

2A on the Campaign Trail. Missing in Action in Annapolis.

Julie Giordano knew exactly what conservative voters in Wicomico County wanted to hear when she ran for County Executive.

She branded herself as a “constitutionalist.” She leaned into Second Amendment politics. She publicly warned about Annapolis legislation that could infringe on Marylanders’ gun rights. She stood with pro-2A candidates and supporters. During the campaign, the message was clear: Julie Giordano wanted voters to believe she was a fighter for the Second Amendment.

But after the campaign signs came down and she took office, the question becomes simple:

Where was the fight in Annapolis?

After reviewing available public records, news reports, Maryland General Assembly activity, and the research gathered for this article, we found no public evidence that Julie Giordano, as Wicomico County Executive, personally went to Annapolis to testify, lobby, hold a press conference, or formally advocate for gun-owner rights, Second Amendment protections, or making Wicomico County a gun sanctuary county.

That is the difference between campaign talk and governing action.

The Campaign Rhetoric Was Loud

Maryland Matters reported in 2021 and 2022 that Giordano described herself as a social conservative and a constitutionalist committed to the Second Amendment.

Her own campaign-era messaging also pointed directly at Annapolis. In a March 2022 Facebook post, Giordano wrote:

“Once again we see potential legislation out of Annapolis to infringe on Marylanders’ 2nd Amendment constitutional rights.”

That is not subtle. That is campaign-trail language meant to tell gun owners: I see what Annapolis is doing, and I am on your side.

The problem is what came next.

The Follow-Through Is Hard to Find

Giordano became Wicomico County Executive on December 6, 2022. From that point forward, she had a platform, a title, an administration, and the ability to use her office to push state lawmakers on issues she claimed mattered.

But on the specific issue of Second Amendment advocacy in Annapolis, the public record appears thin.

We found no public evidence that she was called as a witness before the Maryland General Assembly on 2A issues.

We found no public evidence that she personally testified in Annapolis on gun-owner rights.

We found no public evidence that she held a press conference in Annapolis on Second Amendment protections.

We found no public evidence that she formally lobbied the legislature to make Wicomico County a Second Amendment sanctuary or gun sanctuary county.

That does not mean she never had a private conversation. It means that, based on the public record we reviewed, there is no clear evidence of visible, public, Annapolis-level fight her campaign rhetoric suggested.

The Sanctuary Push Was Sheriff Lewis and the County Council — Not Giordano

The Wicomico County Second Amendment sanctuary issue was already part of local political debate before Giordano became County Executive.

In 2021, Sheriff Mike Lewis pushed for Wicomico County to be recognized as a Second Amendment sanctuary. Local coverage at the time tied that effort to Sheriff Lewis and the County Council.

That matters because Giordano was not sworn in as County Executive until December 2022. So the public sanctuary push that did happen in Wicomico County predates her administration.

In other words, when Wicomico had a visible 2A sanctuary fight, the public face of that fight was Sheriff Lewis — not Julie Giordano.

The Closest Annapolis Example Is Not Really 2A Advocacy

The closest Annapolis-related item we found involving Giordano and firearms was not a gun-rights bill, not a sanctuary bill, and not opposition to gun-control legislation.

It was a written letter supporting a Wicomico County Sunday hunting bill. That letter discussed hunting access, private property, and repealing Sunday hunting restrictions.

Hunting access may matter to many residents, but it is not the same thing as fighting in Annapolis for gun-owner rights, Second Amendment protections, or a Wicomico gun sanctuary policy.

That distinction matters.

A politician should not get credit for being a Second Amendment warrior in Annapolis simply because their office later weighed in by letter on a hunting bill.

Campaign Branding Is Not the Same as Leadership

There is a pattern here.

On the campaign trail, Giordano used the language of the Second Amendment. She called herself a constitutionalist. She warned about Annapolis. She aligned herself with pro-2A politics.

But once in office, public evidence does not show a County Executive leading a visible Annapolis fight for gun owners.

That is the heart of the issue.

Wicomico voters were sold the image of a fighter. But when it came time to take that fight to Annapolis, the record does not show the follow-through.

The Bottom Line

Julie Giordano championed the Second Amendment on the campaign trail.

But when we looked for evidence that she carried that fight to Annapolis as County Executive—testimony, lobbying, press conferences, witness appearances, or formal advocacy for gun sanctuary policies—we did not find it.

The public record points to campaign rhetoric, not Annapolis action.

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