

WQLL-AM BALTIMORE  
QIPL 3rd QUARTER  
JUL-SEPT. 2019

The following issues were identified as the most significant community concerns as determined by the annual Baltimore Broadcasters Ascertainment Day and how WQLL treated and/or covered these issues on the air:

1. **Crime:** Interviewed Sean Kennedy of the MD. Public Policy Institute on taking a different approach to removing career criminals and gang members off the streets of Baltimore. Kennedy advocates the "Caponing" of these individuals. Charging them with lesser federal crimes like tax evasion, racketeering etc. in order to gain convictions and then sending them to federal prisons away from their home turf. This interview was segmented in two parts and ran repeatedly during the quarter as part of the Community Spotlight program.
2. **JOBS:** Interviewed Benjamin Orr , the Executive Director of the MD. Center for Economic Policy on how best to create jobs and opportunities for impoverished youth as it pertains to the ongoing problem of the "squeegee kids" in the downtown area who pose a safety threat to motorists and themselves. Rotated though out the quarter as part of the Community Spotlight series.
3. **PUBLIC SAFETY:** Katie Seal of the Dept. of Homeland Security with the U.S. Government discussed the national "See Something Say Something" program and how Baltimore Metro listeners could help by being vigilant in public places and reporting anything or anyone who looked suspicious. Played frequently during the quarter as part of Community Spotlight.
4. **Youth Opportunity:** Interviewed Roland Selby , Exec Dir. Of Year Up Baltimore. Year Up's mission is to close the Opportunity Divide by providing urban young adults with the skills, experience, and support that will empower them to reach their potential through professional careers and higher education. We achieve this mission through a high support, high expectation model that combines marketable job skills, stipends, internships and college credits. Our holistic approach focuses on students' professional and personal development to place these young adults on a viable path to economic self-sufficiency. Three part interviewed played as part of the Community Spotlight series.
- 5 **LOCAL TRANSPORTATION:** Rep. Andy Harris talked about the Bay Bridge re-decking project which caused massive traffic jams and back-ups. Harris discussed solutions like cashless and electronic tolling as well as a need for a third span linking the Western shore to Kent Island, MD. Ran as part of the Community Spotlight series.