

Greetings, District 1 Residents!

I'm Joe Koehler, and I'm thrilled to announce my candidacy to be your representative for Baltimore City Council in District 1.

A Bit About Me

I'm no stranger to the charm and potential that our district offers. Growing up in Catonsville, attending public schools, and furthering my education at the University of Maryland, I was drawn to District 1. Just one visit was all it took to convince me that this was my place. Over a decade later, my heart remains rooted here.

With degrees in International Business and Government & Politics, my academic journey didn't end there. I pursued a Masters in Accounting and Business Advisory Services right here in Baltimore. This experience was not just about honing my professional skills but embracing my passion for community service. From being in the Student Government to being a proud Lifetime Member of the Alumni Association for the University of Maryland, service has been at the core of my endeavors.

My Service Record

Having served as the Treasurer of the Maryland Alumni Association - Baltimore Metropolitan Area for four years, my experience spans helping businesses, non-profits, and local organizations. While my professional title reads "CPA and Controller," my soul has always yearned to serve the community I love.

My dedication saw me step into the role of Treasurer for the Canton Community Association, where I didn't just work behind a desk but participated actively in enhancing our neighborhood and organizing community events. My commitment to community service echoes my values from my days as an Eagle Scout—a title I carry with pride.

Moreover, my involvement in sports, particularly soccer, further cements my connection with our community. After playing in the Maryland Majors post-college and officiating soccer matches, I was honored to serve as the Treasurer and then President of the Rec & Parks Council. My dedication to public safety led me to initiate the Block Captain program in Canton and neighboring areas, fostering community ties on a grassroots

level. Having served on six nonprofit boards, mostly in Treasurer roles, I've always strived to give back in manifold ways.

The Road Ahead

The tales and aspirations I've heard from fellow District 1 residents are both heartwarming and inspiring. There's untapped potential in our district, and together, we can harness it for the betterment of all.

In future newsletters, we'll dive deep into the issues plaguing District 1, collecting input from all of you, and brainstorming collaborative solutions. This campaign is not just about me—it's about us.

Let's make District 1 not just a good place to live, but the best place to live. I'm here to listen and to serve.

Warm regards,
Joe Koehler