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Gluck looks to win 8th District with 'something else'

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Lately, George Gluck has been attracting a lot of attention with a new T-shirt he's been wearing around the area.

On the front it says "Vote" and underneath the word is a ballot with two empty boxes, one for Republican and one for Democratic. Under those boxes is a red "X" beside a box marked "Something Else."

Gluck, of Rockville, is running as the Green Party candidate in the 8th Congressional District though he lives in the 4th District. He chose the district because his synagogue, several friends and other places he likes to visit are in the 8th District. Also, he said he didn't want his candidacy to pose any threat to U.S. Rep. Donna Edwards, the 4th District Democratic incumbent, calling her a more progressive choice than Rep. Chris Van Hollen, the 8th District Democrat he'll face instead.

Gluck and his wife, Phyllis, both drive a Toyota Prius and use solar panels to help power and heat their home. If elected, he said he'd fight on behalf of green energy initiatives with tax breaks and other incentives.

He said he opposes the proposed construction of the Keystone XL pipeline, which would crisscross the country from Canada to Texas.

"Every drop of oil, gasoline we burn up, we're adding to global warming," Gluck said. "I'd continue to do what we're doing but do more of it."

Gluck said he's disappointed with the federal government for spending billions to bail out banks while small businesses struggle and college students and graduates are strapped trying to pay off huge loans.

"Students are indentured servants until they pay those off. ... That's insane," Gluck said. "If it were up to me, we'd find a way to assist them in paying them off. If it were up to me, they wouldn't have them in the first place."

He also said he will forgo spending more than \$400 of his own money on his campaign -- some of which has already been spent on bumper stickers -- and accept only donations from individuals up to \$100.

He said he would push to close the "feedback loop" that allows too much influence of money in federal politics leading to favorable legislation for corporate donors.

Gluck said he would push for public financing of federal elections in an attempt to "equalize opportunity."



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Gluck

George Gluck

- AGE: 65
- RESIDENCE: Rockville
- MARITAL STATUS: Married
- CHILDREN: Two
- EDUCATION: Brooklyn College, degrees in mathematics and management. Course work toward a doctorate in computer science at the University of Maryland College Park
- PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND: Has worked for the Navy as a mathematician and as a computer analyst for the Department of Defense. He now runs his own computer consulting company, Free State Systems
- Political/community service: Has run twice for the Montgomery County Council
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