Maryland U.S. Senate Candidates on Immigration

Chris Van Hollen (D): “America is a nation of immigrants, from our founding to today. Chris believes that enabling immigrants to become a strong and vital part of our country is not just consistent with our values, but is a proven path to strengthening our economic future.”

Kathy Szeliga (R): “Career politicians have failed people on both sides of this discussion for decades to the point that no one trusts the government when it comes to fixing both our legal and illegal immigration problems. Until we are able to secure our borders, the American people will not trust Congress to do anything else. That is why it must be our top priority. Once our borders are secure, then we must look at reforming our immigration laws, including our visa process.”

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Hillary Clinton’s Immigration Platform

Overview: “Hillary has been committed to the immigrant rights community throughout her career. As president, she will work to fix our broken immigration system and stay true to our fundamental American values: that we are a nation of immigrants, and we treat those who come to our country with dignity and respect—and that we embrace immigrants, not denigrate them.”

Clinton’s positions:

*Comprehensive reform:* “Hillary will introduce comprehensive immigration reform with a pathway to full and equal citizenship within her first 100 days in office. It will treat every person with dignity, fix the family visa backlog, uphold the rule of law, protect our borders and national security, and bring millions of hardworking people into the formal economy.”

*End 3-10 year bars:* “The three- and 10-year bars force families—especially those whose members have different citizenship or immigration statuses—into a heartbreaking dilemma: remain in the shadows, or pursue a green card by leaving the country and loved ones behind.”

*Defend DACA and DAPA:* “The estimated 5 million people eligible for DAPA—including DREAMers and parents of Americans and lawful residents—should be protected under the executive actions.”

*End family detention:* “Hillary will end family detention for parents and children who arrive at our border in desperate situations and close private immigrant detention centers.”

*Support immigrant integration:* “Hillary will create a national Office of Immigrant Affairs, support affordable integration services through $15 million in new grant funding for community navigators and similar organizations, and significantly increase federal resources for adult English language education and citizenship education.”

Selected and summarized from www.hillaryclinton.com/issues/immigration-reform

Donald Trump’s Immigration Platform

Overview: Prioritize jobs for the American people, establish new immigration controls and ensure open jobs are offered to American workers first, protect the economic well-being of the lawful immigrants already living in the U.S., and enforce U.S. immigration laws.

Trump’s positions:

*Build a wall:* “Begin working on an impenetrable physical wall on the southern border, on day one. Mexico will pay for the wall.”

*End catch-and-release:* “Under a Trump administration, anyone who illegally crosses the border will be detained until they are removed out of our country.”

*End DACA and DAPA:* “Immediately terminate President Obama’s two illegal executive amnesties. All immigration laws will be enforced— we will triple the number of ICE agents. Anyone who enters the U.S. illegally is subject to deportation. That is what it means to have laws and to have a country.”

*Enhance screening and tracking:* “Suspend the issuance of visas to any place where adequate screening cannot occur, until proven and effective vetting mechanisms can be put into place...Ensure that a biometric entry-exit visa tracking system is fully implemented at all land, air, and sea ports.”

*Job reform:* “Turn off the jobs and benefits magnet. Many immigrants come to the U.S. illegally in search of jobs, even though federal law prohibits the employment of illegal immigrants.”

Selected and summarized from https://www.donaldjtrump.com/policies/immigration