

# Wollett candidate for county commission

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Editor's note: Steve Wollett, a Green party candidate for the Allegany County Board of Commissioners, submitted the following announcement.

Steve Wollett is a resident of Flintstone and a lifelong Maryland native. He's

a father, grandfather, and an avid hunter and gun owner. Wollett, a community advocate and servant, served

our country by joining the Air Force in his youth; he is a veteran of the Vietnam War. Following the military, Wollett became a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) and was educated at Dundalk Community College and the National Labor College.

"I know the importance of high wage jobs and, for many years, was an assistant business manager and union organizer," said Wollett. "Today, I am retired and want to dedicate my time as an advocate for every day people in Allegany County, [in order] to establish much-needed high wage jobs."

Wollett supports auditing all county entities, especially the Economic Community Development Commission to determine if expended taxpayer dollars are resulting in a good return. "I want to redirect their focus into getting major companies with high paying jobs and benefits [to

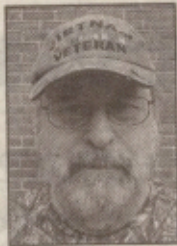
come to the area] rather than low wage, part-time fast food and other service level jobs."

"Allegany County has interstate highways, an airport, and railroad lines, which makes us a prime location for industry," Wollett argued. "We are a transportation hub and we should take advantage of that."

On the county's advantages, Wollett elaborated saying, "We have two colleges which can support the educational needs of employers and their employees. We should take advantage of this and our proximity to the tech industry in D.C. and surrounding areas. I will work with legislators to get federal jobs transferred to our area and work to get the MARC train extended to Cumberland. I will also encourage commercial flights in and out of the Cumberland Regional Airport."

Wollett joins Michael Leptic on the Green Party's slate for County Commissioner. If both elected, the county would operate under a new government. Despite the challenges, Wollett is confident that he will propell Allegany County forward as a leader for the coming half of the 21st century.

Wollett has bold ideas to address the drug epidemic, develop community associations, enhance government transparency, increase financial stability for future retirees, and retain residents and local businesses. For more information, visit Wollett's public page at [fb.me/SteveWollettForCountyCommissioner](https://fb.me/SteveWollettForCountyCommissioner).



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