



David Lashar for Congress

Libertarian for Maryland's 3rd Congressional District

An Introduction to My Campaign

Fed up with the polarization and dysfunction in Washington? Offended by the social divisiveness of Trump and the budgetary irresponsibility of congressional Republicans? Appalled by the righteous incivility and the irresponsible profligacy of the "free stuff" from congressional Democrats? Seeking something other than the politics of resentment and demonization being practiced by *both* sides in Washington?

If so, you have the opportunity on November 6 to vote differently and send a pragmatic libertarian to Congress as a powerful swing vote in the U.S. House and a principled voice in Washington. The opportunity is to vote for me, David Lashar, Libertarian for Congress.

As you can see for yourself at the links provided below (to my sites, posts, and videos), I am:

1. *Tolerant, responsible, and civil.* Thoughtful and innovative on the issues of the day. Accomplished in both business and government.
2. *A distinct alternative to the leftward-lurching Democratic incumbent, Rep. John Sarbanes,* who after 12 years in Congress has failed to register a single noteworthy accomplishment; who is pushing for big-government, low-quality solutions to a long list of social and economic problems; who willfully rendered a third or more of his own constituents politically irrelevant so as to keep himself in office via cynical gerrymandering; who has been adding to polarization in Washington as the chair of a purely partisan task force under Rep. Nancy Pelosi for self-righteous sniping and sparring.
3. *A distinct alternative to the Republican candidate, Charles Anthony,* who says that he supports Donald Trump without reservation or qualification; who has failed to offer *any* opinions or ideas on *any* of the issues of the day, whether on a website or social page of his own; whether in response to candidate surveys from the Baltimore Sun, League of Women Voters, etc. (Personally, he is a gentleman. Politically, he has made no mark except to declare his inspiration from and dedication to President Trump.)

I decided to stand as an alternative to the Ds and the Rs after concluding in late 2017 that our democracy is going to remain victim to polarized and dysfunctional politics until such time as we escape the us-against-them, angels-versus-devils, two-party system that is no longer bringing us government that is representative of the American people; that is no longer hearing and serving the broad majority of regular Americans.

After reaching this conclusion, I decided to leave the Republican Party and join the Libertarian Party (LP). I joined the LP because it is the *only* party that consistently respects the dignity of *all* individuals, regardless of race, gender, or sexuality; consistently insists on restraint and accountability from *all* authorities, whether government, corporations, or unions; and consistently resists coercion of *all* types, whether personal, commercial, or political.

On the next page, I have provided links for thinking more about these questions, learning more about my campaign, and coming to your own conclusions.



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Links for Learning More

Key Campaign Sites

1. Website: <https://lashar2018.us>
2. Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/lashar2018>
3. YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoRknYeSgTdimSPtqMdPNIg>

Positions on the Issues of the Day

1. Baltimore Sun Voter Guide: <https://elections2018.news.baltimoresun.com/us-house/district-3/david-lashar/>
2. League of Women Voters Guide: <http://onyourballot.vote411.org/race-detail.do?id=16747432>
3. What's at Stake this Election: <https://lashar2018.us/your-vote/>
4. Position Paper: <https://lashar2018.us/position-paper/>
5. Restoring Pride & Civility in America: <https://youtu.be/TxgmUvBmR54>
6. Reciting and Reflecting Upon the Pledge of Allegiance: <https://youtu.be/9K3BTPu9vuk>

Critiques of the Democratic and Republican Alternatives

1. Critique of the Incumbent Democrat, John Sarbanes
 - a. YouTube: <https://youtu.be/oFLy58dsRDO>
 - b. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/lashar2018/videos/1891964897773216/>
2. Critique of Donald Trump and the Modern Republican Party:
 - a. YouTube: <https://youtu.be/o1DBFftM1fY>
 - b. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/lashar2018/videos/253923758601324/>
3. Opportunity to Make a Difference with Your Vote:
 - a. YouTube: <https://youtu.be/G5gZR4tau1A>
 - b. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/lashar2018/videos/282376802609763/>

My Own Political Journey

1. Introduction to Lashar for Congress
 - a. YouTube: <https://youtu.be/2zcxOgLMTO4>
 - b. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/lashar2018/videos/596085467433928/>
2. My Decision to Leave the Republican Party: <https://youtu.be/ev7lhVmCe0Y>
3. What is a Libertarian?: <https://youtu.be/eIWN0A3CQOA>
4. Soul-Crushing Authoritarianism: https://youtu.be/Bo42jCG_Uto
5. The Libertarian Moment: <https://lashar2018.us/elusive-libertarian-moment/>
6. Political Nuance and Third Parties: <http://theterracrab.com/2018/10/22/davidlashar/>
7. Libertarianism: My Decision, Your Choice: <https://lashar2018.us/why-libertarian/>
8. My Unconventional Path: <https://www.marylandmatters.org/single-post/2018/09/23/Behind-the-Scenes-Player-Takes-Unconventional-Path-Into-Politics>
9. My Career & Accomplishments: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/davidlashar/>