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Republican Party candidates for governor to appear on MPT's *State Circle Three candidates will appear during episode airing tonight at 7 p.m.*

OWINGS MILLS, MD – Maryland Public Television (MPT) will broadcast recorded interviews with three candidates seeking the Republican Party's nomination for governor during a special episode of *State Circle* airing tonight, June 17, at 7 p.m. on MPT-HD and the <u>State Circle livestream</u>. The program will also be available to view following the broadcast via <u>MPT's YouTube channel</u>.

Interviews with candidates Kelly Schulz, Robin Ficker, and Joe Werner will air during the half-hour episode of MPT's weekly news and public affairs program. Candidate Dan Cox also has a standing invitation to be interviewed for an on-air segment.

According to a recent poll published by Baltimore Sun Media and the University of Baltimore, Schulz and Cox are the two leading contenders for the Republican Party nomination, while a plurality of Republican voters remained undecided.

MPT, in partnership with WBAL-TV, produced a one-hour debate on June 6 featuring candidates vying for the Democratic Party's nomination for governor. The debate participants were Rushern L. Baker, III, Jon Baron, Peter Franchot, Douglas Gansler, Ashwani Jain, John King, Wes Moore, and Tom Perez. Candidate Jerome Segal appeared on the June 13 edition of *Direct Connection* and candidate Ralph Jaffe will appear during the June 24 episode of *State Circle*.

Other recent *State Circle* broadcasts have introduced viewers to the Democratic candidates for Maryland attorney general and comptroller. Attorney general candidates Anthony Brown and Katie Curran O'Malley appeared on June 3. Comptroller candidates Tim Adams and Brooke Lierman appeared on June 10. Those episodes are available to watch on MPT's YouTube channel.

Special election-related programs episodes and segments, "Ask the Candidate" interviews and profiles, and other election coverage for the 2022 primary and general elections can be found on MPT's Vote 2022 webpage, available at mpt.org/vote-2022.

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