Meet the Panelists

LaToya Holley
LaToya Holley is the sister of Anton Black, a 19-year-old African-American man who was killed by police in Greensboro, Maryland in 2018.

Delegate Gabriel Acevero
Gabriel Acevero is a Trinidadian-American union organizer, political activist and politician representing Maryland's 39th House district. Acevero introduced "Anton's Law," a bill requiring transparency in investigations of complaints against police officers.

He is one of the youngest people, elected to the Maryland House of Delegates. A Black Lives Matter activist, Acevero helped organize and was involved in protests during the 2015 Freddie Gray unrest in Baltimore City. Acevero joined the coalition of activists and organizations that advocated for the reform of Maryland's Law Enforcement Officers Bill of Rights (LEOBR) following Freddie Gray's death.

Monty Cooper
Moderator
Harmon L. (Monty) Cooper is a counsel in Crowell & Moring's Washington, D.C. office, where he is a member of the Mass Tort, Product, and Consumer Litigation and Environment & Natural Resources groups. Monty has published articles and spoken on panels across the country concerning a wide variety of topics affecting his clients – from environmental and mining matters to changes in the U.S. tax code that affect multinational corporations regarding environmental enforcement to artificial intelligence and digital transformation.

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Delegate Pam Queen
Pam Queen (Democratic Party) is a member of the Maryland House of Delegates, representing District 14. Queen assumed office on February 26, 2016. Queen's current term ends on January 10, 2023.

Queen earned her B.S. in mathematics from Tuskegee University in 1983, her M.S. in computer science and management from Johns Hopkins University, and her Ph.D. in finance from George Washington University. Her professional experience includes working as an assistant professor at Morgan State University.

Councilmember Will Jawando
Councilmember Will Jawando is an attorney, activist, and community leader with a lifelong dedication to public service. His career has been crafted by a unique combination of grit, compassion, and integrity. Born in Silver Spring to a Nigerian father and white Kansan mother, Will's bi-racial identity gave him an appreciation for the varied experiences life in America can bring. Raised in a low-income household, he was determined to secure a successful future for himself through the pathway of education.

In 2014, he founded Our Voices Matter-Maryland, a social justice non-profit that works with all communities to develop broader civic engagement, grassroots activism and leadership. Will was elected and sworn-in as an at-large Montgomery County councilmember in December 2018 with the support of a diverse coalition from all backgrounds. Will’s platform was based on what he calls The MOCO Promise, something he believes all Montgomery County residents are entitled to: A safe, vibrant and inclusive community, with great schools and a strong economy. Understanding that not everyone shares in the promise, Will is committed to fighting to keep the promise for all residents of Montgomery County.

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