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> Wednesday with Wendy at Angie's Seafood 1727 E. Pratt Street Wednesday, December 6, 2023 Noon to 2 pm Change Can't Wait: Wendy Will Get It Done Now!

## For immediate release

December 5, 2023 – BALTIMORE – Wendy Bozel Democratic Candidate for Mayor, A current and veteran Baltimore City Teacher who after 6 of her students were shot recognized the connection between youth violence and lack of accountability of Baltimore City's Education system. Join her this Wednesday at Angie's Seafood bring her your concerns and ideas. Let's work together curb youth violence and make our city safe.

Resilience builds on the ability to manage the "un" categories of events: unexpected, unpredictable, unbelievable, and sometimes unstoppable. Baltimore's crime can be stopped. Baltimore can listen to its children and give them what they need to contribute to the community and be safe doing it. Baltimore can produce great leaders and visionaries again.

- It is essential because it allows our city to shed the mistakes, accept each as a lesson learned, and build a more resilient Baltimore.

As mayor, I would create a resilience program for Baltimore on day one. The first task of many would be to collect all education and law enforcement data to baseline Baltimore against other resilient cities. What is the 'root cause' of Baltimore's systemic failures? How do we empower citizens to speak and act with a unified purpose? We will continuously monitor education and law enforcement data to achieve more significant results for the citizens of Baltimore. We will use traditional data analytics and modern AI to help Baltimore, where leadership decision-making is lagging.

Resilience is simply a turnaround plan for Baltimore. And the city is in desperate need of a turnaround. Positioning Baltimore for a bright future while addressing the immediate needs of each community.

A single mom, Baltimore City teacher, activist & community leader instrumental in the fights against BGE rate hikes and installation of external gas regulators, Wendy believes that working together, we can put the "charm" back in Charm city. Her faith is important to her and she member of St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Church, a radically inclusive community whose mission is to radiate God's love and compassion in Baltimore.

In 2021 several students she taught were shot and paralyzed. She knew it was time for a leader that acted on problems instead of just making empty promises.

Wendy knows that education is the key to a brighter future. She will fight tirelessly to ensure that every child in Baltimore has access to quality education, regardless of their zip code.

Wendy is committed to making Baltimore a safer place to live, work, and play. She will support problem-oriented policing, invest in programs that **address root causes of crime**, and build a strong and trusting relationship between law enforcement and the community.

Bozel is the only mayoral candidate participating in the Baltimore City Fair Election Fund. I need your r support When **500 residents** of Baltimore City donate, then Wendy's campaign will receive money from the Baltimore City Fair Election Fund and she will not owe any favors to people or businesses. Go to <a href="www.Wendy4Baltiomore">www.Wendy4Baltiomore</a> to help her reach her goal and be a true public servant.

Wendy is a Baltimore native, former director of the Muscular Dystrophy Association, successful single mother, model teacher in Baltimore City Public Schools, community volunteer, and past president of the Upper Fells Point Improvement Association (UFPIA).

Wendy brings a wealth of experience and commitment to driving change for the City of Baltimore. Wendy has a track record of building community coalitions, advancing community safety initiatives, and advocating for higher standards and norms for educators and students.

For example, Wendy was instrumental in securing an \$80,000 grant from the State of Maryland aimed at making her neighborhood safer. The grant is being used to install safety cameras, cafe lighting and traffic calming art.

Wendy has also been at the forefront of raising awareness of the harmful impact of external gas meter installations; these efforts have successfully pushed back multiple attempts by BGE to expand the installation program in many Baltimore communities.

Wendy's platform includes:

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- Restoring fiscal responsibility to the City's education system by centralizing and realigning budgets to meet the needs of teachers and students.
- Creating conditions for economic growth by tackling the City's broken tax code that crushes small businesses and erases high paying job opportunities.
- **Reducing crime** by instituting a community-driven policing approach and allocating resources to provide a social and mental health response component to the Baltimore City police force.
- Eliminating Vacant/Abandoned homes and businesses by implementing \$1 homes, starting a pathway to home ownership for those on rental assistance and

- creating partnerships with businesses/community and local institutions to revitalize Baltimore.
- Think Tanks, help her come up with a solution tell her your problems. Increasing oversight and community engagement by creating a Mayoral Advisory Board that will be made up of residents from every Baltimore community.

"I am running to provide a hand up to those in need of a thoughtful leader in Baltimore City," said Bozel. "To restore trust in the City's elected officials, the community must be treated as a partner in the advance toward progress. I know that a better way forward is at hand, and I humbly ask for the community's support and votes."

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