

After Primary Win, Van Hollen Poised to Take Over Mikulski's Seat

Maryland Senate Dem. Primary Results

Candidate	Votes	Pct.
Chris Van Hollen	436,881	53.3%
Donna Edwards	318,169	38.8%
Freddie Dickson	13,444	1.6%
Theresa Scalfaferri	12,132	1.5%



Candidate	Votes	Pct.
Kathy Szeliga	130,738	36.1%
Chris Chaffee	49,462	13.6%
Chrys Kefalas	34,779	9.6%
Richard Douglas	27,103	7.5%

Analysis

- Van Hollen and Szeliga will face off for **Senator Barbara Mikulski's (D) seat**, as Mikulski is retiring.
- Edwards, who would have been Maryland's first black Senator and the second ever black female in the senate, criticized Democrats of being on the verge of "an all-male delegation in a so-called progressive state."
- **Van Hollen is the heavy favorite** going into the general election. Cook Political Report has declared the Maryland Senate **safe for Democrats**.

Sources: Wilson Andrews, Matthew Bloch, Jeremy Bowers and Tom Giratikanon, "Maryland Primary Results," The New York Times, April 27, 2016; Rachel Weiner, "Van Hollen Defeats Edwards in Heated Maryland Primary for U.S. Senate," Washington Post, April 27, 2016; Cook Political Report, 2016.