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Voter Guide

City of Charlottesville Sample Ballot

Find Candidates and Other Ballots

Ballot information by county:

Albemarle County

https://www.albemarle.org/department.asp?department=registrar&relpage=2937

Fluvanna County

https://www.fluvannacounty.org/registrar/page/sample-ballot

Greene County https://www.greenecountyva.gov/government/depts/voter-registration

> Louisa County https://www.louisacounty.com/1030/Sample-Ballots

> > **Nelson County**

http://www.nelsoncounty-va.gov/residents/voter-registration/upcoming-elections/

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Candidates appear in this guide in the order they will appear on the ballot.

VA House District 20 John Avoli (R)

Candidate website: johnavoli.com

Education:

- Supports the limiting of standardized testing
- Supports public education

Healthcare:

- Supports enforcement of regulations for the mental health and drug crisis
- Supports making health insurance affordable for all

Jobs and Economy:

- Supports small businesses
- Supports limiting tax increases
- Supports agriculture
- Supports improving Interstate 81

- Supports the Second Amendment
- Supports independent, fair redistricting
- Supports internet service in rural areas





VA House District 20 Jennifer Lewis (D)

Candidate website:

jenniferlewisfordelegate.com

Education:

- Supports public schools being funded regardless of residents
- Supports rebuilding schools

Healthcare:

- Supports an increase in funding for domestic violence shelters
- Supports protection of funding for women's health centers

Jobs and Economy:

- Opposes Atlantic coast and mountain valley pipelines
- Supports enforcement of antitrust laws in the farming industry



- Supports the legalization of hemp and marijuana for medical/recreational use
- Opposes toll for Interstate 81
- Supports increase in fuel taxes to eliminate toll
- Supports gun safety measures
- Supports the Equal Rights Amendment



VA House District 25 Chris Runion (R)

Candidate website:

chrisrunion.com

Education:

• Supports addressing and improving public education

Healthcare:

• Supports addressing healthcare and mental health issues

Jobs and Economy:

• Supports a focus on transportation issues and the future of Interstate-81

- Supports the right to life; anti-abortion
- Supports Second Amendment rights
- Supports conservative leadership





VA House District 25 Jennifer Kitchen (D)

Candidate website: electjenniferkitchen.com

Education:

- Supports fully funding schools to pre-recession levels
- Supports education programs accessible through public education system

Healthcare:

• Supports increasing access to healthcare providers, specifically mental health services

Jobs and Economy:

- Supports a living wage
- Supports the rights of workers

- Supports legalization of marijuana
- Supports ratification of Equal Rights Amendment





VA House District 25 Janice Allen (I)

Candidate has no website.

Education:

• Supports erasing all college debt

Healthcare:

• Candidate has not given stance on healthcare

Jobs and Economy:

• Candidate has not given stance on jobs and economy

- Supports ratification of Equal Rights Amendment
- Supports nonpartisan redistricting
- Supports cutting taxes; believes farmers should not pay taxes



VA House District 57 Sally Hudson (D)

Candidate website: sallyforvirginia.com

Education:

- Supports establishing a universal preschool
- Supports investments in technical schools and apprenticeships
- Supports reducing tuition costs
- Supports investments in arts and afterschool programs

Healthcare:

- Supports statewide affordable public option for insurance
- Supports primary medical care in underserved regions

Jobs and Economy:

- Supports raising teacher salaries
- Supports tax reform
- Supports adopting tax consolidation in Virginia for businesses

- Supports clean energy
- Opposes gas pipeline construction
- Supports legalizing marijuana





VA House District 56 John McGuire (R)

Candidate website: mcguire56.com

Education:

- Supports fixing one-size -fits-all education system
- Supports helping students and parents choose an education system that fits their needs

Healthcare:

- Supports cutting regulations that inflate health care costs and reduces access to healthcare providers
- Supports programs to battle the opioid crisis

Jobs and Economy:

- Supports law enforcement and first responders
- Supports helping businesses grow and creating jobs

- Supports tax policies that are favorable to citizens and businesses
- Supports lower taxes for veterans
- Supports public safety
- Supports broadband expansion





VA House District 56 Juanita Matkins (D)

Candidate website: matkinsfordelegate.com

Education:

- Supports fully funding public education from pre-k through college and raising teacher pay
- Supports strengthening STEM curriculum

Healthcare:

- Supports Medicaid expansion
- Supports quality, affordable healthcare services

Jobs and Economy:

- Supports expanding career and technical training
- Supports expanding green energy



- Supports automatic voter registration, no excuse absentee voting, and repealing the voter ID law
- Supports ratifying the Equal Rights Amendment
- Supports legalization of marijuana
- Supports broadband infrastructure in rural areas
- Supports sensible justice reforms



VA House District 58 Rob Bell (R)

Candidate website: delegaterobbell.com

Education:

- Supports laws to force schools to establish bullying prevention programs
- Supports laws requiring additional background checks for teachers
- Supports "scholarships for disadvantaged children in underperforming schools"
- Supports public charter schools

Healthcare:

• Supports mental health care reform

Jobs and Economy:

- Supports deregulation of businesses
- Supports veteran services

- Supports bill requiring life sentences for child-rapists
- Supports bill increasing penalties for those who place children in prostitution
- Opposes gun restrictions
- Supports anti-abortion legislation





VA House District 58 Elizabeth Alcorn (D)

Candidate website: alcornfor58th.com

Education:

- Supports increasing state funding to public schools
- Supports establishing universal preschool
- Supports trade-job training in high school and community college

Healthcare:

- Supports holding State Corporation Commission accountable for insurance monopolies
- Supports lower prescription drug costs
- Supports protections for people with pre-existing conditions seeking healthcare

Jobs and Economy:

• Supports a renewable energy-based economy

- Supports clean energy
- Supports legalizing marijuana
- Supports establishing broadband internet in rural areas
- Supports improving commuter routes and fixing roads and bridges





VA House District 59 Matt Fariss (R)

Candidate website: mattfariss.com

Education:

- Supports education funds going to the classrooms
- Supports reserving decision-making for local level

Healthcare:

- Opposes the Affordable Healthcare Act
- Supports insurance coverage for autism treatment/diagnosis

Jobs and Economy:

- Supports reduced taxes
- Supports reduced budgets

- Supports anti-abortion legislation
- Opposes gun ownership restrictions
- Supports pro-hunting legislation
- Supports free use of property





VA House District 59 Tim Hickey (D)

Candidate website: timhickeyfordelegate.com

Education:

- Supports removing standardization
- Supports reserving decision-making for local level
- Supports increasing teacher salaries

Healthcare:

- Supports protections for people with pre-existing conditions seeking healthcare
- Opposes Medicaid work requirements

Jobs and Economy:

• Supports pro-small business legislation

- Supports background checks when purchasing guns
- Supports renewable energy
- Supports broadband internet in rural areas
- Supports abortion rights legislation





VA House District 65 Lee Ware (R)

Candidate website:

lee-ware.com

Education:

- Supports increasing funding
- Supports high academic standards for students
- Supports merit-pay for teachers
- Supports reserving decision-making for local level

Healthcare:

• Supports access to healthcare for everyone

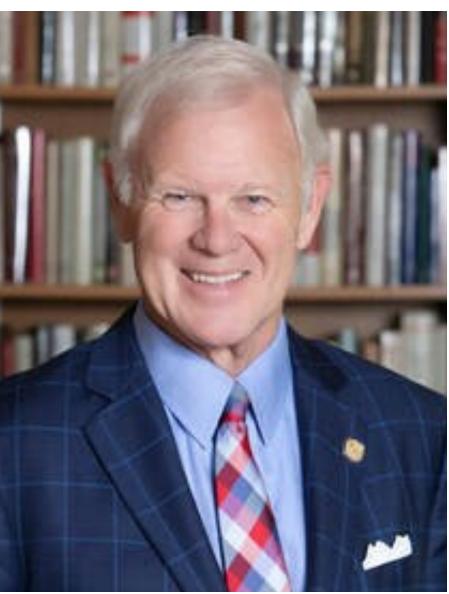
Jobs and Economy:

- Supports tax reform
- Supports tax incentives to businesses
- Supports reducing government spending

- Supports public transportation improvements
- Supports rail improvements
- Supports addressing road construction, development and growth







VA House District 65 Mike Asip (D)

Candidate website: mikeasipfordelegate.org

Education:

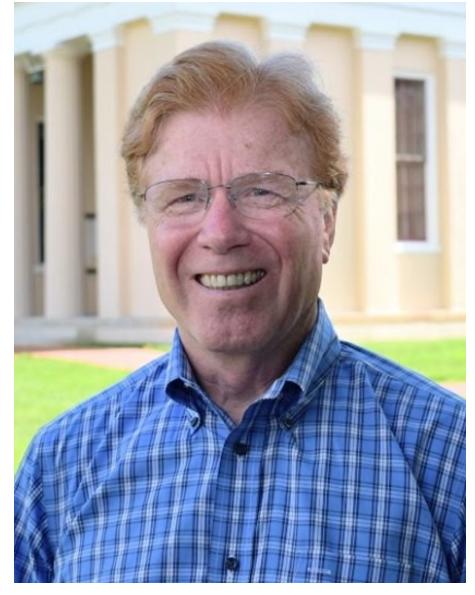
- Supports increasing teacher salaries
- Supports reducing tuition costs

Healthcare:

- Supports protections for people with pre-existing conditions seeking healthcare
- Supports affordable healthcare options
- Supports mental health care reform

Jobs and Economy:

- Supports tax incentives for small businesses
- Supports enhancing infrastructure to promote economic diversity



- Supports renewable energy
- Supports abortion rights
- Supports establishing broadband internet in rural areas
- Supports the Equal Rights Amendment



VA Senate District 17 Bryce Reeves (R)

Candidate website:

brycereeves.com

Education:

- Supports equal education opportunities for all children
- Supports raising teacher salary

Health Care:

- Supports affordable healthcare
- Supports protections for people with pre-existing conditions seeking healthcare

Jobs and Economy

- Supports lower tax rates in the Commonwealth
- Supports our veterans and law enforcement officers



- Supports background checks
- Supports Second Amendment Rights
- Supports anti-abortion legislation





VA Senate District 17 Amy Laufer (D)

Candidate website: lauferforvirginia.com

Education:

- Supports rights for all children to attend schools
- Supports raising the pay and salary of teachers
- Supports having more advanced technology in all classrooms

Health Care:

- Supports affordable healthcare
- Supports all Virginian public medical schools having the same technology and tools as the local hospitals
- Opposes the work mandate to get Medicare



Jobs and Economy:

• Candidate has not given stance on jobs and economy

- Supports universal background checks before buying firearms
- Supports the teaching of responsible gun ownership



VA Senate District 22 Mark Peake (R)

Candidate website:

peakeforsenate.com

Education:

• Supports the belief that all children have the right to education no matter where they come from

Healthcare:

• Supports anti-abortion legislation

Jobs and Economy

- Supports removing government regulations
- Supports removing individual state income tax

- Supports the right to bear arms
- Supports fair re-districting





VA Senate District 22 Dakota Claytor (D)

Candidate website:

dakotaclaytorforsenate.com

Education:

- Supports improving the conditions in public schools
- Supports giving rural school areas the same resources as other schools

Healthcare:

- Supports healthcare for all Virginians
- Supports expanding Medicaid

Jobs and Economy

• Supports trade-job training in high school and community college

Social Issues:

• Supports legalizing marijuana





VA Senate District 24 Emmett Hanger (R)

Candidate website:

emmetthanger.com

Education:

- Supports public education and that all children should attend K-12
- Supports less testing and more flexibility when it comes to schedules
- Supports the raise in teachers salaries

Healthcare:

• Supports everyone having equal access to affordable healthcare

Jobs and Economy:

• Supports a balanced budget

- Supports the Second Amendment
- Supports idea that guns should be allowed to be carried whenever, as long as they do not violate certain rules
- Supports the idea that people should have a permit to own a gun and at least some training





VA Senate District 24 Annette Hyde (D)

Candidate website:

annetteservesva.com

Education:

- Supports increasing teacher salaries
- Supports affordable higher education

Healthcare:

- Supports public option to buy into Medicaid
- Opposes high costs of healthcare

Jobs and Economy:

• Supports investing in trade-job training

- Supports the Second Amendment
- Supports background checks and proper gun training
- Supports marijuana legalization





VA Senate District 25 Creigh Deeds (D)

Candidate website:

senatordeeds.com

Education:

- Supports public schools, colleges, and universities
- Supports smaller class sizes
- Supports increasing teacher salaries

Healthcare:

• Supports access to affordable healthcare

Jobs and Economy:

• Supports trade-job training in high school and community college



- Supports protecting children from predators and strongly supports the Amber Alert
- Supports increased funding to first responders
- Supports abortion rights



VA Senate District 25 Elliott Harding (I)

Candidate website:

hardingforva.com

Education:

- Supports the idea that parents and children should be able to decide where they go to school
- Supports equal education opportunities for all children

Healthcare:

- Supports gun and mental health reform
- Opposes government intervention in healthcare

Jobs and Economy:

- Opposes overregulation
- Opposes state subsidizing of private corporations
- Opposes "preferential tax treatment" to certain businesses

Social Issues:

• Supports the reforming of the criminal justice system





Voting Guidelines

Voting Requirements:

- Be registered to vote in Virginia
- Be a U.S. citizen
- Be 18 by Election Day, Nov. 5
- 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
- A U.S. Military ID
- A U.S. Passport
- A student ID issued by a Virginia college or private school

Voting in Person:

- Early Voting: Sept. 21 to Nov. 2
- Vote on Election Day: Nov. 5

Absentee Ballots:

- Deadline to request an absentee ballot by mail is 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29
- Deadline to request an absentee ballot in-person is 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2

Know Your Legislators

Who Represents Me?

Who's My Legislator provides information about current districts and members of the Virginia Senate, Virginia House of Delegates, the Virginia delegation to the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives.

What Are They Doing?

The Virginia General Assembly Website provides information about bills, committees, and voting records for Virginia State legislators.

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What's on My Ballot?



https://www.elections.virginia.gov/ casting-a-ballot/candidate-list/

Where do I Vote?



https://www.elections.virginia.gov/ citizen-portal/index.html

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