

MARYLAND FARM BUREAU POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE
Candidate Survey

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by deadline of March 17, 2014

- ☐ Yes, I would like to be considered for endorsement *only* by the Maryland Farm Bureau PAC.
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Name of Candidate: Trent Kittleman

Elected office being sought: House of Delegates, District 9A

Is the candidate an incumbent? NO

If not, is the seat an open seat? YES (it's a 2-seat district with only one incumbent running for reelection)

Name of Candidate's Committee: Friends of Trent Kittleman

Home address and phone number: 3000 Kittleman Lane,
West Friendship, MD 21794
301-661-3344

Campaign Headquarters address and phone number: Same as above, prior to primary

Email address for the campaign: Trent@TrentKittleman.com [website: www.trentkittleman.com]

Campaign Manager: NONE Campaign Treasurer: Samantha Reigel

Approximately how much money has the candidate raised to date? @ \$5,000

How much money does the candidate have on hand. @ \$2,000

What budget requirements will be necessary to win the race?

In District 9A, the Primary is at least as important, if not more important, than the general election. Therefore, my budgeting is focused on the Primary. I need somewhere between \$6,000 - \$10,000 to be able to do the follow-up mailings before June 24.

Of the money raised, how much was raised from within the district?

Less than half. My early contributors have been in-part from friends and relatives out of state, in part, from contributors from my previous run for County Council, and in part from people in the district. However, I have been knocking on doors since August, and a number of people who's doors I've knocked on have volunteered to help and/or contribute, and I am currently reaching out to them and others in the district.

Briefly list elected positions held, or job experiences that qualify the candidate for office:

- **Candidate, Howard County Executive, 2010**
- **Managing Partner, GenderStrategy, training men and women how to communicate with each other in the workplace, 2007 - 2012**
 - **Author of Why Must There Be Dragons,**
 - **Leadership Coach**
- **Transportation Consultant on contract to New York Taxi & Limousine Commission**
- **President and Chief Executive Officer of the Maryland Transportation Authority. 2004-2006**
- **Deputy Secretary of the Maryland Department of Transportation, 2003-2004**
- **Minority Counsel for the U.S. Senate Governmental Affairs Committee, for Ranking Member, Senator Fred Thompson, 2002**
- **Vice President of Legislative Affairs and Senior Counsel, Marriott International 1996-2002**
- **Associate, law firm of Arent Fox Kintner Plotkin & Kahn 1991-1996.**

Name three groups or organizations that have endorsed the candidate in this campaign:

I have not actively sought endorsement from more than a handful of organizations. I know that one of them has endorsed me, but I don't know if that endorsement is public at this point.

The endorsements that are most important to me are those of my campaign's two co-chairmen: Charles Feaga and Chuck Ecker.

1. List three issues that you believe are important to agriculture in Maryland:

- a. *Preventing the State from continuing to usurp more and more land use functions from the Counties*
- b. *Senate passage of the 5-year federal 'Farm Bill' that eliminates direct payments in favor of more specific general assistance, such as improved crop insurance tools, a permanent livestock disaster assistance program, among others.*
- c. *Preventing passage of bills like the "Chicken Tax Bill" that attempts to assess more fees and taxes on the farming community.*

2. Will you support efforts to preserve economically viable farm businesses in Maryland? This may include value-added agriculture, funding for agricultural land preservation programs and limits on costly regulatory burdens for farmers.

YES. Bob sold our farm into Howard County's Agriculture Preservation program a number of years back and I think it is one of the most fair efforts to preserve farmland without robbing the farmer. I am open to other ways to accomplish this balance. I am very much opposed to the efforts that arise periodically to limit growth in the farming regions through punitive zoning measures. I am most definitely intending to limit and eliminate burdensome regulatory burdens

3. Deer, geese, bear and other species that inhabit Maryland's landscape and feed on crops are causing farmers to experience real financial loss. Each year the number of animals increase and

the crop loss grows. Will you support efforts to better manage the state's wildlife populations or compensate farmers for their losses.?

YES. I live on a 111-acre farm and can see first-hand the damage that is done by geese (around the pond) and deer. I hope that I will never have black bears running loose on my farm, but wildlife is a significant problem for many of us.

4. Chesapeake Bay Restoration is one of the primary environmental goals in the region. How should the costs of the Chesapeake Bay Cleanup Restorations be funded?

Assessing the taxpayers of fewer than half of the State's jurisdictions on their amount of 'impervious surface' is NOT the way to do it, for a number of reasons.

The issue of pollution is difficult because the source of the pollution can be miles away from the effects of the pollution. For example, the primary source of air pollution in this region comes from the coal plants in Ohio and the Midwest. Much of the pollution of the Chesapeake Bay is caused by Pennsylvania. There needs to be some allocation of responsibility, and the cost of clean-up efforts shared proportionally.

5. List efforts you have undertaken or supported that have been beneficial to the farm community.

My husband (deceased in 2004) did a great deal to the 116-acre farm, beginning shortly after he purchased it back in the 1960's. He created sound drainage, eliminating the natural streams of water that cut through the farm to reach larger streams that carried silt into the Bay. In 1985, together we obtained the permits to build a 3-acre pond that now collects almost all of the run-off and prevents it from flowing into the Bay. In 1993, we sold the farm into Howard County's Farmland Preservation program, thus limiting the total number of homes that could ever be built on the property to five (one-acre children's lots).

6. If elected as a freshman, will you seek appointment to the...House Environmental Matters Committee, where 80% of the bills that impact farms are assigned?

I haven't given enough thought about the committee on which I'd like to serve. The Environmental Matters committee is attractive to me because it also handles a number of non-cost-related transportation bills. However, regardless of the committee to which I am assigned, I can and will testify before other committees on bills that are sufficiently significant to my constituents.