

# Challenger and Watcher Certificate

## Part I – Instructions and information

For designating persons or entities and challengers and watchers



### For designating persons or entities

#### Who is eligible to be a designating person or entity of challengers and watchers?

- If you are an elections official with the State Board of Elections or a local board of elections, you may designate someone as a challenger and watcher using this certificate.

If you are **not** an elections official with the State Board of Elections or a local board of election, answer the following question to know if you are eligible to designate someone as a challenger and watcher.

Are you:

- A candidate;
- A political party or committee;
- A person or entity required to file reports under sections §13–306 or §13–307 of the Maryland Election Law Article

If you checked one box, you may designate someone as a challenger and watcher using this certificate.

Candidates shall only designate challengers and watchers for locations where the candidate is included on the ballot.

### Instructions

1. Read the Challengers and Watchers Manual. Find it at [www.elections.maryland.gov](http://www.elections.maryland.gov).
2. Give the manual to those you designate as challengers and watchers.
3. Provide the local board of elections with a completed signed copy of this certificate.

### For challengers and watchers

#### Instructions

As a challenger and watcher, you will:

1. Read the Challengers and Watchers Manual. The candidate or entity designating you will give it to you, or find it at [www.elections.maryland.gov](http://www.elections.maryland.gov).
2. Bring an extra copy of your Challenger and Watcher Certificate and immediately give it to the election judges when you arrive at an early voting center or polling place.
3. Have your Challenger and Watcher Certificate with you at all times when acting as a challenger or watcher. You may not remain in the voting area without it.

### Information about your rights and about prohibited acts

As a challenger and watcher, you have the right to:

- Enter the voting area for the opening of the polls if you arrive at least 30 minutes before voting hours begin.
- Enter or be present in the voting area at any time during voting hours.
- Remain in the voting area until all post-voting tasks have been completed and the election judges leave the voting area.
- Maintain a list of registered voters who have cast a ballot. You can take this list outside of the polling place.
- Be positioned near the election judges so that you may see and hear each voter as the voter checks in to vote.
- You may not attempt to:
  - Determine how a voter voted or intends to vote.
  - Talk with any voter in the voting area.
  - Assist any voter in voting.
  - Touch an original election document or equipment.
  - Interfere with the election process or impede a voter's access to election judges.
  - Use a cell phone, laptop or other electronic equipment in a voting area.
- You may be removed by an election judge or the local election director if you do not follow an election judge's order or attempt a prohibited act.

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## Part II – Certificate designating challenger and watcher

I/We certify that

has designated,

a registered voter, to act as a challenger or watcher for the (choose one):

- 20\_\_ primary election
- 20\_\_ general election

The designated challenger/watcher has (check all that apply):

- Received and read the challengers and watchers manual
- Attended a training with the local or state board of elections (optional, highly encouraged)

This individual will act in this capacity (check all that apply):

- on Election Day (Complete Part A)

**Part A:** I/We designate this individual as a challenger and watcher for the following precinct(s) on Election Day:

District/Precinct or Ward/Precinct	Name of county or Baltimore City

- during early voting (Complete Part B)

**Part B:** I/We designate this individual as a challenger and watcher on the following days and at the following early voting locations

Early voting dates	Name of early voting location	Name of county or Baltimore City

I solemnly affirm under the penalties of perjury that the contents of this document are true to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

**Signature of designating person or entity** (Only physical ink signature or copy of physical ink signature allowed)

<b>X</b>		Month	Day	Year
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Email address	Phone number
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Designating Entity Affiliation <i>i.e. Candidate, Party or Committee</i>
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