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2026 COMMISSIONER CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Data Center Development · Calvert County, Maryland

Protect Calvert is a citizen-led resource for transparency, accountability, and responsible stewardship in Calvert County. This questionnaire is being distributed to all candidates for the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners ahead of the November 2026 general election.

Responses will be published in full and without editing at protectcalvert.com. Candidates will also receive a score based on the substance and specificity of their answers, which will be published alongside their responses. Where applicable, we will note relevant voting history and prior public statements.

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CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Full Name

Campaign Phone

Office Sought

District / At-Large

Party

Campaign Email

Campaign Website / Social

Are you an incumbent commissioner?

☐

Yes

☐

No

If yes, did you sign or approve the NDA(s) related to data center discussions?

☐

Yes

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No

☐

Not applicable

☐

Decline to answer

Scoring note: Responses will be evaluated on specificity, internal consistency, and alignment with documented public statements and voting records. Vague or evasive answers will be noted. Candidates who decline to respond will be listed as non-responsive.

SECTION 1 · TRANSPARENCY & PROCESS

Q1. In 2025, the Board of County Commissioners signed NDAs with at least two companies interested in data center development in Calvert County. Those agreements were not publicly disclosed until early 2026. Do you believe the Board handled this process in a manner consistent with the public's right to know?

- ☐ Yes, the process was appropriate
- ☐ No, the public should have been informed sooner
- ☐ I have concerns about specific aspects (explain below)
- ☐ Decline to answer

Please explain your answer:

Q2. Going forward, should Calvert County require all developer discussions involving potential land use, zoning changes, or infrastructure impacts to be disclosed to the public within a set timeframe — even when a formal application has not yet been filed?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Decline to answer

Explain your position:

Q3. Should public officials be required to recuse themselves from votes on projects involving companies with whom they have signed NDAs or other confidentiality agreements?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Decline to answer

Explain your position:

SECTION 2 · THE MORATORIUM QUESTION

Q4. In April 2026, the Board voted 3-2 against pursuing a two-year moratorium on data center approvals and permits. More than 1,300 residents had signed a petition in support of the moratorium. Do you believe the Board made the right decision?

- ☐ Yes, the moratorium was the right call
- ☐ No, the moratorium should have been approved
- ☐ I would have preferred a different approach (explain below)
- ☐ Decline to answer

Explain your position:

SECTION 3 · ENVIRONMENTAL & INFRASTRUCTURE CONCERNS

Q5. The proposed AWS data center campus at 1650 Calvert Cliffs Parkway in Lusby would consist of eight buildings totaling as much as 2.6 million square feet. What environmental review standards do you believe should apply before any such project is approved?

- ☐ Independent environmental impact study funded by the developer
- ☐ State-level Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) required
- ☐ Independent review of effects on the Chesapeake Bay watershed
- ☐ Independent study of impacts to local electricity rates
- ☐ Independent traffic and infrastructure capacity analysis
- ☐ Public comment period before any permit approval
- ☐ All of the above
- ☐ Current county zoning and MDE permitting process is sufficient
- ☐ Other (describe below)

Additional comments or other standards you support:

SECTION 3 · ENVIRONMENTAL & INFRASTRUCTURE CONCERNS (CONTINUED)

Q6. Calvert County is home to the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, which operates within the PJM electricity grid. Large data centers can place significant demands on grid infrastructure. Should data centers in Calvert County be required to demonstrate that their energy demand can be met without increasing electricity rates for county residents?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Decline to answer

How would you ensure ratepayer protection?

Q7. The county's January 2026 text amendments would require closed-loop cooling systems, prohibit groundwater drilling for cooling, mandate developer-funded infrastructure, and require Tier 4 generators. Do you support making these requirements permanent and enforceable as conditions of all data center approvals?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Decline to answer

What additional protections, if any, would you add?

SECTION 4 · THE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS

Q8. Amazon Web Services has filed a concept site plan application for the Calvert Technology Center — a proposed campus of eight data center buildings near the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant in Lusby. What is your position on this specific project?

- ☐ I support it proceeding through the current review process
- ☐ I support it, contingent on stronger environmental and ratepayer protections
- ☐ I oppose it and would vote against approval
- ☐ I believe a pause is needed before any decision is made
- ☐ I need more information before taking a position
- ☐ Decline to answer

Explain your position:

SECTION 4 · THE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS (CONTINUED)

Q9. Natelli Holdings has proposed a \$3 billion data center campus on approximately 133 acres of county-owned land at the former Dominion laydown site in Lusby, packaged with a \$30 million regional park investment. What is your position on this proposal?

- ☐ I support the proposal in its current form
- ☐ I support it contingent on conditions (describe below)
- ☐ I oppose the sale or use of county-owned land for data center development
- ☐ I believe the park investment does not adequately offset the impacts
- ☐ I need more information before taking a position
- ☐ Decline to answer

Explain your position or the conditions you would require:

Q10. Calvert County currently permits data centers only in I-1 (Light Industrial/Mixed Use) and I-2 (Heavy Industrial) zones. Should the county further restrict or expand those permitted zones?

- ☐ Restrict further — data centers should be limited to I-2 (Heavy Industrial) only
- ☐ Maintain current I-1 and I-2 permissions
- ☐ Expand to allow data centers in additional zones with appropriate conditions
- ☐ Prohibit data centers entirely in Calvert County
- ☐ Other (describe below)

Explain your position:

SECTION 5 · LAND USE, RURAL CHARACTER & LONG-TERM PLANNING

Q11. Calvert County's Comprehensive Plan (Calvert 2040) emphasizes agricultural preservation, rural character, and protection of natural resources. In your view, are large-scale data center campuses consistent with those stated planning goals?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Decline to answer

Explain:

SECTION 5 · LAND USE, RURAL CHARACTER & LONG-TERM PLANNING (CONTINUED)

Q12. Should Calvert County establish a cap or limit on the total number or cumulative square footage of data centers that may be approved in the county?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Decline to answer

If yes, how would you structure that limit?

Q13. If data centers are approved in Calvert County, what share of the resulting tax revenue should be directed back to infrastructure, schools, and services in the affected communities?

- ☐ No specific dedicated share — revenue should go to the general fund
- ☐ A defined percentage dedicated to affected communities (specify below)
- ☐ A negotiated community benefit agreement as a condition of approval
- ☐ Other (describe below)

Explain your approach:

SECTION 6 · ACCOUNTABILITY & COMMITMENTS

Q14. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to holding all data center-related developer meetings and discussions in open, publicly noticed sessions unless required by law to do otherwise?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Decline to answer

If no or qualified, explain:

Q15. If elected or re-elected, will you commit to publishing any future NDAs or confidentiality agreements entered into by the Board — including their existence, counterparty, and general subject matter — within 30 days of execution?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Decline to answer

If no or qualified, explain:

SECTION 6 · ACCOUNTABILITY & COMMITMENTS (CONTINUED)

Q16. What is the single most important thing you believe Calvert County must get right in its approach to data center development over the next four years?

Q17. Is there anything else you would like Calvert County voters to know about your position on data center development?

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the responses above are my own and accurately reflect my positions. I understand that this questionnaire and my complete, unedited responses will be published at protectcalvert.com.

Candidate Signature

Date

Printed Name

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