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Independent Baltimore City Mayoral Candidate Bob Wallace Secures Spot on Ballot in November General Election

Independent Candidate Bob Wallace Earns Spot on Ballot and Announces T.J. Smith as Campaign Advisor

Baltimore, MD – Independent Baltimore City Mayoral Candidate Bob Wallace today announced that he has officially secured a spot on the ballot in the November General Election, facing off against Democratic nominee Brandon Scott and Republican nominee Shannon Wright.

The independent candidate collected over 8,000 signatures from registered voters in Baltimore City, surpassing the necessary signatures requirement to be placed on the ballot. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the Maryland Board of Elections recently reduced the number of petition signatures needed from 1% of registered city voters (4,000 signatures) to 0.5% of registered city voters (2,000 signatures).

“In light of the challenges presented by the coronavirus pandemic, we’ve had amazing public support in obtaining the signatures needed to secure a spot on the ballot,” Wallace said. “This campaign is about challenging the status quo and bringing real change to Baltimore without any divisive partisan rhetoric. Having collected four times the number of signatures required is further evidence of how excited Baltimoreans are about our campaign to bring change to the city.”

“I invite everyone who believes in a better future for our city to support this movement.”

Joining Wallace’s campaign team as campaign advisor is former Baltimore City mayoral candidate T.J. Smith.

Prior to joining the Wallace for Mayor campaign, Smith was most recently a leading Democratic candidate for Baltimore City mayor in the June primary. As an experienced campaign professional in Baltimore City, Smith will focus on leading the Bob Wallace for Mayor grassroots efforts and building a grassroots team to reach voters across the city.

“Like many Baltimoreans, I love our city, but I have also been disheartened with the continued level of violence and opportunities here,” Smith said. “I made a decision to run for mayor after careful consideration. I believed that we needed an outside-of-politics perspective to introduce fresh ideas to help move the city forward. While I did not prevail in my bid during the primary, this has not deterred me from wanting what is best for Baltimore.”

Smith previously served as press secretary for Baltimore County Executive Johnny Olszewski, Jr., chief spokesman for the Baltimore Police Department and as an Anne Arundel County Police commander.

“I know that we need a compassionate, knowledgeable, ‘ready on day one,’ job creator to help immediately address the longstanding problems that exist in our city,” Smith said. “I enthusiastically endorse Bob Wallace for Mayor of Baltimore. We need a pragmatic, non-partisan, leader who has a track record of success for us to realize our full potential. I am encouraged and excited by his message and plan to Reset, Reform, Reimagine Baltimore.”

“I am thankful to have T.J. join our talented and dedicated team because we share the same values and commitment to our beloved city,” Bob Wallace said. “His experience in grassroots campaigning, voter outreach, and his profound knowledge of the inner workings of the city will be an invaluable asset to our campaign as we look ahead to the November general election.”

Wallace is the only unaffiliated candidate in recent history to secure a spot on the ballot in the Baltimore City general election.

About Bob Wallace

Bob Wallace is a native Baltimorean, an author, business owner, entrepreneur, and community leader. He was raised in the South Baltimore neighborhood of Cherry Hill, where he consistently overcame numerous social and economic obstacles and refused to accept failure and mediocrity. His rags-to-riches story led him to become a successful business leader with a 40-year proven track record of success. He is an internationally recognized author of numerous books on entrepreneurship, strategic partnerships, and spiritual development for executives. He utilizes his entrepreneurial expertise to mentor innovators and business leaders from around the world.

Bob wants what is best for the City of Baltimore and for his fellow residents. He is running for mayor to bring real and lasting change to Baltimore. He is not a career politician. His experience working for industry leaders such as IBM, DuPont and Procter & Gamble has made him an expert on economic development, strategic partnerships, emerging markets, and entrepreneurship. He is no stranger to community leadership at all levels and has worked on numerous commissions and boards, both locally and statewide. Bob is the founder of three Baltimore-based companies: BITHGROUP Technologies Inc., Bithenergy Inc., and EntreTeach Learning Systems LLC.

He previously served on the University System of Maryland Board of Regents, the Kennedy Krieger Institute, Greater Baltimore Committee, and Capital Region Minority Supplier Development Council. He has also served on the State of Maryland Information Technology Board, the Governor's Advanced Technology Commission, Small Business Task Force, Minority Business Task Force, the City of Baltimore Mayor's Coalition of Supplier Diversity and Inclusion, and Chair of The President's Roundtable.

Wallace is a proud graduate of the Baltimore Polytechnic Institute. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering and Applied Mechanics at the University of Pennsylvania and his MBA from the Amos Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College.

As a passionate community leader and devoted church elder who believes in the intersection of spirituality and business success, Bob has built global relationships that have translated into profitable AND socially impactful connections – exemplifying his personal mission, “Do Well While Doing Good.”

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