

**PVCC
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VOTER GUIDE**



**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
SAMPLE BALLOT
COUNTY OF ALBEMARLE
GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTIONS
Tuesday, November 8, 2016**

TO VOTE:

1. USE A BLACK BALL POINT PEN TO MARK THE BALLOT.
2. COMPLETELY FILL IN THE OVAL TO THE LEFT OF YOUR CHOICE LIKE THIS ●.
3. TO VOTE FOR A PERSON NOT ON THE BALLOT FOR AN OFFICE, WRITE THE NAME ON THE LINE PROVIDED AND COMPLETELY FILL IN THE OVAL TO THE LEFT OF THAT NAME.

President and Vice President <small>(Vote for only one)</small>	Proposed Constitutional Amendments	SCHOOL BONDS
<input type="radio"/> DEMOCRATIC PARTY Electors for Hillary Clinton, President Tim Kaine, Vice President	<p align="center">Question 1</p> <p>Should Article I of the Constitution of Virginia be amended to prohibit any agreement or combination between an employer and a labor union or labor organization whereby (i) nonmembers of the union or organization are denied the right to work for the employer, (ii) membership to the union or organization is made a condition of employment or continuation of employment by such employer, or (iii) the union or organization acquires an employment monopoly in any such enterprise?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>	<p>QUESTION: Shall the County of Albemarle, Virginia, contract a debt and issue general obligation bonds in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$35,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds, in addition to any other available funds, to finance the costs of improvements to Albemarle County public schools including designing, building, expanding, and renovating school properties, including new buildings and additions, renovations, and improvements to existing buildings, installing new furnishings and equipment in the public schools, and the related costs to issue the bonds and to reimburse the County for temporary financing?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>
<input type="radio"/> REPUBLICAN PARTY Electors for Donald J. Trump, President Michael R. Pence, Vice President	<p align="center">Question 2</p> <p>Shall the Constitution of Virginia be amended to allow the General Assembly to provide an option to the localities to exempt from taxation the real property of the surviving spouse of any law-enforcement officer, firefighter, search and rescue personnel, or emergency medical services personnel who was killed in the line of duty, where the surviving spouse occupies the real property as his or her principal place of residence and has not remarried?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>	
<input type="radio"/> LIBERTARIAN PARTY Electors for Gary Johnson, President Bill Weld, Vice President		
<input type="radio"/> GREEN PARTY Electors for Jill Stein, President Ajamu Baraka, Vice President		
<input type="radio"/> INDEPENDENT Electors for Evan McMullin, President Nathan Johnson, Vice President		
<input type="radio"/> _____ Write-in		
<p align="center">Member House of Representatives 5th District <small>(Vote for only one)</small></p> <input type="radio"/> Jane D. Dittmar - D <input type="radio"/> Tom A. Garrett, Jr. - R <input type="radio"/> _____ Write-in		

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Candidates in this guide appear in the same order as they do on this sample ballot

Voting Guidelines

Voting Requirements:

- Be registered to vote in Virginia.
- Be a US citizen
- Be 18 by Election Day, November 8
- Reside at a Virginia address
- Not be convicted of a felony, unless your voting rights have been restored
- Not currently judged incompetent by a court

In-person ID requirements:

- A Virginia driver's license or Photo ID
- A Veteran's ID from Virginia DMV
- US Military ID
- A US Passport
- A student ID issued by a Virginia college or private school

Voting in Person:

- Early Voting: Sept. 23-Nov. 5
- Vote on Election Day, Nov. 8

Need a ride on election day?

Car2Vote and its volunteers are offering free rides on Election Day. Residents in Albemarle County and the City of Charlottesville just need to fill out the form on their website to set by their pick up time! Any questions? Call (434) 260-1547

Hillary Clinton

Education:

- Supports modernization of the teaching profession
- Supports the rebuilding of educational facilities
- Proposes that families making \$85,000 or less can attend an in-state four-year public university or college tuition free
- Proposes the allocation of funds for students with children
- Opposes current interest rates for student loans.



Jobs and Economy:

- Supports a higher standard of living, and creation of good-paying jobs
- Supports an economy that works for everyone
- Supports a \$15 federal minimum wage
- Supports a 12 week paid family and medical leave
- Supports people with disabilities having access to gainful employment

Healthcare:

- Supports the Affordable Care Act
- Supports incentives for states to help low income families receive health insurance.
- Supports women's access to preventive care, affordable contraception, and abortion
- Supports better access to affordable health care for all families, regardless of immigration status
- Supports assisted suicide after a psychological examination

Social Issues:

- Supports additional programs for survivors of sexual assault regardless of gender, race, sexual orientation, or ethnicity
- Supports sexual assault prevention
- Opposes current immigration laws
- Supports immigration
- Supports creation of a national Office of Immigrant Affairs to help integrate immigrants

Donald J. Trump

Education:

- Supports investing an additional 20 billion dollars into scholarship programs
- Proposes that states grant 110 billion dollars of their own Education Fund to scholarship programs
- Proposes the funding of each K-12 student living in poverty with \$12,000
- Proposes incentives for universities and colleges to reduce tuition
- Proposes all students be given the opportunity to attend a two or four year college

Healthcare:

- Opposes the affordable healthcare act
- Supports healthcare reform
- Opposes federal health programs
- Proposes a plan to allow US citizens to purchase health care plans across all 50 US states.
- Wants to work with State local leaders, ensuring them flexibility to design a medical system that will cater towards their local demographic.



Jobs and Economy:

- Opposes the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP)
- Supports a 20 percent tax on all imported goods
- Supports the elimination of tax breaks for the wealthy
- Supports elimination of income tax for low income individuals and couples
- Supports reforming tax brackets

Social Issues:

- Supports deportation of the 11 million undocumented immigrants.
- Supports building a wall along the U.S Southern border.
- Opposes immigration from countries threatening national security.
- Opposes detention centers for illegal immigrants.
- Opposes acceptance of refugees

Gary Johnson

Education:

- Proposes the elimination of the Department of Education
- Believes schools should compete to bring improvement to public education
- Proposes a reduction to federal student aid.
- Supports state and local control of education
- Supports state level scholarship programs



Jobs and Economy:

- Opposes an increase to the federal minimum wage
- Supports tax reform
- Supports additional controls on spending
- Proposes an elimination of the income tax on businesses and employers
- Supports de-regulation

Healthcare:

- Opposes the Affordable Care Act
- Supports state independence in Medicare and Medicaid
- Proposes a free market approach to healthcare
- Believes healthcare should have advertised pricing to keep it competitive
- Approves assisted suicide after a psychological examination

Social Issues:

- Supports sending of aid for the Syrian refugee crisis
- Supports immigration for willing workers
- Supports background checks for work visas
- Opposes alien citizenship and green cards
- Supports term limits for governors and Congress

Jill Stein

Education:

- Supports free college education
- Supports elimination of all existing student loan debt
- Opposes standardized testing and public school privatization
- Proposes overhaul of Common Core educational standards
- Supports increase in federal funding for Public Schools



Jobs and Economy:

- Proposes a change to 100% clean renewable energy by 2030
- Wants to invest in public transit, sustainable agriculture, and conservation
- Supports socialized banking and utilities
- Supports an increased tax rate on stock trades and large corporations.
- Opposes trade agreements such as

NAFTA, TTIP and TPP

Healthcare:

- Opposes the Affordable Care Act
- Proposes an improved Medicare for all program
- Supports an increase in funding for low-income healthcare
- Supports Union and worker's rights
- Supports stronger label requirements by the FDA

Social Issues:

- Proposes all illegal immigrants be given in state tuition pricing, scholarships and grants.
- Proposes an easy path for illegal immigrants to gain citizenship
- Proposes an increase in the amount of work visas given to immigrants.
- Accept more than 10,000 Syrian refugees.
- Supports federal funding for community programs that address health disparities in gender, race and income

Evan McMullin

Education:

- Supports reform for federal regulation of education and student aid
- Supports federal aid for students attending tech schools and work programs
- Supports regulation holding colleges accountable for high costs and low graduation rates
- Opposes Common Core standards
- Supports federal aid for K-12 students attending charter schools



Jobs and Economy:

- Opposes a raise to the federal minimum wage
- Supports tax reduction for the middle class and small business
- Opposes incentives for business elite-political partnerships
- Supports stricter standards on federal regulatory agencies
- Supports stricter standards for social security and

Medicare

Healthcare:

- Opposes the Affordable Care Act
- Supports reform in the federal funding of Medicaid
- Supports a uniform federal subsidy for senior health insurance or Medicare
- Proposes federal publication of insurance options for social security beneficiaries
- Opposes government subsidized abortions

Social Issues:

- Supports immigration laws
- Opposes the legalization of marijuana
- Opposes gay marriage
- Supports streamlining in Department of Defense acquisitions
- Supports existing gun laws

Proposed Constitutional Amendments

There are two amendments that will appear on the Virginia ballot in 2016.

The first is the “**Right to Work**” amendment. It will appear on the ballot as a question:

“Should Article I of the Constitution of Virginia be amended to prohibit any agreement or combination between an employer and a labor union or labor organization whereby (i) nonmembers of the union or organization are denied the right to work for the employer, (ii) membership to the union or organization is made a condition of employment or continuation of employment by such employer, or (iii) the union or organization acquires an employment monopoly in any such enterprise?^[5]”

The current law states that any agreement between employer and member of a labor union is against public policy if nonmembers of the union denied their right to work. The employee has to be a member of the union to get or keep their job as declared by the employer, or the union acquires an employment monopoly.

Voting for this amendment would add section 11-A to the Virginia constitution stating it is illegal to require mandatory labor union membership. It would cost \$131,158 for providing public notice, but this fee will be paid for by State Board of Elections and have no impact financially on the Department of Labor and Industry. This amendment would not change any current law but just add

to Virginia citizen’s right to not be a member of a labor union.

The second proposed amendment is the **Virginia Property Tax Exemption for Surviving Spouses of Police and Service Personnel** amendment. It will appear on the ballot as a question:

“Shall the Constitution of Virginia be amended to allow the General Assembly to provide an option to the localities to exempt from taxation the real property of the surviving spouse of any law-enforcement officer, firefighter, search and rescue personnel, or emergency medical services personnel who was killed in the line of duty, where the surviving spouse occupies the real property as his or her principal place of residence and has not remarried?”

The Virginia Constitution currently exempts any taxation of real property, including joint property of a spouse, of any veteran that has been permanently disabled on duty, as determined by the US Department of Veteran Affairs. It also exempts taxation of surviving spouses of members of the Armed Forces who were killed in action, as determined by the US Department of Defense. In both cases this exemption ceases if the spouse remarries.

Voting for this amendment would extend this exemption through section 6-B of the Virginia Constitution, extending it to spouses of police, firefighters, search and rescue, or emergency medical service personnel who expired on the job.

Jane D. Dittmar

Education:

- Supports promotion of computer access and training for people that cannot afford college
- Supports incentives to businesses who offer technical education in rural areas
- Supports an expansion of high quality high school and other job certification programs.
- Supports expansion of technical training

Healthcare:

- Supports regulated pharmaceutical prices
- Supports reform in the Affordable Care Act to cater to state-specific needs
- Supports advancement of technical training to boost the health care job sector



Jobs and Economy:

- Proposes incentives to public-private partnerships for job training opportunities
- Proposes expansion to internet infrastructure

Social Issues:

- Supports an end to discrimination in the criminal justice system, employment, housing, public accommodations, credit, and education
- Supports increased acceptance rates for refugees

Tom A. Garrett, Jr.

Education:

- Proposes \$5-7,000 of student debt be forgiven for every year an individual agrees to defer Social Security disbursements.
- Supports improved accessibility for local populations in higher education
- Supports enhanced scholarship funding for top students coming out of high school

Health Care:

- Opposes Medicaid



Jobs and Economy:

- Supports deregulation of farming practices
- Supports lower federal taxes to create more jobs and economic growth
- Opposes an increase to minimum wage

Social issues:

- Supports stronger immigration guidelines
- Opposes benefits and employment for illegal aliens
- Opposes acceptance of Syrian refugees
- Supports the border wall

County of Albemarle

School Bond Referendum

The following question will appear on the ballot. The question addresses obligation bonds to fund improvements at Albemarle County school and reads as follows:

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[] YES [] NO”

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