

## MARYLAND ALLIANCE FOR JUSTICE REFORM

Working to end unnecessary incarceration and build strong, safe communities



### **MAJR General Meeting** via Zoom, September 19th, 7:00 pm

1. Welcome to all;

**You need to preregister for this Zoom meeting.**

- After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.



2. Introduction of your Executive Committee

3. Introduction of Judith Sachwald as new Honorary Co-Chair



Judith Sachwald served as Maryland's Director of Parole and Probation, leading over 1,300 employees who provided supervision to approximately 69,000 individuals under probation, parole, mandatory supervision or home detention.

She guided the development and implementation of a research-based approach to supervision which holds offenders accountable for their actions while assisting them in becoming law abiding, responsible and productive. Under this new approach to supervision, offenders were 38 percent less likely to be arrested or violate the rules of supervision.

4. Report from Treasurer: IRS status

5. Reports from MAJR workgroup chairs

- Back Door - Crystal Francis

- Behind the Walls - Olinda Moyd
- Front Door - Bill Carlson

6. Elections - Phil Caroom.

7. General Discussion / Questions?

8. Conclusion - our next General Meeting will be on November 14th at 7pm.

[Register here to attend this Zoom meeting.](#)

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## MAJR Initiatives for 2023



Maryland has opportunities in 2023 to solve key criminal justice problems while also reducing incarceration, saving taxpayer funds and improving public safety. Maryland Alliance for Justice Reform recommends an evidence-based focus on each main part of our state's criminal justice system:

### **FRONT DOOR**

- Unequal law enforcement
- Justice for Youth

### **BEHIND THE WALLS**

- Correctional Ombudsman
- Education Behind the Walls
- Decarceration

### **BACK DOOR**

- Expungement
- Reentry coordination
- Collateral Consequences

Read a brief summary of these opportunities [here](#).

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## Correctional Ombudsman

It's time to find out where your candidates for Governor stand!

MAJR's executive committee is recommending prison reform as a top priority this year and that it's especially important because the lack of needed services and education are making conditions worse than before.



And, without such needed services and education, the chances of recidivism upon release from prison become higher.

Specifically we are advocating for independent, impartial corrections oversight – not part of the Department of Corrections – that serves the state of Maryland by promoting positive change in corrections.

Does your candidate support this initiative?

With your help MAJR contacted all five candidates for Governor to ask each of them how they stand on the proposed Correctional Ombudsman office. MAJR supporters took this in hand and sent over 375 letters (over 75 to each candidate)!

The impact? Wes Moore's office said the issue was now being considered by their "Policy Director"!

Many thanks to all who participated!

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MAJR is a nonpartisan, all-volunteer 501(c)4 organization of more than 1800 Marylanders and over [50 endorsing organizations](#) in every part of the state who advocate for evidence-based legislative and policy changes in Maryland's correctional practices. We support effective alternatives to incarceration, policies to address inequities, and efforts to allow citizens returning from prison to lead productive lives.

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