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Ben Jealous, who upset establishment favorite Rushern Baker in the Democratic Primary Election for Governor, stands with supporters Del. Charles Sydnor III and Sen. Shirley Nathan-Pulliam of District 44. Republican Al Redmer Jr. and John Olszewski Jr., who was third in the polls days before the Democratic Primary, are squaring off in the election for Baltimore County Executive.

Will the Upsets Continue?

Jealous, Olszewski Jr. Hope to Capture Victories for Governor, Baltimore County Executive

With national hot-button issues such as immigration, respect for women and women's rights, and attacks on health care and protections against pre-existing conditions looming as a backdrop, Marylanders will head to the polls to elect a governor, county executive and other state, local and federal representatives.

For governor, it is Democratic nominee Ben Jealous, a venture capitalist and former president of the NAACP, against incumbent Gov.

Larry Hogan, a real estate developer who in 2014 became the first Republican to win the state house in 16 years.

Once again, Baltimore County will be a key jurisdiction that will determine the outcome. Four years ago, in the Primary Election, Hogan had collected not more than 36 percent in Montgomery and Prince George's counties and Baltimore City, traditionally seen as make-or-break jurisdictions. It was Baltimore

County voters who helped him across the finish line in the General Election with a 59 percent advantage over Lt. Gov. Anthony Brown in the county.

The day after Jealous defeated Prince George's County Executive Rushern Baker in a field of nine in the Primary, the GOP's strategy became clear. They became running television ads calling Jealous "too extreme" for Maryland and labeling him a socialist for his progressive platform that supports Medicare for all, a \$15

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