-2022-fepagi/>. The interview segment begins at the 12:50 mark of the program.
- **Nancy Wallace, Green Party** candidate for governor, is also being interviewed for an "Ask the Candidate" segment, scheduled to air on September 30.

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