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ABOUT (TAB)

Dezmond Rosier is the right candidate for this moment in Charles County. He is running for County Commissioner in District 1, which includes Bel Alton, Port Tobacco, Welcome, Dentsville, and the southern Route 301 corridor just outside the county seat of La Plata. While District 1 has become increasingly competitive in recent election cycles, it has continued to support Democratic candidates at the top of the ticket—creating a clear opportunity for bold, people-centered leadership rooted in local values.

Deep Roots in Charles County

Dezmond Rosier is a proud son of La Plata, Maryland, born and raised on his family's Black-owned farm. His family's history in Charles County spans generations. On his mother's side, his roots are deeply embedded in Southern Maryland, with family heritage that also includes immigration from Poland and Italy. On his father's side, his lineage traces back to Charles County through the transatlantic slave trade and Native American ancestry.

Growing up, Dezmond was shaped by the example of his grandparents—one a United States Marine, the other a member of the Maryland State Police—who instilled in him the values of service, discipline, and commitment to community at an early age.

Dezmond attended Walter J. Mitchell Elementary School, Milton M. Somers Middle School, and is a graduate of La Plata High School. As a first-generation college graduate, he went on to earn his degree from Howard University, studying political science and economics. His life story reflects both the challenges and opportunities faced by many families in District 1—and fuels his determination to expand opportunity for others.

Proven Leadership and Strategic Action

Dezmond Rosier is a proven leader whose career is defined by principled advocacy and strategic action. His leadership first gained countywide attention when he organized a youth-led rally at the Charles County Courthouse, mobilizing hundreds to demand systemic reform and social justice.

That momentum carried into his role as President of the local NAACP Youth Council, where he helped organize the historic Champions of Civil Rights graduation—finally awarding diplomas to La Plata High School alumni who were denied them in 1969. This work cemented his reputation as a leader who turns community advocacy into real outcomes.

At Howard University, Dezmond continued that commitment to service as a student body president, overseeing budgets, expanding student opportunities, and leading complex collaborations with venture capital firms, nonprofit organizations, and the Office of the Vice President. His ability to navigate institutions while remaining grounded in the needs of people defines his leadership style.

In 2021, Dezmond's political acumen was further recognized with his appointment to the Maryland Democratic Central Committee, where he gained firsthand experience in state and local governance.

A People-First Vision for District 1

Now, Dezmond is challenging the status quo by running for County Commissioner in District 1—bringing a record of mobilization, integrity, and forward-thinking leadership to the race.

His campaign is centered on a people-first governing approach that prioritizes:

- Working families
- Utility affordability
- Smart, responsible development
- Workforce opportunity
- Protecting the rural character of District 1 communities

Where the incumbent has focused on maintaining existing systems, Dezmond is focused on building forward-looking solutions that meet the needs of today's residents while preparing for future generations.

Ultimately, this race represents a clear choice: maintaining the status quo or investing in new leadership. Dezmond Rosier will put District 1 families, workers, and communities first—while the incumbent continues to represent the old way of doing politics.

ESPAÑOL (TAB)

Dezmond Rosier es el candidato adecuado para este momento en el Condado de Charles. Se postula para Comisionado del Condado en el Distrito 1, que incluye comunidades como Bel Alton, Port Tobacco, Welcome, Dentsville y el corredor sur de la Ruta 301, ubicado justo fuera de la sede del condado en La Plata. Aunque el Distrito 1 se ha vuelto cada vez más competitivo en los ciclos electorales recientes, ha continuado apoyando a candidatos demócratas en la parte superior de la boleta, lo que crea una oportunidad clara para un liderazgo nuevo y centrado en la comunidad.

Raíces profundas en el Condado de Charles

Dezmond Rosier es un orgulloso hijo de La Plata, Maryland, nacido y criado en la granja afroamericana de su familia. Sus raíces familiares en el Condado de Charles se extienden por generaciones. Por el lado materno, su familia es originaria del sur de Maryland, con parte de su herencia proveniente de inmigrantes de Polonia e Italia. Por el lado paterno, su linaje en el condado se remonta a la trata transatlántica de personas esclavizadas y a la herencia indígena americana.

Desde joven, Dezmond fue inspirado por sus abuelos—uno veterano del Cuerpo de Marines de los Estados Unidos y el otro miembro de la Policía Estatal de Maryland—quienes le enseñaron la importancia del servicio público, la disciplina y el compromiso con la comunidad.

Dezmond asistió a la Escuela Primaria Walter J. Mitchell, la Escuela Intermedia Milton M. Somers y se graduó de la Escuela Secundaria La Plata. Como graduado universitario de primera generación, obtuvo su título en la Universidad de Howard, donde estudió ciencias políticas y economía. Su historia refleja las realidades de muchas familias del Distrito 1 y refuerza su compromiso de ampliar las oportunidades para todos.

Liderazgo comprobado y acción estratégica

Dezmond Rosier es un líder comprobado, definido por su compromiso con la justicia y la acción estratégica. Su liderazgo fue reconocido cuando organizó una manifestación juvenil frente al Palacio de Justicia del Condado de Charles, movilizando a cientos de personas para exigir reformas sistémicas y justicia social.

Ese trabajo continuó como Presidente del Consejo Juvenil de la NAACP local, donde ayudó a organizar la histórica graduación Campeones de los Derechos Civiles, que finalmente otorgó diplomas a exalumnos de la Escuela Secundaria La Plata que habían sido injustamente privados de ellos en 1969.

Durante su tiempo en la Universidad de Howard, Dezmond se desempeñó como presidente estudiantil, administró presupuestos y lideró colaboraciones con organizaciones sin fines de lucro, firmas de capital de riesgo y la Oficina de la Vicepresidenta de los Estados Unidos. Su capacidad para trabajar dentro de las instituciones sin perder de vista a las personas define su estilo de liderazgo.

En 2021, su experiencia política fue reconocida con su nombramiento al Comité Central Demócrata de Maryland, donde adquirió un profundo conocimiento del gobierno estatal y local.

Una visión centrada en las personas para el Distrito 1

Hoy, Dezmond Rosier se postula para Comisionado del Condado en el Distrito 1 con una visión clara y orientada al futuro. Su campaña prioriza:

- A las familias trabajadoras
- La asequibilidad de los servicios públicos
- Un desarrollo inteligente y responsable
- Oportunidades laborales y económicas
- La protección del carácter rural de las comunidades del Distrito 1

Mientras que el incumbente se enfoca en mantener los sistemas existentes, Dezmond está enfocado en construir soluciones modernas que respondan a las necesidades actuales y futuras.

En última instancia, esta elección representa una decisión clara: continuar con el statu quo o apostar por un nuevo liderazgo. Dezmond Rosier pondrá a las familias, los trabajadores y las comunidades del Distrito 1 en primer lugar—mientras que el incumbente continúa representando una forma anticuada de hacer política.

Priorities (TAB)

Community First:

While others are focused on the politics of the past, Desmond is focused on the possibilities of our future. He isn't coming from a boardroom — he's coming from a classroom, grounded in real-world experience and community needs. That's why Desmond will establish a District 1 Protection Plan to safeguard what makes our community strong by strengthening the Rural Legacy Program to preserve farmland and open space, expanding agricultural easements to protect rural property values and family-owned land, and ensuring taxpayer dollars stay in the community — funding schools, public safety, and essential infrastructure instead of unnecessary litigation.

The Next Generation Guarantee:

The Next Generation Guarantee is about securing the future of our students while strengthening the long-term stability of our community. To do that, we must move beyond the siloed relationship between the Board of Commissioners and the Board of Education and build a true partnership rooted in shared accountability. Desmond's Next Generation Guarantee closes the gap between county leadership and the classroom through a comprehensive, results-driven approach that includes a joint strategic oversight model, teacher incentives, expanding rural high-speed education access, and workforce-linked schools that prepare students for real opportunities right here at home.

Honoring the frontline:

In District 1, public safety isn't just a budget line item it's the difference between life and death across our district and county. Right now, our Sheriff's Office and local EMS face serious staffing challenges as we lose experienced professionals to neighboring counties. Desmond believes it's time to move from being a training ground for other jurisdictions to becoming a true destination for dedicated public safety professionals who are supported, retained, and valued right here in our community.

Preserving our rural character:

Dezmond is committed to protecting our community from unchecked data center development by putting residents first. If data centers come to Charles County, he will require strong Community Benefit Agreements to ensure local families see real returns, enforce an infrastructure-first mandate so no major development moves forward without roads that work and schools with capacity, expand PDR and TDR programs to protect farmland and direct growth to appropriate corridors, and require permanent environmental audits for large projects to safeguard our communities from flooding and climate-related risks.

Honest planning and healthy communities:

Honest Planning, Healthy Communities means listening to residents who are already feeling the strain of traffic congestion along MD-210 and US-301 and refusing to approve more rooftops until real solutions — like funded road expansions or the Southern Maryland Rapid Transit (SMRT) project — are in place. For families across District 1, honest planning also means building communities where health is the easy choice, by addressing food deserts in western and southern parts of the county and creating walkable, mixed-use hubs so residents aren't car-dependent for every errand. Most importantly, residents want planning that brings high-quality jobs to Charles County, ensuring our young people can build their futures at home instead of commuting to D.C. or Virginia to find opportunity.

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