

2020 PVCC

Non-Partisan Voter Guide



Voting Guidelines

To be eligible to register to vote a person must:

- Be a resident of Virginia (a person who has come to Virginia for temporary purposes and intends to return to another state is not considered a resident for voting purposes).
- Be a U.S. Citizen.
- Be 18 years old (any person who is 17 years old and will be 18 years old at the next general election shall be permitted to register in advance and also vote in any intervening primary or special election).
- Not be registered and plan to vote in another state.
- Not currently declared mentally incompetent by a court of law.
- If convicted of a felony, your right to vote must have been restored.

In-person ID Requirements:

- Voter confirmation documents you received after you registered to vote.
- Virginia DMV-issued Driver's License or Identification Card.
- Valid United States Passport.
- Any ID card issued by the US, Virginia, or a local Virginia government.
- Any student ID card issued by a US university or community college.
- Valid student ID issued by a public school or private school in Virginia.
- Employer-issued photo ID card.
- Any current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document with your name and address.
- An ID Confirmation Statement.
- [For a more detailed list of acceptable IDs.](#)

Can I vote if I forget my ID?

Yes. You can sign an ID statement affirming your identity, you will be able to vote a regular ballot.

If you do not sign an ID statement to affirm your identity you may vote a provisional ballot. You will be provided instructions to ensure your vote will count.

Registration Deadline:

- To register to vote: Tuesday, October 13, 2020.
- Update an existing registration: Tuesday, October 13, 2020.
- Online voter registration status can be found here: <https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation>.

Absentee Ballot Deadlines:

- Requests for mail-in absentee ballots begins: Friday, September 18, 2020.
- Last day to request a mail-in absentee ballot to be mailed to you: Friday, October 23, 2020.
- Requests must be received by your local Registrar's Office no later than 5:00 pm on Election Day.

Early Voting:



- Starts: Friday, September 18, 2020.
- Ends: Saturday, October 31, 2020.

Commonwealth of Virginia Sample Election Ballot

Commonwealth of Virginia
SAMPLE BALLOT
 County of Albemarle
 General and Special Elections
 Tuesday, November 3, 2020

Instructions

- To vote for a candidate, use a black ballpoint pen to fill in the oval next to the name.
- To vote for a candidate who is not on the ballot, fill in the oval next to the "Write-in" line and print that person's name clearly on the line.
- To vote on a question, fill in the oval next to Yes or No.
- If you want to change a vote or have made a mistake, ask an election official for another ballot. Do not make marks other than filling the oval.

<p style="text-align: center;">President and Vice President Vote for only one</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> DEMOCRATIC PARTY Electors for Joseph R. Biden, President Kamala D. Harris, Vice President <input type="radio"/> REPUBLICAN PARTY Electors for Donald J. Trump, President Michael R. Pence, Vice President <input type="radio"/> LIBERTARIAN PARTY Electors for Jo Jorgensen, President Jeremy F. "Spike" Cohen, Vice President <input type="radio"/> _____ Write-in <p style="text-align: center;">Member United States Senate Vote for only one</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Mark R. Warner - D <input type="radio"/> Daniel M. Gade - R <input type="radio"/> _____ Write-in <p style="text-align: center;">Member House of Representatives 5th District Vote for only one</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> B. Cameron Webb - D <input type="radio"/> Robert G. "Bob" Good - R <input type="radio"/> _____ Write-in 	<p style="text-align: center;">Constitutional Amendment #1</p> <p>Should the Constitution of Virginia be amended to establish a redistricting commission, consisting of eight members of the General Assembly and eight citizens of the Commonwealth, that is responsible for drawing the congressional and state legislative districts that will be subsequently voted on, but not changed by, the General Assembly and enacted without the Governor's involvement and to give the responsibility of drawing districts to the Supreme Court of Virginia if the redistricting commission fails to draw districts or the General Assembly fails to enact districts by certain deadlines?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <p style="text-align: center;">Constitutional Amendment #2</p> <p>Should an automobile or pickup truck that is owned and used primarily by or for a veteran of the United States armed forces or the Virginia National Guard who has a one hundred percent service-connected, permanent, and total disability be free from state and local taxation?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
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 401 McIntire Road • Charlottesville, VA 22902

The authority statement printed above must be removed and replaced with the appropriate authority statement for the candidate, committee, individual or group using this ballot for their own purposes. The authority statement used for this ballot must comply with the requirements of either federal or state law, as appropriate. For state requirements, see §24.2-955 et seq. of the Code of Virginia. For federal requirements, call the Federal Election Commission, 1-800-424-9530.

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Proposed Amendments to the Constitution

Proposed Constitutional Amendment #1

Ballot Question

“Should the Constitution of Virginia be amended to establish a redistricting commission, consisting of eight members of the General Assembly and eight citizens of the Commonwealth, that is responsible for drawing the congressional and state legislative districts that will be subsequently voted on, but not changed by, the General Assembly and enacted without the Governor's involvement and to give the responsibility of drawing districts to the Supreme Court of Virginia if the redistricting commission fails to draw districts or the General Assembly fails to enact districts by certain deadlines?”

Current Law

Under the current Constitution, the General Assembly and the Governor are responsible for drawing new election districts for the U.S. House of Representatives, the state Senate, and the House of Delegates. These districts are required to be compact and contiguous, and to have populations that are equal to each other.

What the New Amendment Proposes

The proposed amendment would shift the responsibility of drawing these election districts from the General Assembly and the Governor to a bipartisan commission, made up of 16 persons, half being members of the General Assembly and half being citizens of the Commonwealth. This commission would draw the election districts for the U.S. House of Representatives, the state Senate, and the House of Delegates and then submit the maps to the General Assembly for approval. If the commissioners are unable to agree on proposals for maps by a certain date, or if the General Assembly does not approve the submitted maps by a certain date, the commission is allotted additional time to draw new districts, but if maps are not then submitted or approved, the Supreme Court of Virginia becomes responsible for drawing these election districts.

The eight legislative commissioners are appointed by the political party leadership in the state Senate and the House of Delegates, with an equal number from each house and from each major political party. The eight citizen commissioners are picked by a committee of five retired circuit court judges. Four of the retired judges are selected by party leaders in the Senate and the House from a list compiled by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia. These four judges pick the fifth judge from the same list. This selection committee then chooses citizen commissioners from lists created by party leaders in the Senate and the House. Members and employees of Congress or the General Assembly cannot be citizen Commissioners. For a plan to be submitted for the General Assembly's approval, at least six of the eight citizen commissioners and at least six of the eight legislative commissioners must agree to it.

Additionally, for plans for General Assembly districts to be submitted, at least three of the four Senators on the commission have to agree to the Senate districts plan and at least three of the four Delegates on the commission have to agree to the House of Delegates districts plan. The General Assembly cannot make any changes to these plans, and the Governor cannot veto any plan approved by the General Assembly.

A “yes” vote will make a bipartisan commission responsible for the initial drawing of election Districts.

A “no” vote will leave the sole responsibility for drawing the districts with the General Assembly and the Governor.

For the full text of the amendment: www.elections.virginia.gov/proposed-constitutional-amendment-2020/

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution

Proposed Constitutional Amendment #2

Ballot Question

“Should an automobile or pickup truck that is owned and used primarily by or for a veteran of the United States armed forces or the Virginia National Guard who has a one hundred percent service-connected, permanent, and total disability be free from state and local taxation?”

Current law

Generally, the Constitution of Virginia requires all property be taxed. However, there are certain types of property that the Constitution specifically says is not subject to taxation. (Explanation from Virginia Dept. of Elections)

Proposed amendment

This amendment would add to the list of property that is not subject to state or local taxation one motor vehicle owned and used primarily by or for a veteran of the United States armed forces or the Virginia National Guard who has a one hundred percent (100%) service-connected, permanent, and total disability. The amendment says that motor vehicle means an automobile or pickup truck. The motor vehicle would be exempt from taxation beginning on the date the veteran gets the motor vehicle or January 1, 2021, whichever is later. Under this amendment, a motor vehicle that is owned by the spouse of a veteran of the United States armed forces or the Virginia National Guard with a one hundred percent (100%) service-connected, permanent, and total disability could also be free from taxation. The General Assembly is allowed to pass a law that places conditions or restrictions on this exemption.

A "yes" vote will mean the Constitution of Virginia will be amended to exempt one automobile or pickup truck that is owned and used primarily by or for a veteran of the United States armed forces or the Virginia National Guard who has a one hundred percent (100%) service-connected, permanent, and total disability from state and local taxation.

A "no" vote will leave the Constitution of Virginia unchanged and automobiles and pickup trucks owned and used primarily by or for a veteran of the United States armed forces or the Virginia National Guard who has a one hundred percent (100%) service-connected, permanent, and total disability will continue to be subject to state and local taxes.

For full text of the amendment: <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/proposed-constitutional-amendment-2020/>

U.S. Presidential Election

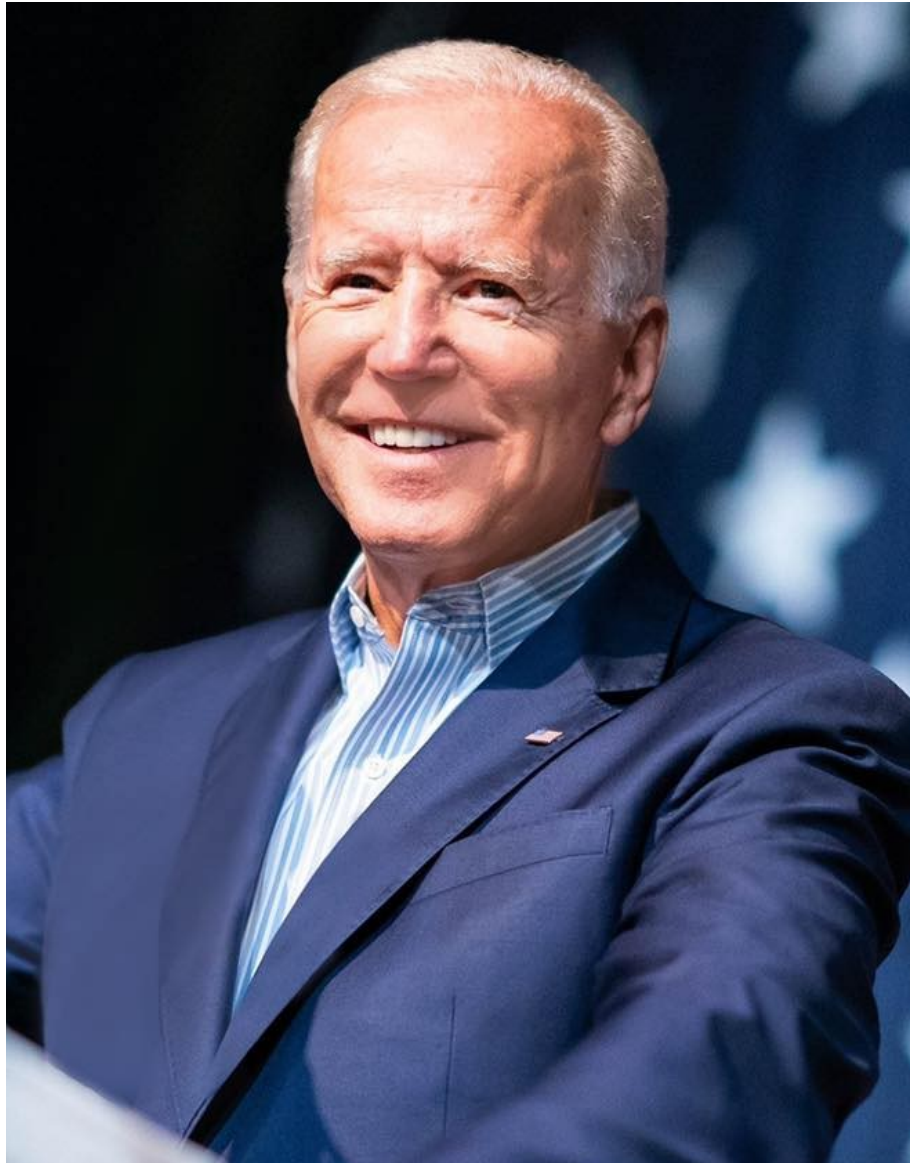
Democratic Candidate Joseph R. Biden, Jr.

Candidate's Website:

joebiden.com

Biography:

Born on November 20, 1946 in Scranton, Pennsylvania, Joe Biden graduated from the University of Delaware with a degree in history and political science followed by a law degree from the University of Syracuse School of Law. Biden returned to Delaware and worked as a lawyer and part-time public defender. In 1970, he was elected to the New Castle County Council and, in 1973, he was elected to the U.S. Senate to represent the state of Delaware. In 2009, he was elected as vice-president of the United States as part of the Obama Administration and in 2012 he was re-elected to his second term as vice-president. Biden is married to Dr. Jill Biden and has three children (two deceased).



Policy Positions

Criminal Justice Reform

- Opposes the death penalty.
- Favors eliminating mandatory minimum sentencing.
- Favors community-oriented policing to facilitate trust between law enforcement and communities.

Systemic Racism

- Favors ending the school-to-prison pipeline through prevention.
- Favors ending crack and cocaine sentencing disparities.

LGBTQ+ Rights

- Opposes ban on transgender individuals serving in the military.
- Favors expanded access for health care to LGBTQ+ individuals.
- Favors enactment of the Equality Act.

Gun Control

- Favors universal background checks.
- Favors ending the online sale of firearms and ammunition.

Immigration

- Opposes construction of the wall along the U.S. southern border.
- Favors ending the separation of children from their parents at the border.
- Favors protecting the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program (DACA).

Climate Change

- Favors the Biden Plan: that the U.S. reach a 100% clean energy economy and net-zero emissions by 2050.
- Favors the U.S. rejoining the Paris Climate Accords.

Economy

- Favors the creation of jobs through the building and updating of America's infrastructure such as transportation systems, communication networks, and electrical systems.
- Favors issuing microloans to new farmers.
- Favors the federal minimum wage being increased to \$15 per hour.

Education

- Favors expansion of the public service loan forgiveness plan.
- Favors two free years of community college or technical school education.

Health Care

- Favors nationwide mask mandates and increased testing in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Favors women's choice in abortion.

Republican Candidate Donald J. Trump

Candidate's Website:

donaldjtrump.com

Biography:

Born in Queens, New York on June 14, 1946, Donald J. Trump graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Finance & Commerce. Prior to entering politics, he was founder and president of the Trump Organization, a private real estate development firm. He is also an author of such books as *The Art of the Deal* and television presenter in *The Celebrity Apprentice*. On January 20, 2017, he was inaugurated as the 45th President of the United States. Trump is married to Melania Trump and has five children.



Policy Positions

Criminal Justice Reform

- Favors the death penalty.
- Favors the use of mandatory minimum sentencing.
- Favors the hiring of more police officers.

Systemic Racism

- Opposes the belief that systemic racism exists.
- Restricted diversity training in federal agencies.

LGBTQ+ Rights

- Banned transgender people from serving in the military.
- Dismissed civil rights protection for transgender people regarding sexual discrimination in health care.
- Favors the use of the Hate Crimes Prevention Act against defendants for crimes committed against others due to their gender identity.

Gun Control

- Favors certain background checks; signed the 2018 Fix NICS (National Instant Criminal Background Check System) Act.
- Favors prosecution of illegal firearm possession.

Immigration

- Favors the construction of a border wall along the U.S. southern border.
- Favors the elimination of the Family Reunification Program (also referred to as chain migration).
- Favors the removal of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program.

Climate Change

- Favors deregulation of climate-related policies as outlined in Executive Order 13771.
- Favors oil and gas exploration within the U.S.

Economy

- Favors the expansion of Opportunity Zones.
- Favors private investments in the rural community.
- Opposes federal legislation raising the minimum wage to \$15 per hour.

Education

- Favors elimination of the public service loan forgiveness plan.
- Favors temporary relief for student loans due to COVID-19.

Health Care

- Opposes nationwide mask mandates in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Opposes abortion except in rape, incest and protecting the life of the mother.

Libertarian Candidate Jo Jorgensen

Candidate's Website:

Jo20.com

Biography:

Born on May 1, 1957 in Libertyville, Illinois, Dr. Jo Jorgensen graduated from Baylor University in 1979 with a degree in psychology and Southern Methodist University in 1980 with a master's in business administration. She went on to start multiple software and technology companies before running as the Libertarian Party's South Carolina 4th Congressional District candidate in 1992 and Libertarian candidate for vice president of the United States in 1996. In 2002, she started a business consulting company and earned her Ph.D. from Clemson University in Industrial/Organizational Psychology in 2002. In 2006, she became a full-time lecturer in psychology at Clemson University. Dr. Jorgensen is married to her husband and has two children.



Policy Positions

Criminal Justice Reform

- Opposes the death penalty.
- Opposes federal civil asset forfeiture and qualified immunity.
- Favors defunding the police.

Systemic Racism

- Favors the decriminalization of drug use.
- Opposes mandatory minimum sentencing.

LGBTQ+ Rights

- Favors same sex marriage.
- Favors the inclusion of gender identity into anti-discrimination laws.
- Favors equal adoption rights for same sex couples.

Gun Control

- Opposes allowing victims of gun violence to sue firearms dealers and manufacturers.
- Opposes additional restrictions.

Immigration

- Favors deporting illegal immigrants who commit serious crimes.
- Opposes deporting illegal immigrants before they are eligible for citizenship.
- Opposes construction of a wall along the U.S. Southern border.

Climate Change

- Opposes the Green New Deal.
- Favors the use of nuclear power plants and off-grid solar power to replace fossil fuel use.

Economy

- Favors the elimination of the federal income tax.
- Favors the decrease in government spending and taxes.
- Favors the reduction or elimination of government departments or programs that are deemed superfluous.

Education

- Favors elimination of the Department of Education.
- Opposes federal government paying for student tuition to 4-year colleges.

Health Care

- Favors the removal of federal government involvement from health care, including subsidies and regulations regarding abortion.
- Favors elimination of the FDA efficacy requirements to streamline the approval process for new treatments.

Virginia Senatorial Election

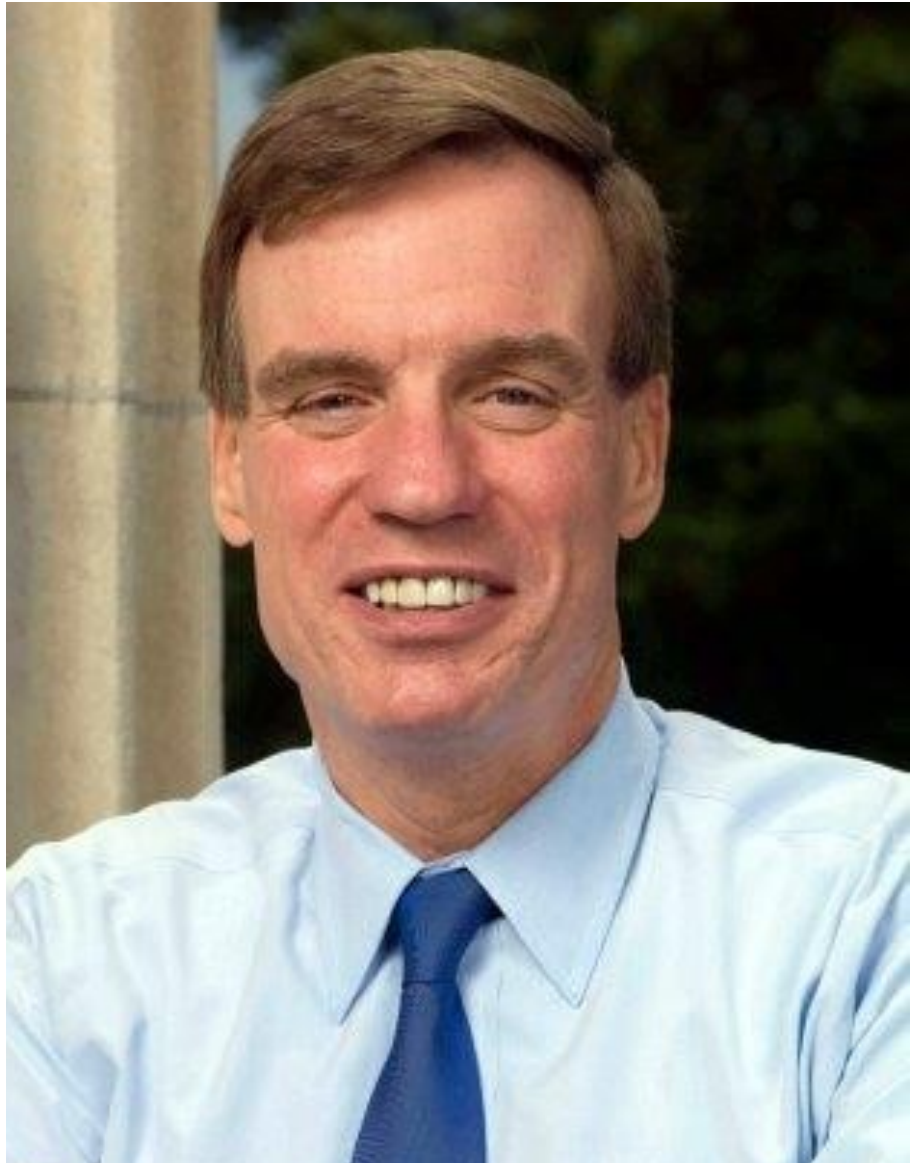
Democratic Candidate Mark Warner

Candidate's Website:

markwarnerva.com

Biography:

Born December 15, 1954 in Indianapolis, Indiana, Mark Warner graduated from George Washington University in 1977 and Harvard University School of Law in 1980. Prior to entering politics, he worked in technology and business for 20 years, during which time he co-founded the cellular company later known as Nextel. In 2002, he was elected Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia. In 2006, he was elected to represent the Commonwealth in the U.S. Senate, where he has served for two terms. Warner currently serves on the Senate Finance, Banking, Budget, and Rules Committee as well as the ranking member of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. Warner is married to Lisa Collis, and they have three children.



Policy Positions

Criminal Justice Reform

- Favors the death penalty.
- Favors eliminating minimum mandatory sentencing.

LGBTQ+ Rights

- Banned sexual orientation discrimination as Governor.

Gun Control

- Favors stronger background checks.

Immigration

- Supports a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants who are already living, working and paying taxes in the United States.

Economy

- Favors the federal minimum wage being increased to \$15 per hour.
- Opposes scaled-back COVID-19 stimulus; supports larger-scale COVID-19 stimulus package.

Education

- Favors decreasing student debt through refinancing and income-based repayment.

Health Care

- Favors women's choice in abortion.

Virginia Senatorial Election

Republican Candidate Daniel Gade

Candidate's Website:

gadeforvirginia.com

Biography:

Born on February 12, 1975 in Minot, North Dakota, Daniel Gade enlisted in the U.S Army in 1992 and went on to graduate from the U.S. Army Military Academy in 1997. After serving two tours in Iraq and being injured, he earned both his Master's Degree and his Ph.D. from the University of Georgia in public administration and policy. Later on, he went on to serve as an associate professor at the U.S. Military Academy. Gade retired from the U.S. Army after more than 20 years of service at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. After his military career, he worked in both the George W. Bush and Donald Trump administrations and currently works as an associate professor at American University. Gade is married to Wendy Gade, and they have three children.



Policy Positions

Criminal Justice Reform

- Favors the death penalty.
- Favors reform of police immunity.

LGBTQ+ Rights

- Opposes government involvement in marriage on the grounds that it is a religious ceremony.

Gun Control

- Favors certain background checks to identify those with criminal backgrounds and mental illness.

Immigration

- Favors blocking the deportations of Central Americans who have been in the country legally for decades with temporary protected status.

Economy

- Favors a flat-tax.
- Favors scaled-back COVID-19 stimulus package.

Education

- Opposes decreasing student loan debt.

Health Care

- Opposes women's choice in abortion.

5th Congressional District Election

Democratic Candidate Dr. Cameron Webb

Candidate's Website:

drcameronwebb.com

Biography:

Born in Spotsylvania, Virginia, Dr. Cameron Webb graduated from UVA with a degree in Law and a degree in medicine before being recruited into the White House Medical Unit. During his tenure at the White House, Webb participated in President Obama's My Brother's Keeper initiative, helping young men and women of color to overcome inequality gaps and achieve their goals. He currently resides in Charlottesville with his wife, Leigh-Ann Webb, and two children, where he serves as the Director of Health Policy and Equity at the UVA School of Medicine.



Policy Positions

Criminal Justice Reform

- Favors decriminalizing mental health crises and legalizing marijuana.
- Favors diverting excess funds from the police force to fund healthcare and schools.

LGBTQ+ Rights

- Favors updating the Violence Against Women Act to ensure protections for LGBTQ+ victims of domestic abuse.

Gun Control

- Favors red flag laws and universal background checks.

Immigration

- Favors increased protections for the DACA program, Temporary Protected Status and Deferred Enforced Departure.

Climate Change

- Favors transitioning Virginia's electric grid to clean energy from renewable sources.
- Opposes the Green New Deal.

Economy

- Favors the federal minimum wage being increased to \$15 per hour.
- Supports raising the capital gains tax on corporations.
- Advocates for increased funding of broadband internet access.

Education

- Favors tuition free colleges.

Health care

- Favors protecting people suffering from COVID-19 who cannot work from eviction, mortgage, and student loan debt.
- Favors increasing funding to reproductive healthcare services such as Planned Parenthood.

5th Congressional District Election

Republican Candidate Bob Good

Candidate's Website:

bobgoodforcongress.com

Biography:

Bob Good graduated from Liberty University with an undergraduate finance degree. He went on to serve as a district manager for CitiFinancial until 2005, when he became a senior staff member of Liberty Universities' Athletics department. Entering the field of politics in 2016, he served on the Campbell County Board of Supervisors, where he reduced unnecessary spending and advocated for conservative principles.

Good lives in Lynchburg with his wife, Tracey Good, and three children.



Policy Positions

Criminal Justice Reform

- Favors providing police departments with additional funding.

LGBTQ+ Rights:

- Opposes same-sex marriage.

Gun Control

- Opposes placing restrictions on second amendment gun rights.

Immigration

- Favors stopping illegal immigration.

Climate Change

- Favors relying on American sources for energy instead of foreign sources.
- Favors the withdrawal from the Paris Climate Accord.

Economy

- Favors reducing taxes and limiting government spending.
- Opposes raising the federal minimum wage to \$15 per hour.
- Favors reversal of economic regulations on businesses.
- Favors safely reopening businesses to jumpstart the economy.

Education

- Unknown stance.

Health care

- Opposes abortion under any circumstances.

7th Congressional District Election

Democratic Candidate Abigail A. Spanberger

Candidate's website:

abigailspanberger.com

Biography:

Abigail A. Spanberger was born in Red Bank, New Jersey and grew up in Henrico County. She earned her B.A. at the University of Virginia and her MBA at a dual degree program between Purdue University's Krannert School and the GISMA Business School in Hanover, Germany. Her career in public service began serving as a federal agent with the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, and she later served as a case officer with the CIA. Spanberger serves on the U.S. House Committee on Agriculture as Chair of the Conservation & Forestry Subcommittee and as a member of the Commodity Exchanges, Energy, & Credit Subcommittee, and the U.S. House Committee on Foreign Affairs as Vice-Chair of the Europe, Eurasia, Energy, & the Environment Subcommittee and as a member of the Asia, the Pacific, & Nonproliferation Subcommittee. Spanberger is married to her husband, Adam Spanberger, and has three children.



Policy Positions

Criminal Justice Reform

- Favors legislation to reduce mass incarceration.
- Favors treating drug addiction as a public health issue and not a crime.

LGBTQ+ Rights

- Favors expanding rights for LGBTQ+ people to protect against discrimination or harassment.

Gun Control

- Favors measures that would improve background checks for all firearm purchases, and fund nonpartisan federal research of gun-related violence and deaths by suicide.

Immigration

- Favors creating an earned pathway to legal status for tax-paying, law-abiding undocumented immigrants currently living in the U.S.

Climate Change

- Supports a transition from fossil fuel dependence to increased reliance on clean energy sources.

Economy

- Favors the federal minimum wage being increased to \$15 per hour.

Education

- Favors lowering the cost of education to address the growing student loan debt crisis.

Health care

- Favors the Affordable Care Act (ACA).
- Supports maintaining federal funding to Planned Parenthood.

7th Congressional District Election

Republican Candidate Nick Freitas

Candidate's website:

nickforva.com

Biography:

Nick Freitas was born in Chico, California. After graduating high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served with the 82nd Airborne Division and 25th Light Infantry Division as an Infantryman. He has also served in the U.S. Army Special Forces and served 2 tours in Iraq as a Special Forces Weapons Sergeant and Special Forces Intelligence Sergeant. He was elected to be the Culpeper County Republican Committee Chairman in 2014. In 2015, Freitas ran for the Virginia House of Delegates for the 30th district and ran unopposed in both the Republican primary and the general election, and took office in January 2016. As a member of the House of Delegates, Freitas serves on the Transportation Committee and the Communications, Technology and Innovation Committee. Freitas is married to his wife, Tina Freitas, and has three children.



Policy Positions

Criminal Justice Reform

- Favors a restorative justice approach that categorizes different types of crimes into violent, non-violent, and victimless.
- Favors decriminalization of marijuana.

LGBTQ+ Rights

- Opposes legislation requiring the state to reissue birth certificates to conform with a person's self-identity.

Gun Control

- Opposes placing restrictions on second amendment gun rights.

Immigration

- Favors stronger border security and merit based system of immigration.

Climate Change

- Opposes climate change research being used to inform public policy.

Economy

- Favors lowering taxes and free market economy.

Education

- Favors school voucher system.

Health care

- Favors repealing the Affordable Care Act.
- Supports defunding Planned Parenthood.

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