GOTV 2026 – OAR Checklist

(Operational Action Results)

Early Voting | Mail-in Ballots | Election Day

Maryland 2026 General Election | Companion to the GOTV 2026 Statewide Plan | As of October 17, 2026

How to use this checklist

Every line is an **OAR** item: the **Owner** who is responsible, the **Action** they take, and the **Result** that proves it is done. An item is checked off only when the Result is true, not when the work has started.

County chairs assign a named person to every Owner role before Tuesday, October 20. Review open items at the daily 8:00 a.m. huddle. Section references (for example, Plan 6.4) point to the GOTV 2026 Statewide Plan.

Key Dates

Milestone	Date and rule
Training complete	Tuesday, October 20
Early voting	Thursday, October 22 – Thursday, October 29, 2026, 7 a.m. – 8 p.m. daily, including weekends; any center in the voter's county
Mail-in requests	Mailed or faxed by Tuesday, October 27; email link by Friday, October 30
Election Day	Tuesday, November 3, 2026, 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.; anyone in line at 8 p.m. may vote
Mail-in return	Drop box, early voting center, or local board by 8 p.m. November 3, or mailed and postmarked by November 3
Provisional canvass	Wednesday, November 11, 2026
Recount / court challenge	Recount petition within 3 days after certification; court challenge within the earlier of 10 days after the problem is known or 7 days after certification

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Owners

Owner	Role
County Chair	Names the team; final sign-off
GOTV Lead	Runs the plan and the daily huddle
Data Lead	Universes, tracker, daily report
Volunteer Coordinator	Recruits and schedules shifts with a 20% backup
Site Lead	One per early voting center or priority polling place
Ride Coordinator	Rides to centers and polls
Agent Lead	Designated agents for mail-in ballots
Watcher Lead	Poll watcher certificates, placement, challenges, incident logs
Judge Lead	Republican election judge roster and recruitment
Program Leads	Persuasion, Friend-to-Friend, Buddy-County, Export
Party Counsel	Recount and court challenge decisions

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Section 1 – Early Voting

October 22 – 29, 2026, 7 a.m. – 8 p.m. daily. Goal: bank every Republican and identified supporter before Election Day.

✓	Owner	Action	Result (done when)
Prep: October 17–21			
☐	**EV1.** County Chair	Name the GOTV Lead, Data Lead, Volunteer Coordinator, Site Leads, Ride Coordinator, Agent Lead, Watcher Lead, and Judge Lead; set the 8:00 a.m. daily huddle	Every role has a named person and phone number on the county roster by Oct 17
☐	**EV2.** Data Lead	Build the voter universes (red: chase + base; swing: 4 universes with 1–5 ID scale; blue: 4 universes) and the shared tracker	Tracker live with columns: Universe, ID score, Attempts, Voted/Returned, Needs ride, Stop contact
☐	**EV3.** GOTV Lead + Data Lead	Set written targets: contact attempts, door and phone shifts, greeter shifts, watcher shifts	Targets shared with all volunteers by Oct 18
☐	**EV4.** Volunteer Coordinator	Schedule every greeter, phone, door, and ride shift for Oct 22–29	All shifts filled with a 20% backup
☐	**EV5.** Site Leads	Confirm each center's address, hours, parking, and no-electioneering zone markers (100 feet; Montgomery 25–100 feet as posted)	Site sheet for every center in the county
☐	**EV6.** GOTV Lead	Run Core training (plus Persuasion and Watcher modules where used)	Every volunteer trained by Tuesday, Oct 20
☐	**EV7.** Site Leads	Assemble materials packets: sample ballots, center maps, drop-box lists, ride cards, agent forms, watcher certificates	One packet per center, picked up by Oct 21
☐	**EV8.** Ride Coordinator	Set up the ride request line and driver schedule (rural emphasis)	Ride number printed on ride cards and in scripts
☐	**EV9.** Watcher Lead	Recruit watchers; get certificates signed in ink by the candidate or party officer; confirm each local board's filing deadline	Signed certificates in hand for every scheduled watcher
☐	**EV10.** Watcher Lead	File certificate copies with the local board before each watcher's first shift (Howard: by 4:30 p.m. the day before)	Board confirms receipt; filing logged
☐	**EV11.** Judge Lead	Ask the local board about remaining Republican judge vacancies; build the roster of Republicans serving	Roster shows where Republican judges are serving and where coverage is thin
☐	**EV12.** Watcher Lead	Place watchers first at the highest-volume centers and centers with few Republican judges	Watcher schedule covers priority centers for opening day
Opening day: Thursday, October 22			
☐	**EV13.** Watchers	Arrive by 6:30 a.m., show certificate to both chief judges, observe the Zero Report and verify seals and tamper tape	Opening observed; any issue logged on the incident log
☐	**EV14.** Site Leads	Greeters on post at 7:00 a.m. outside the no-electioneering zone	Every priority center staffed at opening
☐	**EV15.** GOTV Lead	Launch “early voting is open” calls and texts to the base and identified supporters	First-day contact wave complete by 7 p.m.
Every early voting day: October 22–29			
☐	**EV16.** GOTV Lead	Run the 8:00 a.m. huddle: yesterday's votes, IDs, chase numbers, watcher incidents	Today's lists and shift gaps assigned

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☐	**EV17.** Phone/Text + Door teams	Contact remaining non-voters (red: base + chase; swing: persuasion in swing precincts, GOTV to 1s and 2s; blue: phones first, doors in pockets only)	Daily contact targets met
☐	**EV18.** Data Lead	Mark confirmed voters and remove them from all lists	No voter who has voted is contacted again
☐	**EV19.** Ride Coordinator	Run rides to centers	Every ride request filled the same day
☐	**EV20.** Watchers	Observe check-in from where the chief judges place them; log who has voted; no phones, talking to voters, or political items inside	Who-voted list delivered to the Data Lead
☐	**EV21.** Watchers	Report any problem: note it, step outside the zone, call the Watcher Lead and local board; never argue with a judge (Plan 6.4, Level 2)	Every incident logged with time, place, chief judges, and response
☐	**EV22.** Watcher Lead	File the next day's watcher certificates by each board's deadline	No watcher turned away for a missing certificate
☐	**EV23.** Data Lead + Watcher Lead	8:30 p.m. check-in: update tracker, file daily report and incident log	Daily report filed every night
Weekend surge: October 24–25			
☐	**EV24.** Buddy-County Liaison / Export Liaison	Deploy buddy-county and blue-county teams to swing-county doors and greeter shifts	Visiting teams logged by county and shift
☐	**EV25.** GOTV Lead	Sunday night review against targets; move teams to precincts behind target	Revised assignments sent before Monday's huddle
Final push: October 26–29			
☐	**EV26.** Persuasion Lead	Stop new persuasion contacts after Tuesday, Oct 27 (swing counties)	All remaining effort goes to turnout
☐	**EV27.** GOTV Lead	“Last chance to vote early, ends Thursday, October 29, at 8 p.m.” to every unconfirmed Republican and identified supporter	Every unconfirmed voter contacted
☐	**EV28.** Watchers	Observe closing on Oct 29 if inside before 8 p.m.	Closing observed and logged
☐	**EV29.** Data Lead	Thursday night: build the Election Day list (Republicans + identified supporters who have not voted)	Election Day list ready Friday, Oct 30

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Section 2 – Mail-in Ballots

Goal: shrink the 61,009 outstanding Republican mail-in ballots (52,992 households) and get every one returned legally and on time.

✓	Owner	Action	Result (done when)
Set up the chase: October 17–21			
☐	**M1.** Data Lead	Pull the county's share of the 61,009 outstanding Republican mail-in voters and flag their households	Chase list in the tracker, household-level
☐	**M2.** Data Lead	Set the target: outstanding households × 3 attempts	Chase target written and shared
☐	**M3.** Phone/Text teams	First ballot chase call or text to every household on the list	Every household attempted once by Oct 21
☐	**M4.** Agent Lead	Train designated agents: 18+, not a candidate on the ballot, voter's written designation signed under penalty of perjury, agent affidavit signed	Every agent trained and listed by name
☐	**M5.** Site Leads	Add the county's official drop-box list (zone: 50 feet; Montgomery 25 feet) to every packet	Drop-box list in every packet and script
Chase and return: October 22 – November 2			
☐	**M6.** Phone/Text teams	Ballot chase script: remind to **sign the oath**, offer the nearest drop box, or offer early in-person voting as the backup	Up to 3 attempts per household logged
☐	**M7.** Data Lead	Mark returned ballots daily; remove those voters from all chase lists	Outstanding count falls every day in the daily report
☐	**M8.** Agent Lead	Agents help only voters who ask; never influence how a ballot is marked; log every pickup and drop-off	Agent log complete for every ballot handled
☐	**M9.** Phone/Text teams	Note request deadlines for voters still asking: mailed/faxed by Oct 27; email link by Oct 30	No voter told a wrong deadline
☐	**M10.** GOTV Lead	After Oct 29, move voters with unreturned ballots to the Election Day plan: drop box or local board	Remaining chase voters on the Election Day list
Final return: Election Day, November 3			
☐	**M11.** Phone/Text teams	Final chase: hand-deliver to a drop box, early voting center, or local board by **8 p.m.**; if mailing, get a hand-stamped postmark dated Nov 3	Every remaining chase voter contacted by noon
☐	**M12.** Data Lead	Record final outstanding count	Final mail-in chase result in the debrief report
Canvass: November 4 onward			
☐	**M13.** Watcher Lead	Get mail-in and provisional canvass dates from each local board (provisional canvass Wed, Nov 11)	Canvass schedule shared with observers
☐	**M14.** Canvass observers	Observe every session (no certificate needed; do not handle documents or try to see votes). To dispute a decision, ask the canvass manager for the Canvass Challenge Form and file it **at that same session** (Plan 6.4, Level 3)	Every session staffed; each challenge filed at the session and logged with the board's ruling

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Section 3 – Election Day

Tuesday, November 3, 2026, 7 a.m. – 8 p.m. Goal: contact every Republican and identified supporter who has not voted, three times, and protect every vote cast.

✓	Owner	Action	Result (done when)
Final weekend and Monday: October 30 – November 2			
☐	**ED1.** GOTV Lead	Redirect remaining non-voters to their Election Day polling place	Every name on the Election Day list has a polling place
☐	**ED2.** Buddy-County Liaison / Export Liaison	Weekend door push (Oct 31 – Nov 1) to identified supporters only	Visiting teams logged by shift
☐	**ED3.** Volunteer Coordinator	Schedule Election Day shifts: three contact passes, rides until 8 p.m., greeters at priority polling places	Every shift filled with a 20% backup
☐	**ED4.** Watcher Lead	Assign watchers to priority polling places; file Election Day certificates by each board's deadline on **Monday, Nov 2**	Board confirms receipt for every Election Day watcher
☐	**ED5.** Judge Lead	Confirm the Republican judges serving and share the thin-coverage list with the Watcher Lead	Watchers prioritized where Republican judges are scarce
☐	**ED6.** Site Leads	Pick up Election Day packets: sample ballots, polling place lists, ride cards, incident logs	Packets in hand Monday night
☐	**ED7.** Party Counsel	Confirm the hotline number and on-call schedule for Election Day	Counsel reachable 6 a.m. – close
Opening: 6:30 – 7:00 a.m.			
☐	**ED8.** Watchers	Arrive by 6:30 a.m.; show certificate to both chief judges; observe the Zero Report, seals, and tamper tape	Opening observed and logged
☐	**ED9.** Site Leads	Greeters on post at 7:00 a.m. outside the no-electioneering zone	Every priority polling place staffed at opening
During voting: 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.			
☐	**ED10.** Phone/Text + Door teams	Contact pass 1 (morning) to the Election Day list	Pass 1 complete by 11 a.m.
☐	**ED11.** Phone/Text + Door teams	Contact pass 2 (midday) to everyone not yet confirmed	Pass 2 complete by 3 p.m.
☐	**ED12.** Phone/Text + Door teams	Contact pass 3 (4 – 8 p.m.): “Polls close at 8. If you're in line by 8, you can vote.”	Every unconfirmed voter contacted before 7:30 p.m.
☐	**ED13.** Ride Coordinator	Run rides until 8 p.m.	Every ride request filled
☐	**ED14.** Data Lead	Mark confirmed voters through the day; push updated lists to each pass	No voter who has voted is contacted again
☐	**ED15.** Watchers	Identity challenges only, in good faith, and only **before** the voter receives a ballot; never on appearance, language, or a hunch (Plan 6.4, Level 1)	Every challenge logged and reported to the Watcher Lead the same day
☐	**ED16.** Watchers	Report judge errors and polling place problems outside the zone to the Watcher Lead and local board; escalate unresolved issues to the State Board (410-269-2840 or 800-222-VOTE)	Every incident logged with time, place, chief judges, and response

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✓	Owner	Action	Result (done when)
☐	**ED17.** Republican Judges	Serve every voter impartially; insist bipartisan steps are done by both parties; record problems on official incident forms	Polling place runs by the book; no judge acts as a party agent
Close: 8:00 p.m.			
☐	**ED18.** Watchers	If inside before 8 p.m., stay through closing and observe the Totals Report	Totals observed and logged
☐	**ED19.** Data Lead + Watcher Lead	8:30 p.m. check-in: final tracker update, daily report, all incident logs collected	Every log in the Watcher Lead's hands that night
After Election Day: November 4 onward			
☐	**ED20.** Watcher Lead	Staff mail-in and provisional canvasses (provisional canvass Wed, Nov 11); file Canvass Challenge Forms at the session	Every challenge filed in time and logged
☐	**ED21.** Party Counsel	Review incident logs and canvass records; track the recount (3 days after certification) and court challenge (earlier of 10 days after the problem is known or 7 days after certification) deadlines	Go/no-go decision made before each deadline
☐	**ED22.** County Chair + GOTV Lead	Debrief: thank every volunteer, save voter IDs and rosters, compare results to targets	Debrief report filed; data saved for 2028
☐	**ED23.** Judge Lead	Collect names of volunteers willing to serve as election judges in 2028	2028 judge bench list started

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Do and Don't: Quick Card for Volunteers

Do	Don't
Stay outside the no-electioneering zone (100 feet; Montgomery 25–100 feet as posted; drop boxes 50 feet, Montgomery 25 feet)	Campaign, hand out literature, or wear political items inside the zone
Watchers: carry signed certificates; deal only with the chief judges	Talk to voters inside, use phones inside, touch ballots or equipment, or argue with judges
Challenge only on identity, in good faith, before the ballot is issued	Challenge because a voter may have moved, has a conviction, or looks or sounds different
Agents: written designation and affidavit for every ballot; log every action	Influence how a ballot is marked, or act as an agent if you are a candidate on that ballot
Honor every request to stop contact	Contact a voter who has already voted
Use official sources: elections.maryland.gov, the local board, vote.mdgop.org	Overclaim about election integrity in voter conversations

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