

2026 PVCC Non-partisan Voter Guide



Voting Information

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 be currently declared mentally incompetent by a court of law.
- Have had right to vote restored if convicted of a felony.

Registration Deadline:

- To register to vote: Oct. 23
- Update an existing registration: Oct. 23

VOTERS MAY REGISTER TO VOTE AFTER THIS DEADLINE, THROUGH ELECTION DAY, AND VOTE USING A PROVISIONAL BALLOT.

In-person ID Requirements (bring two of these just in case to prove ID on Election Day):

- 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.
- Valid 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.
- Valid U.S Military ID

Can I vote if I forget my ID?

Yes. You can sign an ID statement affirming your identity; you will be able to vote on a regular ballot. If you do not sign an ID statement to affirm your identity, you may vote on a provisional ballot. You will be provided instructions to ensure your vote will count.

ALL REGISTERED VOTERS IN VIRGINIA MAY VOTE EARLY, EITHER IN PERSON OR BY MAIL

Absentee Ballot Deadlines:

- Last day to request a mail-in absentee ballot to be mailed to you: Oct. 23
- Requests must be received by your local Registrar's Office no later than 5 p.m. on Election Day.

Early Voting:

- Starts: Friday, Sept. 18
- Ends: Saturday, Oct. 31

In-person voting:

Nov. 3, 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

What to expect:

Election officers will be there to help you:

- Check in
- Say or write your name and address. Show acceptable ID
- Receive and check ballot
- Make sure it includes all contests for your district
- Go to booth
- On your ballot, fill in your choices and scan when finished.

If any issues, please ask an election officer for assistance

Voters Rights:

- Ask for a new ballot if you want to change your vote before you cast it
- Vote a provisional ballot if your name doesn't appear on the voter list or you forgot to bring acceptable ID (and refuse to sign an ID confirmation statement).
- Vote if you are in line by 7 p.m. on Election Day when the polls close.
- For more, visit: elections.virginia.gov/rights

Accessible Voting:

There are accessible voting options at each polling place and early voting location.

If you are 65 or older, or have a disability, you can vote from your vehicle at the polls on Election Day or at an early voting location.

- Locate a curbside voting sign for instructions on how to alert election staff of your need for curbside assistance.
- You may also bring someone with you who can assist you with voting. You can get help reading or writing from an election officer or your own assistant.

If you are blind, have low vision, or have impaired manual dexterity (e.g. have a print disability), accessible voting options are available, including but not limited to:

- Using an electronic ballot marking tool for absentee ballots
- Accessible voting equipment at the polling place.

Your general registrar or an officer election can assist you in accessing these options.

For more information: elections.virginia.gov/accessible

Editors' Note

The order in which candidates are listed within this guide reflects the order they will be presented on the ballot. This year, we have decided to include the candidates' own statements about various political issues, quoted directly from a candidate's official website linked on *Ballotpedia*. We have included URLs for the websites, so voters can learn more and see any changes candidates may make in the days before the election. The following candidates did not have official websites reported when information was gathered in early September:

5th District

- Cooke Harvey (Independent)

7th District

- Joshua Ertle (Independent)
- Randall Terry (Independent)

Senate Candidate

Mark R. Warner (D)

Official Website:
www.warner.senate.gov

Campaign Website:
www.markwarnerva.com/

Economy

“The United States is 3.7 million homes short of meeting basic housing needs. In the Senate, Mark’s plan is designed to expand housing supply and bring down costs by encouraging rehabilitation of existing structures, speeding up permitting, and making it easier for first-time homebuyers to obtain their first mortgage. He has also worked to drive down the cost of child care by addressing the child care labor crisis.”

“Mark believes the AI companies and big corporations that stand to massively profit from this disruption must do their part, including preparing workers for the economy of the future and paying their fair share of the enormous energy demands AI will place on our grid.”

Energy

“In the Senate, Senator Warner has worked to defend investments in clean energy and advanced manufacturing, including offshore wind, nuclear, and other zero-carbon technologies that create jobs and lower energy costs.”

Veterans

“Mark has delivered major improvements for veterans by strengthening VA facilities, expanding access to health care, and modernizing benefits to meet today’s challenges. He championed legislation to address toxic exposure, improve mental health care, reduce wait times at VA clinics and make sure that veterans can receive the care they deserve closer to home. Mark has also led efforts to repair substandard military housing so that servicemembers and their families have the stability and dignity they deserve.”



Senate Candidate

Bert Mizusawa (R)

Website: bertforsenate.com

Economy

“The national debt has more than tripled since Mark Warner took office. Back then he said he would lead the way to balancing the budget, but he's joined the Democratic leadership in Washington to enact a tax-and-spend agenda. In the Senate, I will focus on balancing the budget to protect future generations from financial ruin.”

“In the Senate, I will lower the tax on selling your home, lower the tax burden on Virginia families, and help bring down the cost of living.”

“In Washington, I will lower healthcare costs for Virginians. That starts with holding insurance companies accountable and funding for rural hospitals, funding that Mark Warner refused to support.”

Energy

“Nuclear power is clean, cheap, reliable and safe. Today's nuclear technology is, as they say, not your father's technology. I support bringing new nuclear power on-line to slash the ever-increasing energy costs for American households.”

Veterans

“As a four-time combat veteran with 41 years in uniform, I understand the difficult issues facing veterans, their families and survivors. I will protect veterans' benefits, expand access to quality healthcare, and ensure veterans aren't stuck waiting on Washington for the care they earned.”



5th District Representative

Tom S. P. Perriello (D)

Website: www.tomperriellova.com

Economy

“Restore the affordability tax credits and lower middle-class premiums. Marketplace premiums jumped hundreds of dollars in 2026 and are set to rise again. ACA credits that help working families must be reinstated.”

“Tom's most urgent priority will be to save families money by ending the tariffs that spiked grocery bills [and], ending the Iran war that's made gas and fertilizer prices insane.”

Energy

“Tom strongly opposes Valley Link, and he is not waiting until he is in office to fight Valley Link. Over the past few months, Tom has been in the fight alongside residents and community groups, raising awareness and donations for efforts to Block Valley Link. Tom is prepared to use his office in Congress to help communities defeat this project.”

“Ensure that federal agencies protect consumers and communities. Focus oversight on pushing the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and other agencies to act transparently and in public interest.”

Immigration

“Hold immigration enforcement to the Constitution. No warrantless raids. No arrests at courthouses, schools, or churches. No racial profiling. No locking people up without a fair hearing, and real accountability when agents violate civil liberties.” “Refocus federal law enforcement on real threats. Federal law enforcement should pursue people who actually endanger us. This year we saw what happens when Washington forgets that.” “Invest in real border security. Fund the officers, judges, and tech that actually secure the border, and clear the case backlog that leaves millions who followed the rules living in fear.”



5th District Representative

John J. McGuire III (R)

Official Website: mcguire.house.gov

Campaign Website:
www.mcguireva.com

Economy

“For many, owning a home is the American dream but it's been out of reach for far too long. Too many Americans are becoming lifelong renters. This bill [Home Savings Act] will pave the way for removing financial barriers to home ownership. This Act is ending a cycle of throwing away money in renting and helping young people invest in their future.”

Energy

“Energy is not a playground for political agendas or corporate greenwashing. The FAIR Act restores fairness to our utility system by protecting ratepayers from costly and dangerous distractions that are driving up bills, enriching executives, and putting entire communities at risk. I am proud to introduce this legislation.” [The press release defined the FAIR ACT: "The FAIR Act prohibits state regulators from approving rate hikes if utilities engage in speculative ESG policies or discriminatory DEI practices that are not directly tied to public safety, environmental compliance, or delivering service.”



Immigration

“American citizenship is a privilege, and an honor that must be protected. For too long, foreign nationals have exploited the process of birthright citizenship through loopholes like birth tourism, devaluing what it means to be an American. My Birthright Citizenship Clarification Act of 2026 safeguards the privilege of being a citizen of our great nation. Republicans are committed to securing our borders and ensuring the people coming to our great country value and follow the ideals that make America so special.”

7th District Representative

Eugene S. Vindman (D)

Website: vindmanforcongress.com

Economy

“Eugene is committed to building an economy that delivers for working families and strengthens the middle class. His top priority is cutting taxes and lowering costs for working families across the Commonwealth and the country. In Congress, Eugene is working to crack down on anti-competitive business practices, lower costs for working families, support small businesses, and ensure economic development creates opportunity in every community. Vindman supports an all-of-the-above energy strategy, an end to costly foreign wars, and smart economic policies that lower gas prices and utility bills for American families.”

Energy

“Eugene believes that confronting climate change is both a moral responsibility and an economic opportunity. He supports bold investments in clean energy, efforts to reduce carbon emissions, transitioning away from fossil fuels, lowering energy bills for Virginians and policies that position Virginia as a leader in the green economy.

Eugene sees the potential for clean energy industries to create good-paying jobs across the Commonwealth — and he’s fighting to turn these ideas into reality. As a father of two, he’s committed to protecting our environment for the next generation.”

Immigration

“Eugene’s story begins with America opening its doors to his family in a moment of need. As an immigrant and refugee, he believes we can secure our border while still leading with decency. He knows that America is at its best when we treat people with dignity and respect, and that is why he joined community leaders in standing against proposed U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement mega-detention facilities in Stafford and Hanover.” “Eugene supports cracking down on transnational crime and violent criminals, alongside simpler, legal pathways for people who pay their taxes and are trying to do things the right way. He believes our focus should be on real threats, not punishing the families and small businesses that strengthen our communities.”



7th District Representative

Doug A. Ollivant (R)

Website: www.dougforvirginia.com

Economy

“Taxpayers deserve a government that respects their hard work and uses their dollars wisely. I’m committed to easing the tax burden on families and businesses by promoting fiscal responsibility and reducing unnecessary spending.” “America cannot remain strong if we depend on foreign countries for the products, materials, and technology our families, businesses, and military need. For too long, we have allowed critical manufacturing jobs and supply chains to move overseas, weakening our communities and leaving our nation vulnerable in emergencies.”

Energy

“Virginia’s families deserve affordable energy, and our communities need reliable power they can count on. That’s why I support a common sense all-of-the-above approach, with small modular nuclear reactors and natural gas at the center. Nuclear provides safe, carbon-free power around the clock, while natural gas has already lowered bills and cut emissions—proving innovation works better than Washington mandates.”

Immigration

“Illegal immigration and drug trafficking are critical national security issues, and with my experience at the White House as Director for Iraq at the National Security Council, I will treat them as such. I support strong enforcement of our immigration laws to stop unlawful entry and deter those who exploit our system. But it’s not just about the border—it’s about what’s coming across it. Fentanyl is killing thousands of Americans every month, and it’s flooding into our communities through cartel-run trafficking routes. We must treat this like the emergency it is: empowering law enforcement, increasing penalties for traffickers, and enhancing cooperation across federal, state, and local agencies. I’ll fight to shut down the pipeline of poison and hold both foreign suppliers and domestic dealers accountable—because every family deserves a community free from fear and addiction.”



7th District Representative

Taner E. Demirci Lopez (L)

Website: lopezforva.com/

Economy

“A big and important topic: the size of the federal government and its spending. Its growing costs force contributors to pay more and more in taxes every year. We are taxed when we receive our salaries. We are taxed when we buy groceries. We are taxed when we run businesses. We are taxed when we file our taxes. Tax, tax, tax!”

“First of all, I will oppose any bill that requires additional taxation. Second, through internal study within the party, I will introduce bills in Congress aimed at reducing taxes at the federal level. This will include reducing personnel across all federal departments.”

Energy

“Large data-center and transmission projects are arriving faster than communities can respond. Families are worried about land, water, roads, and rising power bills. Jobs are real. So are the costs shifted onto ratepayers and neighbors who never consented.”

Immigration

“I will immediately introduce the American Controlled Immigration Workforce and Security Act, a bold, commonsense bill that finally ends the immigration chaos and puts America first.” “Under this legislation, every undocumented immigrant will have one clear path: voluntarily submit to a full background check and national security vetting. Those who are not criminals will not be deported and will not be thrown in jail. In exchange, they must register with the federal government, disclose exactly where they live, and fulfill their duty to contribute to the society that is sheltering them.”

“We will establish dedicated national training institutions to transform them into the skilled workforce our country urgently needs. Importantly, they will pay for their own training, covering the full cost upfront or through structured repayment on top of the taxes they will pay once they begin earning wages. Every dollar they contribute will go directly toward reducing the burden on American taxpayers and putting money back in the pockets of hardworking families.”



7th District Representative

Alaha Ahrar (I)

Website:

www.alahaahrarforcongress.com

Economy

“No one should have to remain in danger because they lack a job, a credential, or a safe place to live.

- Career pathways that help survivors build financial independence.
- Trauma-informed mentorship that respects privacy and dignity.
- Housing-bridge pathways that move people from crisis toward stability.”

“Practical digital skills, career certification, entrepreneurship coaching, and local business support—so residents can connect experience to opportunity.

- Career-linked training in cybersecurity, cloud work, AI operations, e-commerce, and digital marketing.
- Entrepreneur Centers and peer-based business clubs for mentorship and startup support.
- A rapid-response pathway for career changers and federal workers navigating transition.”

Energy

“Regenerative agriculture, indoor farming, and family wealth tools can create jobs while strengthening local resilience.

- Indoor and controlled-environment agriculture tied to training and enterprise.
- Triple-net-zero community concepts adapted to local needs.
- Financial education and ownership pathways for the next generation.”

Immigration

“Virginia's immigrant communities are a source of skill, language, entrepreneurship, and leadership.

- Multilingual learning and digital-certification pathways.
- Support for immigrant-owned startups and community-rooted enterprise.
- Dignity-centered access to tools for stability and ownership.”



Proposed Amendments on Ballot

Ballot Question 1:

Should the Constitution of Virginia be amended to (i) protect the freedom to make personal decisions about prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care, birth control, abortion, miscarriage management, and fertility care; (ii) protect doctors, nurses, and patients from being punished for these decisions; and (iii) allow for restrictions on access to abortion during the third trimester of pregnancy except when the patient's health is at risk or the pregnancy cannot survive?

Present Law:

Currently, the Virginia Constitution does not explicitly provide to its citizens a right to reproductive freedom nor does it explicitly protect or prohibit certain kinds of health care procedures or decisions.

Proposed Law:

The proposed amendment would add to the Virginia Constitution's Bill of Rights the fundamental right to make and carry out decisions about a person's own reproductive care with only certain, specific exceptions. The proposed amendment specifically allows the state government to pass laws to regulate abortion care in the third trimester of pregnancy, but requires any such law to allow for abortion care when it is medically needed to protect the life and health of the pregnant person or because the fetus is not viable.

Ballot Question 2:

Should the Constitution of Virginia be amended to (i) remove the ban on same-sex marriage; (ii) affirm that two adults may marry regardless of sex, gender, or race; and (iii) require all legally valid marriages to be treated equally under the law?

Present Law:

Marriages, civil unions, and other legal relationships with the same rights, benefits, and effects of marriage between persons of the same sex or gender are prohibited under Virginia's Constitution. This prohibition is no longer enforceable as a result of the United States Supreme Court decision in *Obergefell v. Hodges* in 2015, but the prohibition on marriages between persons of the same sex or gender remains in the state's Constitution. If the Supreme Court were to overturn its previous decision, that prohibition would be enforceable again.

Proposed Law:

The proposed amendment removes the prohibition on marriages between persons of the same sex or gender from the Virginia Constitution's Bill of Rights. It is replaced with the

fundamental right to marry, requiring the state to recognize and treat equally under the law any lawful marriage between two adult persons, regardless of the sex, gender, or race of either person. The proposed amendment prohibits the state from denying a marriage license to two adult persons because of their sex, gender, or race.

Ballot Question 3:

Should the Constitution of Virginia be amended (i) to provide for the fundamental right to vote in the Commonwealth, (ii) to revise the qualifications of voters so that a person convicted of a felony is not entitled to vote during his period of incarceration but is automatically invested with the right to vote upon release from incarceration, and (iii) to update the existing prohibition on voting by persons found to be mentally incompetent to instead apply to persons who have been found to lack the capacity to understand the act of voting?

Present Law:

Virginia's Constitution currently provides that a person who is convicted of any felony loses the right to vote for the rest of their life unless the Governor of Virginia takes administrative action to restore that specific person's right to vote. This is the only means of getting back the right to vote after a felony conviction.

The current constitutional provision also imposes a broad restriction, while using outdated terminology, on voting by persons found to be incapacitated. A person who is determined by a court to be incapacitated, regardless of the kind of incapacity, loses the right to vote, and only a court can restore the person's right to vote later.

Proposed Law:

The proposed amendment enshrines in the Constitution the fundamental right of all qualified persons in the Commonwealth to vote. Two exceptions to this right are for persons who are serving a sentence of incarceration for a felony conviction and persons who are determined by a court to not understand the act of voting. Such right cannot otherwise be restricted by laws.

Under the proposed amendment, a person who is convicted of a felony loses the right to vote during their period of incarceration. Once released from incarceration, the person gets back the right to vote without needing to apply for restoration by the Governor.

The proposed amendment also requires a specific finding by a court that a person does not understand the act of voting in order for that person's right to vote to be taken away.

With the right to vote, a person also has the right to be a juror, the right to be elected to an office, and the right to be a notary public.

The information on these pages comes from the Virginia Department of Elections website: <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/election-law/referenda>.

5th District Sample Ballot

Commonwealth of Virginia Sample Ballot

County of Albemarle
Pct. 506 - Baker-Butler
General and Special Elections
Tuesday, November 3, 2026

Instructions to voters

To vote for a candidate, use a black pen to fill in the oval next to the name, like this:

To vote on an issue, fill in the oval next to Yes or No.

To write in a qualified candidate who is not already on the ballot, fill in the oval and write the name of the person on the line.

If you want to change a vote or have made a mistake, ask an election worker for another ballot.

If you make marks on the ballot besides filling in the oval, your votes may not be counted.



**Member
United States Senate**
Vote for only one

- ☐ Mark R. Warner - D
☐ Bert Mizusawa - R
☐

Write-in _____

Proposed Constitutional Amendment Question 2

Question: Should the Constitution of Virginia be amended to (i) remove the ban on same-sex marriage; (ii) affirm that two adults may marry regardless of sex, gender, or race; and (iii) require all legally valid marriages to be treated equally under the law?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

**Member
House of Representatives
5th District**
Vote for only one

- ☐ Tom S. P. Perriello - D
☐ John J. McGuire III - R
☐ Cooke C. Harvey - I
☐

Write-in _____

Proposed Constitutional Amendment Question 3

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- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Proposed Constitutional Amendment Question 1

Question: Should the Constitution of Virginia be amended to (i) protect the freedom to make personal decisions about prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care, birth control, abortion, miscarriage management, and fertility care; (ii) protect doctors, nurses, and patients from being punished for these decisions; and (iii) allow for restrictions on access to abortion during the third trimester of pregnancy except when the patient's health is at risk or the pregnancy cannot survive?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Sales Tax

Shall the County of Albemarle impose a one-percent (1%) sales and use tax to fund capital projects for the construction or renovation of schools, with revenues to be used solely for those purposes, and the tax to expire on June 30, 2046?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

END OF BALLOT

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7th District Sample Ballot

Commonwealth of Virginia Sample Ballot County of Culpeper

General and Special Elections
Tuesday, November 3, 2026

Instructions to voters

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Member United States Senate Vote for only one

- ☐ Mark R. Warner - D
☐ Bert Mizusawa - R
☐ _____
Write-in

Member House of Representatives 7th District Vote for only one

- ☐ Eugene S. Vindman - D
☐ Doug A. Ollivant - R
☐ Taner E. Demirci Lopez - L
☐ Alaha Ahrar - I
☐ Joshua E. Ertle - I
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- ☐ Yes
☐ No

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☐ No

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- ☐ Yes
☐ No

END OF BALLOT

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For more information, contact your local election administrator or the Virginia State Board of Elections at 1-800-424-9530.

Register to Vote



[https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/
Registration/DmvLookup](https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/Registration/DmvLookup)

Where do I Vote?



[http://www.elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-
ballot/polling-place-lookup/](http://www.elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot/polling-place-lookup/)

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