



Commonwealth of Virginia polls are open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. rain or shine.

The Leagues of Women Voters of Arlington, the Fairfax Area, Falls Church, Loudoun, and the Prince William Area Member-At-Large Unit, cooperated to produce this Voters' Guide to assist citizens in their decision making process as they prepare to vote.

A strictly nonpartisan political membership organization, the League of Women Voters (LWV) encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. **The League of Women Voters does not support any political party or candidate.**

Questionnaires were sent to all candidates who qualified to appear on the November 6, 2012 ballot. The LWV of Virginia sent questionnaires to the candidates for the U.S. Senate. The above-referenced Northern Virginia Leagues sent questionnaires to candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives representing our region.

Biographies and responses to the questions appear verbatim as written by the candidates and are not edited except to comply with Voters' Guide style and stipulated word and space limitations. A "/" at the end of their text indicates the word limit was exceeded. The candidates' original responses are on file with the Virginia and/or Northern Virginia Leagues respectively. Candidates are listed in the order in which they will appear on the ballot, as determined by lot by the Virginia State Board of Elections. This Voters' Guide identifies political party and incumbency by each name:

(R) = Republican, (D) = Democrat, (C) = Constitution, (L) = Libertarian, (G) = Green, (IG) = Independent Green, (I) = Independent (*) - Incumbent

For additional information on the Fall 2012 Voters' Guide, or the League of Women Voters, please visit the LWV of the Fairfax Area at www.lwv-fairfax.org or call 703-658-9150.

You may also find comprehensive, nonpartisan information on the November 6, 2012 elections on the LWV's interactive online website, www.VOTE411.org, sponsored by the LWV Education Fund.

For information on, voter registration, your precinct, the district in which you are eligible to vote, where to vote; what you will be voting on; what identification is permissible; or absentee voting; contact your local election office:

Fairfax County Office of Elections 703-222-0776
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections
City of Fairfax General Registrar 703-385-7890
www.fairfaxva.gov/Registrar/GeneralRegistrar.asp
You can also contact the Virginia State Board of Elections at 800-552-9745
or visit www.sbe.virginia.gov

IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED TO VOTE

Officers of Election are required to request identification from each voter. Virginia law changed this year, the Affirmation of Identity option is no longer available. New voter registration cards were mailed to all voters at the address on record. Please check your registration prior to election day. The deadline for changes was October 15. If you do not bring identification you may still vote a provisional ballot but must present identification to the local Electoral Board, by noon the Friday following the election, for your vote to be counted.

PLEASE BRING IDENTIFICATION WHEN YOU GO TO VOTE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2012.

Acceptable forms of identification can be **any ONE** of the following:

- Virginia voter registration card
- Valid Virginia driver's license
- Military identification card
- Any Federal, Virginia state, or local government-issued ID
- Valid student ID issued by any institution of higher education located in Virginia
- Employer-issued photo ID card
- Concealed handgun permit
- Current utility bill, bank statement, government check or paycheck indicating the name and address of the voter
- Social Security card (may not satisfy special federal ID requirements)

The League of Women Voters:

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United States President

The League of Women Voters Education Fund invited all qualified presidential candidates to provide biographical information and responses to six specific questions.

Candidates were qualified if they met the following criteria:

1. The candidate must have made a public announcement of her/his intention to run for President; 2. The candidate must qualify for the ballot in enough states to win a majority of electoral votes; and 3. The candidate must meet the Presidential Election Campaign Fund Act's minimum contribution threshold requirements for qualifying for matching funds, based on the most recent data publicly available on the FEC website by the date of publication.

Responses were limited to a specific number of characters and were truncated thereafter. If a candidate did not respond by the date of publication, "Candidate has not responded." is printed.

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Race: United States President

Qualifications: U.S. natural born citizen, at

least 35 years of age.

How Elected: The presidential election is solved state by state by the sum of electoral votes garnered. In Virginia the total of 13 electoral votes (11 Congressmen, and 2 Senators) are cast for the winner of the statewide popular vote. The Electoral College designee, of the winning candidate, cast their vote at a meeting in December after the vote totals are certified. Nationally a total of 270 or more votes are required to win.

Duties: The President is the head of state of the United States of America and is the Chief Executive Officer and is the Commander in Chief of all military forces. The powers of the President are described in the Constitution and federal law. The President appoints the members of the Cabinet, ambassadors to other nations and the United Nations, Supreme Court Justices and federal judges, subject to Senate approval. The President, along with the Cabinet and its agencies, is responsible for carrying out and enforcing the laws of the United States. The President may also recommend legislation

to the United States Congress.

Term: Four years. Limit of two terms.

Base Salary: \$400,000 per year.

SIX QUESTIONS:

1. Please identify your top **three goals** if elected.

2. In this time of high unemployment, what are the most important things that should be done to improve our nation's **economy**?

3. How can the federal government, in collaboration with other levels of government, provide an equitable, quality **public education** for all children pre-K through grade 12?

4. Please explain why you do or do not support cutting Medicare and Social Security to address the **federal deficit**.

5. Please explain why you do or do not support requiring timely and full disclosure of all **political expenditures** in federal campaigns.

6. Please explain why you do or do not support the Environmental Protection Agency's efforts to enforce strong **clean air and clean water** standards in America.

Mitt Romney (R)

www.mittromney.com



Personal Statement: I am running for president because I believe in America and know that our best days are still ahead. I will make it my priority to create 12 million new jobs and get our economy going again.

Three Goals: The first priority of a Romney Administration will be to create 12 million new jobs and get our economy going again. We must get our fiscal house in order. President Obama has put our nation on an unsustainable course. As president, Mitt Romney will set the country on the path to a balanced budget. And he will ensure we have a military so strong that no adversary would want to test it.

Economy: Mitt Romney will get America back to work by reforming our tax code so businesses can hire more workers, developing our domestic energy resources to create new jobs here at home, reversing burdensome job-destroying regulations—including Obamacare, and ensuring Americans receive education and training for today's jobs. His plan will also get spending under control to prevent a debt crisis.

Public Education: Mitt Romney believes that this important goal begins with providing parents with increased choice and information. He has put forth a plan that would allow federal funding to follow low-income and special needs students to the school of their choice. This plan also would support high quality charter schools in scaling up and reward states that recruit and retain the best teachers.

Federal Deficit: Entitlement programs like Social Security and Medicare are large parts of the federal budget. Mitt Romney's plan to reform these programs will not only protect the benefits and services of current seniors and those nearing retirement, but will strengthen the programs so they are available for future generations.

Political Expenditures: Mitt Romney understands that money can be a corrupting influence in politics. But layers of regulations have not taken money out of politics; they have instead created a system of PACs that are not accountable to the candidates they support. He believes the best solution is swift and full disclosure of all donations to candidates. This allows the American people to hold politicians accountable.

Clean Air and Water: Mitt Romney is proud of the environmental progress that we have made to improve our nation's air and water quality and supports continued progress. However, while our air and water laws have served us well over the years, he recognizes that they are significantly out of date and in need of reform.

Barack Obama (D)*

www.barackobama.com



Three Goals: As a nation, our challenges can be met by rebuilding the middle class and our economy on a stronger foundation. I have laid out a set of concrete goals on manufacturing, energy, education, national security, and the deficit that will create jobs, expand opportunity, and create an economy build to last.

Economy: When I took office we were losing private sector jobs at a rate of nearly 800,000 a month. Now we have experienced 30 straight months of private-sector job growth, creating 4.6 million private sector jobs. I have proposed steps to create a million more jobs by preventing teacher layoffs, putting construction workers back to work, bringing jobs back from overseas, and helping small businesses grow.

Public Education: My administration spurred 46 states to raise standards for teaching and learning and strengthened Head Start. Millions of students are paying less for college because we cut student loan subsidies for banks and doubled scholarships. We will recruit 100,000 math and science teachers, train 2 million workers for real jobs through community colleges, and cut the growth of tuition in half.

Federal Deficit: Social Security and Medicare are sacred compacts with seniors who earned benefits after a lifetime of hard work. I added eight years to the solvency of Medicare without cutting benefits by cracking down on waste, fraud, and subsidies to insurance companies. I have proposed steps to strengthen Medicare and Social Security without slashing benefits or subjecting it to the whims of the stock market.

Political Expenditures: Powerful special interests should not drown out the voices of the American people. We need to pass the bipartisan Disclosure Act that would establish the toughest-ever disclosure requirements for election-related spending. I also support campaign finance reform, by constitutional amendment if necessary.

Clean Air and Water: Nothing is more important than ensuring the air we breathe and the water we drink is safe. We have broken decades of gridlock to double fuel mileage standards, effectively cutting your cost at the pump in half and reducing air pollution. And we've set standards for new mercury and other toxic air emissions from power plants and other sources that combined will save up to 21,600 lives a year.

Virgil Goode (C)

(Candidate did not meet the LWVEF criteria for the presidential questionnaire.)

www.goodeforpresident2012.com



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United States President

Gary Johnson (L)

www.garyjohnson2012.com

Personal Statement: After having built a successful business, I entered public service by asking the people of New Mexico to give me an opportunity to bring common sense leadership to the Office of Governor. I pledged to reduce taxes, reduce the size of state government “//”

Three Goals: 1. Balance the Federal Budget. 2. Cut Federal spending by the amount necessary to eliminate deficit spending without raising taxes. 3. Remove the United States from unnecessary and costly foreign wars and interventions, including Afghanistan.

Economy: The Federal Budget must be brought under control to eliminate the massive deficits that are threatening the economy and our security. Removing the burden of deficits and debt will restore confidence and free up capital to permit the economy to grow. I advocate a consumption tax which would allow us to eliminate taxes on income, capital gains and businesses – creating millions of new jobs.

Public Education: The Federal government cannot and should not try to provide public education. Decades of increasing federal interference in education has done little other than stifle innovation and competition in public education. Education should be left to the states, which will permit the types of innovation and education choices that will allow us to regain its competitive advantage in global education.



Under a program of block grants, the states can fashion their own health care programs for those who need assistance, more effectively than the Federal government.

Political Expenditures: Full and immediate disclosure and transparency for campaign contributions and expenditures is the only effective way to give the American public confidence in the system and allow them to make their own decisions regarding the propriety of how one candidate or another finances his or her campaigns.

Clean Air and Water: The Federal government's most fundamental role is to protect citizens. To the extent that fulfilling that role requires enforcement actions by the EPA, that enforcement should be reasonable, but adequate to protect us from harm. The EPA, however, should not be in the business of managing the environment through regulations that force decisions that should be left to the marketplace, such as energy.

Federal Deficit:

It is not possible to preserve health care programs for future generations, while bringing federal spending under control and not reducing Medicare. Not addressing Medicare and Medicaid spending will result in an insolvent system.

Jill Stein (G)

www.jillstein.org

Personal Statement: We can't afford four more years of Wall Street bailouts and an economy for the superrich. We must guarantee every individual a job at a living wage, quality health care, tuition-free education, Social Security and a healthy climate and environment.

Three Goals: I stand for a Green New Deal that will deliver 1) A recession-proof economy that provides a job at a living wage for every American willing and able to work, 2) An economy based on clean, renewable energy, 3) Replacement of the predatory Wall Street banks with a public interest banking system, and 4) A real democracy in which politicians are accountable to voters not big money donors.

Economy: My Green New Deal will create 25 million jobs through a nationally funded but locally controlled direct employment initiative. This will eliminate long term unemployment by letting workers simply go to the local employment office and get a job. It will deliver the most effective stimulus of all: millions of workers with paychecks.

Public Education: I will end Washington's attempts to promote high stakes testing, corporatization of public schools, and destructive union-busting schemes. I will repeal the misguided No Child and Race to the Top laws and refocus on creating schools that prepare students for lifetime learning: full funding, small class sizes, teachers that are well trained, respected, and compensated,



and parental involvement.

Federal Deficit: Neither Medicare nor Social Security will be cut under the Green New Deal. I will guarantee health care for everyone under a Medicare for All reform that will save trillions by streamlining the massive,

wasteful, health insurance bureaucracy and ending runaway medical inflation. I will make Social Security permanently solvent by lifting the income cap on the payroll taxes.

Political Expenditures: I support full disclosure of donor identities. But we must do more to eliminate the poisonous impact of big money on our democracy. We must amend our Constitution to prevent corporations from stealing our democratic rights by claiming the same rights as real people. We also need to end the buying of elections by providing clean money funding for candidates that agree to spending limits.

Clean Air and Water: We cannot afford the health injuries, natural resource losses, and ecological disintegration that result from lax EPA enforcement. I will require EPA to address new threats to our air, land, water, and climate from hydrofracking, deepwater drilling and more. EPA must fully implement the ozone standards that were killed by the Obama Administration.

United States Senate

Race: United States Senator

Qualification: 30 years of age, nine years a citizen; resident of the state represented.

How Elected: By popular vote as stipulated in the 17th amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Duties: Originate and pass legislation, approve presidential appointment, ratify treaties, conduct impeachment trials.

Term: Six years.

Base Salary: \$174,000 per year.

George F. Allen (R)

www.georgeallen.com

Biography: Virginia House of Delegates, 1983-91; U.S. House of Representatives, 1991-93; Governor of Virginia, 1994-98; U.S. Senate, 2001-2007. BA/JD, University of Virginia. Author, *What Washington Can Learn from the World of Sports*; Founder, American Energy Freedom Center. Home, Mt. Vernon (Fairfax County). Wife, Susan (married 26 years); children – Tyler, Forrest, Brooke.

Deficit: We must reduce the deficit with spending restraint and economic growth, not higher taxes on Virginia families and small business owners. Eliminate unaccountable Czars, start implementing the Government Accountability Office's recommendations for eliminating duplication and waste. Long-term reform should be a Balanced Budget Amendment with line-item veto authority to the President to cut wasteful spending.

Filibuster rule: The filibuster should not be used to deny nominees the fairness of an up or down vote, as happened to Miguel Estrada and John Bolton. There's a larger leadership failure in the Senate today, with no budget in 3 and a half years and Senators being denied the opportunity to offer and debate amendments. The solution is new leadership committed to the transparency, accountability and fairness the American people expect and deserve.

THE QUESTIONS

The League of Women Voters invited all qualified Senate candidates to provide biographical information and responses to four specific questions.

1. If needed to reduce the **deficit**, what specific programs would you reduce and/or cut, and what new sources of revenue would you propose?
2. What changes to the Senate **Filibuster rule** would you support in order to ensure that all legislation is considered in a timely fashion?
3. What do you consider the most important issue(s) in the areas of **foreign policy** and national security and what role should Congress play in addressing them?
4. What will you do as an elected official to build a sense of government accountability and to **restore** citizens' **trust** in our government?



armed forces strong and keep our promises to veterans and their families for the benefits they've earned. Whether it's to prevent a nuclear-armed Iran, ongoing terrorist threats, crumbling dictatorships in the Middle East or the challenges in the Asia-Pacific region, America must be strong militarily and economically to protect our interests, stand by our allies, and be a beacon of freedom to oppressed people.

Restore trust: Withhold the pay of Members of Congress if they do not complete budget/appropriations bills on time. Congress should live under the laws they impose on others. I'll bring Virginia's voices to Washington and work with those on both sides of the aisle for a more effective, accountable, efficient government and positive solutions that free our economy to create the jobs while unleashing our American energy resources for more affordable fuel, food and electricity.

Foreign policy:

The immediate imperative is stopping the devastating defense cuts being forced by last summer's sequestration deal, placing our military and 200,000 good Virginia jobs in jeopardy. As Senator, I'll work with Democrats and Republicans to keep our

Timothy M. Kaine (D)

www.kaineforva.com

Biography: Tim Kaine graduated from the University of Missouri and Harvard Law School. After practicing law for 18 years, Tim served as Councilman and Mayor for the City of Richmond from 1994 to 2001. Tim served as Virginia's Lieutenant Governor for four years and was elected Virginia's 70th Governor in 2005.

Deficit: The federal deficit is a pressing problem, but by pursuing a balanced approach, we can find a middle ground with significant cuts and targeted revenues. Allowing the government to negotiate prescription drug prices for Medicare could save up to \$25 billion per year. On the revenue side, there are some that refuse to consider any revenues and some that believe we should allow the Bush tax cuts to expire at \$250,000. I support a compromise. If we allow the Bush tax cuts to expire for those making over \$500,000 per year, we would raise over \$500 billion over the next ten years. The Senate needs leaders who know how to work together and compromise, which I will do if elected.

Filibuster rule: I strongly support revisions to the filibuster rule. I would propose leaving the 60 vote threshold to overcome a filibuster intact, but requiring the individual requesting the filibuster to stand on the Senate floor and openly declare



why they are blocking the legislation. If a Senator feels strongly enough to use the filibuster, the American people deserve to know why such an action was taken. I would also consider limiting the filibuster to final passage votes.

Foreign policy:

The United States has made significant progress in dismantling Al-Qaeda, and we must continue a safe drawdown of our troops in Afghanistan. We must stop Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons. We need a more comprehensive strategy for building alliance in the Americas. Finally, America should not deploy our military into war without a Congressional vote.

Restore trust: Elected officials should be held to high ethical standards. I support full disclosure of campaign donations and the repeal of Citizens United. As Senator, I will also support a strong Government Accountability Office and would look for other ways to ensure the transparency of government actions and spending.



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United States House of Representatives: 8th Congressional District

Race: United States House of Representatives
Qualification: 25 years of age, U.S. citizen at least seven years.

How Elected: By popular vote within the district

Duties: Legislative powers, with responsibility for making laws, raising revenue and adopting the federal budget, sole power of impeachment.

Term: Two years.

Base Salary: \$174,000 per year

THE QUESTIONS

The following questions were sent to all House of Representative candidates that qualified to be listed on the Virginia ballot in our region.

1. What will you do as an elected official to build a sense of government accountability and to **restore** citizens' **trust** in our government?
2. To put our **fiscal** house in **order**, what **specific** programs would you cut and/or what new revenue would you propose?
3. What, if any, legislation would you support to lessen the **economic effect** that decreased federal spending, especially on defense, is likely to have on many parts of Virginia?
4. What **specific immigration reform** measures should Congress address in the new term?

J. Patrick Murray (R)

www.patrickmurrayforcongress.com

Candidate has not responded.

James P. Moran Jr. (D) *

www.jimmoran.org

Biography: Congressman Moran has dedicated his life to public service in Northern Virginia. He sits on the Appropriations Committee, serving as Interior and Environment Subcommittee Ranking Member. He chairs the Animal Protection Caucus, the Congressional Health Prevention Caucus, and serves on the Democratic Steering and Policy Committee.



Restore Trust: Citizens should have the right to demand accountability for the money its government spends and for the priorities its elected representatives support. To build greater trust in government, we need to be willing to work toward a common purpose with people from different perspectives, in order to achieve a more peaceful, just and sustainable world. I have also sponsored legislation to overturn the Citizens United decision and require full disclosure of the sources of all politically directed spending. I opposed all efforts to demonize and diminish government's roles in our lives. We need smarter, not smaller government.

Fiscal Order: The \$4 billion dollars of tax subsidies given to the most profitable oil companies who make much of their extraordinary profits by extracting from public lands should be ended. The agricultural subsidies that go towards industrial farming of animals and commodities, controlled by already wealthy agribusiness, should be cut and reoriented towards local growers of healthier fruits and vegetables. We spend billions on weapons designed to win the types of wars of the past, against nations who are becoming economically interdependent on our mutual survival and prosperity.

Economic Effect: I intend to prevent the pending sequestration from being implemented, which would irrationally destroy much of the investment in technology, security and intelligence activities which provide hundreds of thousands of jobs in Northern Virginia. The budget needs to be balanced by bringing revenue from 15% up to 20% of GDP.

Immigration Reform: I'm an original sponsor of the Dream Act, to enable law-abiding, successful students who came to this country as undocumented children, to be able to afford a college education. I have also cosponsored comprehensive immigration reform to enable people who can speak English, pass a civics test, who have no criminal record and who have paid any back taxes, to get on a path to citizenship.

Janet Murphy (IG)

www.votejoinrun.us/id42.html

Biography: Education — BA McGill University, MS University of the District of Columbia; Professional — Real Estate and Computers, Software Testing and System Analysis; Community Involvement — Volunteer at Virginia Hospital Center, Youth Tennis Coach, Community Music Background in Housing, EPA Programs and Databases, Financial Systems, Cost Analysis for Defense, Communication.



Restore Trust: Call for a new investigation of the events of September 11, 2001 to be put before the Congress to determine how it came to pass. Enact false flag legislation when we are committing troops or initiating a conflict, to prove who is behind a particular attack or event. Prohibit including any other foreign country's interests into our political platforms. Resolve to include in the oath of Federal office a congressman, senator, or president takes, that the duty and allegiance of the office is to the people of the United States and shall supersede any other oath they make have taken or allegiance they may have, such as to the Mormon faith or any other religion, or country such as Israel, or to the Tea Party or to any corporation.

Fiscal Order: Cut subsidies to oil, auto, asphalt and cement. Cut subsidies to agriculture where their practices are inhumane to animals or toxic to the environment. Enact a transaction tax on stock and bond trades across the board much like Superfund was enacted to rein in and clean up all chemical companies' toxic practices to the environment.

Economic Effect: Job-forward approach, based on salaries which will be lost, not including overhead, profit, G&A; create no-worker-left-behind initiative to include training for new technology and new jobs including healthcare employment, green energy development, green housing technology, local farming, history, recreation, infrastructure, (more trains less traffic), education (more teachers in the classroom), environmental protection and conservation (citizens conservation corps). Incentivize big contractors to immediately refocus on peacetime future and manufacturing.

Immigration Reform: Cease any further budget for La Barda, the fence between US and Mexico. Support pathways to citizenship for those who want that, and their families. Institute amnesty windows for immigrants who are here to establish a legal presence. Dual citizens shall not be eligible to run for public office.

Jason J. Howell (I)

www.votejasonhowell.com

Biography: Jason Howell is an **Independent** candidate for U.S. Congress. He has lived in Northern Virginia for 25 years, worked in mostly accounting and finance for nearly 20 years and has spent 0 years prior as a politician. He is running as a fiscally responsible, socially reasonable and personally relatable candidate.



Restore Trust: To restore citizens' trust in government I am taking the tough campaign road and running for office as an Independent. This gives my neighbors an unfiltered opportunity to evaluate my candidacy. When they send me to Congress, they are at the same time stiffening the spines of the other 434 U.S House Representatives who will think, "If his voters sent him here, then maybe we too can vote our conscience rather than our party platforms."

Fiscal Order: To put our fiscal house on the trajectory of balanced budgets both revenue (tax) increases and expense reductions will be taken into account. I will work to eliminate tax loopholes (i.e., H.R. 1935 to treat "Carried Interest" income as ordinary income rather than investment income (nearly \$18Billion in additional revenue over 10 years). I will specifically work to broaden our national tax base by adjusting H.R. 4173 (Dodd-Frank Act) so small banks that only lend and deposit are granted exemptions. To capture expense reductions I will partner with the GAO's newly required report that highlights 81 areas of government program duplication, overlap, and fragmentation.

Economic Effect: To lessen the economic effect of decreased federal spending in our area, I support legislation that spreads telecommuting policy government wide, especially within the DoD. The USPTO currently leads the government in telecommuting policy use with 68% of their workers telecommuting. This has saved \$20 million so far for this less than 10,000 employee agency. With over 3 million employees to work with the opportunities are tremendous.

Immigration Reform: Congress should specifically address comprehensive immigration reform that outlines a mission, strategy and specific tactics for people entering the country both temporarily and permanently. My first specific proposal is to change the accounting rule applied to user fee agencies like USCIS that are a disincentive to processing applications more quickly.



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United States House of Representatives: 11th Congressional District

Race: United States House of Representatives
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Chris S. Perkins (R)

www.perkins2012.com

Biography: Colonel Chris Perkins is a retired United States Army Special Forces officer (Green Beret) and small business owner. He and his wife, Petra, reside in Lorton, Virginia. Their daughter, Alex, is a graduate of Virginia Tech, and their son Nick recently graduated from West Point.



Restore Trust:

As a senior military officer, I was held to the strictest standards of duty, honesty, and integrity. I intend to bring that same ethos to Congress. I was also raised to believe that a 'half truth' is a 'half lie', and I therefore pledge complete transparency and accessibility to my positions and votes regarding all issues.

Fiscal Order: Government spending on entitlement programs will consume 48% of next year's budget. This is absolutely unsustainable and must be addressed immediately and in a bi-partisan manner in order to save them for future generations. I also believe that wars should be funded by a combination of program cuts and increased revenues, and not the government 'credit card'.

Economic Effect: Northern Virginia will be the second hardest hit region in America by the devastating defense cuts known as 'sequestration' that my opponent voted in favor of. As a future member of the Armed Services Committee, I would fight to reverse these cuts and substitute a more balanced approach that includes reforming unsustainable government programs that have outgrown their original intent. We absolutely need to live within our means, but we need a sound plan that includes pro-growth revenue, regulatory and entitlement reforms and one that does not sacrifice national security — the federal government's primary responsibility.

Immigration Reform: As someone who spent a career in special operations and the national security arena, I believe we can secure our nation's borders through a combination of increased manpower and advanced technology. I also believe that we must firmly and compassionately deal with the situation involving those persons that entered this country illegally simply seeking a better life for themselves and their families. We should consider a 'statute of repose' of sufficient length to provide a path to gaining legal status without further encouraging unlawful entry.

Gerald E. "Gerry" Connolly (D)*

www.gerryconnolly.com

Biography: I graduated from Maryknoll College and earned a M.A. in Public Administration from Harvard. Before being elected to Congress, I served on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, including five years as Chairman. I also worked 20 years in the private sector for IT companies.



Restore Trust:

The most important part of my job is helping constituents solve problems. Whether that means helping a veteran get a well-deserved Purple Heart or assisting a family facing foreclosure, I always do everything in my power to be of assistance. I also hold regular telephone town hall meetings where thousands can listen in and ask me whatever they like. I hope that personal connection and responsiveness helps to restore some level of trust in our government.

Fiscal Order: I cosponsored pay-as-you-go legislation to ensure that all new spending or tax cuts are fully paid for. Furthermore, I joined with Republicans and Democrats to support an effort to cut \$4 trillion from the deficit over ten years with a mix of spending cuts and new revenue. A balanced, bipartisan approach is the only way to get our nation's fiscal house in order.

Economic Effect: Federal spending — defense and domestic — drives Northern Virginia's economic growth and prosperity. I have consistently fought House Republican efforts to slash critical federal investments that benefit our community and nation and will continue to do so. Drastic cuts can and should be avoided if both parties are willing to give up their respective orthodoxies and work together to reduce the deficit in a responsible way. This summer I called on Congressional leadership to cancel the August recess and work on a plan to prevent sequestration.

Immigration Reform: Our immigration system is broken from top to bottom and needs comprehensive reform. Locally, I have worked with our technology industry in an effort to increase the number of H1B visas for high skilled workers.

Peter M. Marchetti (IG)

www.marchetti.forcongress.net

Biography: I am an IT professional with 15+ years of experience. Born and raised middle class, I am simply an average American who has grown tired of the partisanship and gridlock in Congress. I am an intelligent, well-read, rational adult who recognizes that there are no easy solutions for America's problems.



Restore Trust:

Four words: One law for all. Repeatedly, Americans see their leaders and captains of industry violate the law with no consequences. Anyone who commits a crime MUST be prosecuted, whether they be a poor urban youth, the president of a multi-national corporation, or even the President himself. I will tirelessly work to enable and even require criminal prosecutions for crime, no matter who the perpetrator is.

Fiscal Order: Let's start by ending the wars. ALL of them; Iraq, Afghanistan, the War on Terror, The War on Drugs, etc. We spend hundreds of billions per year on wars we cannot win, and are strengthening our enemies. Raising taxes on the profits of TBTF corporations, ultra-wealthy individuals will help, but is not enough. We need to have a very serious conversation about the things we expect our government to pay for from current tax receipts. We cannot be content to merely cut deficit spending, we must cease all deficit spending immediately. We must address the cost of health care — not what government spends, but the structure of the medical industry and how healthcare is delivered. Anyone who says we can fix Medicare without reducing benefits is lying unless they have a plan to change the entire medical industry.

Economic Effect: Legislation to offset the military spending decreases with federal spending on thorium liquid salt nuclear reactors; a proven technology that CANNOT melt-down or be weaponized. This will create jobs and increase our energy security.

Immigration Reform: Immigration reform is a wedge issue, used for no purpose other than to keep the American people divided. Immigrants already in the US are part of our economy, our communities, and our families. Let's give them a legitimate path to citizenship so they can pay taxes and be proud members of our communities.

Joe F. Galdo, Jr. (G)

www.joegaldo.com

Biography: Led national efforts in energy, defense. Collaborated with industry, state agencies, non-profits across U.S. Served on industry advisory committees, inter-agency working groups. Worked on program reviews, federal budget, legislation, National Energy Strategy. Experience in government, private sector, and as business owner. Fairfax resident 30 years. Married 43 years. Ph.D., physics.



Restore Trust: I would begin by being an example of responsible and open government: demonstrating integrity, and independence from special interests and party influence in working for the best interests of Northern Virginia and the nation; establishing more meaningful and frequent communications with voters; and taking a leadership role in achieving the platform goals promised to voters, actively developing popular support as well as convincing other members of Congress to support legislation advancing these goals.

I would also strive to reform Congress. I support a six-term limit for the House of Representatives, "no budget, no pay" legislation, campaign finance reform, line item veto, and proportional distribution of committee and subcommittee chairs instead of majority party take all.

Fiscal Order: A simplified and equitable tax code that, for individuals, includes eliminating tax preferences for capital gains, expanding the number of tax brackets, and reestablishing 1960's effective tax rates for the top 10%, would provide the foundation for creating a budget surplus and paying down the debt. For corporations, it would tax revenue over \$500,000, rather than taxing profits. Overall, this would generate \$425 billion more in tax revenues than collected under current law, and even more if it reduces tax fraud and simplifies compliance and enforcement. Other potential sources of additional revenue could add another \$35 billion, reducing the projected 2014 deficit from \$777 billion to \$317 billion or less.

Economic Effect: I support expansion of worker retraining programs; and eliminating unfunded mandates, increasing support to state and local governments, and reducing the cost of education and health care to put more money back into the economy and create jobs.

Immigration Reform: In addition to reintroducing and passing the DREAM Act, if it is not enacted in this session, Congress should address a permanent solution to the immigration problem by crafting an enforceable, rational, and fair immigration law.



The League of Women Voters: 2012 Voter's Guide

United States House of Representatives: 11th Congressional District

Race: United States House of Representatives
Qualification: 25 years of age, U.S. citizen at least seven years.

How Elected: By popular vote within the district

Duties: Legislative powers, with responsibility for making laws, raising revenue and adopting the federal budget, sole power of impeachment.

Term: Two years.

Base Salary: \$174,000 per year

THE QUESTIONS

The following questions were sent to all House of Representative candidates that qualified to be listed on the Virginia ballot in our region.

1. What will you do as an elected official to build a sense of government accountability and to **restore** citizens' **trust** in our government?
2. To put our **fiscal** house in **order**, what specific programs would you cut and/or what new revenue would you propose?
3. What, if any, legislation would you support to lessen the **economic effect** that decreased federal spending, especially on defense, is likely to have on many parts of Virginia?
4. What specific **immigration reform** measures should Congress address in the new term?

Christopher F. DeCarlo (I)

www.honestyandethics.com

Biography: Chris grew up in Vienna and graduated from Marshall in 1976. He attended Georgia Tech and then he started Fairfax Propane. Chris lives in Fairfax with his wife Kathleen who graduated from Woodson in 1980. They have five children ranging from 1st grade at Mantua to 9th at Woodson.

Restore Trust:

From my YouTube rap video, "Fight for Our Lives"

I'm the fighter that's not on the take,
 Swinging for the laws we got to make.
 But corruption's the Champ in this town,
 I'm ready to fight; I'm ready to get down.

Put me in a match, I can make him bleed,
 A quick left and a right, he's on his knees.
 He buys everyone, he's all about the Bengi's,
 I'm not doing this to meet all my friend's needs.

Fiscal Order:

Character, ability, strength and the truth,
 These virtues flow straight from my roots.
 We work together to meet our demands,
 I'm not afraid to get dirt on my hands.

I won't take money but I can take a punch,
 I'm not in this to get a free lunch.
 I buckle knees, I float and I sting,
 Get off the ropes, use your vote and put me in the ring.



Economic Effect:

I'm not trying to tell you it's black or it's white,

Like the guys on the left or on the right.

They're trying to give blind to the sight.

It's up to you to get down for the fight.

Stop wasting taxes and killing all our dreams,
 Quit making wars just to feed the machine.
 Cut the red tape so we can all escape,
 If the rules are fair I'll take you there we'll make this country great.

Immigration Reform:

They keep on giving us the same two choices,
 Tell us what to think with the same tired voices.
 How could this happen, we were never consulted,
 I sit in disbelief, I'm amazed and insulted.

Vote for me so we can finally begin,
 To right all the wrongs and end all the spin.
 For and by the people is the way it's gotta be,
 So knuckle up cast your vote and get behind me.

Mark T. Gibson (I)

www.Gibson4congress2012.com

Biography: Resident of Fairfax since 1997 and a lifelong Washington area resident. Master's degree in Economics and over 20 years of management success. Currently serve as chief operating officer for a small business in Fairfax. Have never held or run for any political office.

Restore Trust: Emphasize cooperative action and transparency in all legislative decisions. Reorganize Congressional committees to minimize legislative tinkering, multiple committee memberships, and backroom deals. Meet voters and media during weekly social events and press briefings.

Fiscal Order: Maintain retiree benefits for current participants (adjusted for inflation) but raise the age of eligibility to 70 within 20 years; phase in graduated benefits based on income of new beneficiaries. Eliminate all subsidies and duplicative programs. Move away from fee-for-service healthcare and remove barriers to national insurance markets, cost competition, and buyer participation. Begin tax reform: a single-rate system with no deductions or credits, equal treatment of wage and nonwage income, and elimination of employment taxes. Eliminate corporate income tax for retained earnings and earnings distributed to U.S. taxpayers. Move all new U.S. Government employees to defined contribution retirement plans similar to 401(k). Replace open-ended post-em-



ployment benefits with increases in current pay or retirement account contributions. Phase in pollution taxes to pay the full cost of remediation and encourage diversity of energy sources.

Economic Effect:

With unemployment below 4 percent in Northern Virginia the key is to make a gradual, orderly transition to a more diversified economy. Decreases in defense spending must focus on management overhead and antiquated programs, not service members and readiness.

Immigration Reform: Ensure there are no barriers or disincentives to free movement of American workers. Establish a guest worker program based on skill, knowledge, and employer need. Offer permanent resident status to qualified foreign-born graduates of American colleges. Establish a substantial yet reasonable fee for all immigrants wanting to become citizens with no further fine or punishment. Allow established illegal immigrants to move to citizenship or guest worker status without being deported; deport all those that do not establish legal status.

Proposed Amendments to the Virginia Constitution

More information can be found at www.sbe.virginia.gov

BALLOT QUESTION

Shall Section 11 of Article I (Bill of Rights) of the Constitution of Virginia be amended (i) to require that eminent domain only be exercised where the property taken or damaged is for public use and, except for utilities or the elimination of a public nuisance, not where the primary use is for private gain, private benefit, private enterprise, increasing jobs, increasing tax revenue, or economic development; (ii) to define what is included in just compensation for such taking or damaging of prop-

erty; and (iii) to prohibit the taking or damaging of more private property than is necessary for the public use?

BALLOT QUESTION

Shall Section 6 of Article IV (Legislature) of the Constitution of Virginia concerning legislative sessions be amended to allow the General Assembly to delay by no more than one week the fixed starting date for the reconvened or "veto" session when the General Assembly meets after a session to consider the bills returned to it by the Governor with vetoes or amendments?

Proposed Fairfax County Bond Referenda

More information can be found at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bond

PARKS AND PARK FACILITIES BONDS

Shall the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County contract a debt, borrow money and issue bonds of Fairfax County, Virginia, in addition to the parks and park facilities bonds previously authorized, in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$75,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds with any other available funds to finance the cost of providing parks and park facilities including the acquisition, construction, development and equipment of additional parks and park facilities, and the purchase of permanent easements for the preservation of open-space land and the development and improvement of existing parks and park facilities by the Fairfax County Park Authority, and including an amount not to exceed \$12,000,000 allocable to the County as its share of the cost of parks and park facilities to be acquired, constructed, developed and equipped by the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority?

PUBLIC SAFETY BONDS

Shall the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County contract a debt, borrow money and issue bonds of Fairfax County, Virginia, in addition to the public safety facilities bonds previously authorized, in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$55,000,000, for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, to finance the cost of providing public safety facilities, including the

construction, reconstruction, enlargement, renovation and equipment of civil and criminal justice facilities, police training facilities and stations, fire and rescue training facilities and stations, including fire and rescue stations owned by volunteer organizations, and the acquisition of necessary land?

PUBLIC LIBRARY BONDS

Shall the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County contract a debt, borrow money and issue bonds of Fairfax County, Virginia, in addition to the public library facilities bonds previously authorized, in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$25,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, to finance the cost of additional public library facilities, the reconstruction, enlargement and equipment of existing library facilities and the acquisition of necessary land?

STORM DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS BONDS

Shall the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County contract a debt, borrow money and issue bonds of Fairfax County, Virginia in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$30,000,000, for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, to finance the cost of providing storm drainage improvements to prevent flooding and soil erosion, including the acquisition of necessary land?