

## ELECTION '15

# Candidates for Sully District Supervisor

## John Guevara (R)

Challenger for Sully Supervisor

**Town of residence:** Oakton

**Age:** 42

**Family:** Wife Marilyn, two sons in FCPS Peter and Nathan

**Education:** B.A. The George Washington University

**Offices held, dates:** None

**Occupation and relevant experience:** I am currently employed with AT&T as a Professional Services Manager. I oversee large IT engagements and manage multi-million dollar budgets. I was also an Army Signal Corps Officer; I started my career in the enlisted corps and was commissioned through the Georgetown University ROTC Program. I program-managed a medical executive skills program that taught healthcare providers and executives how to run hospitals and deliver quality care.

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### QUESTIONS:

**1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?**

I'm running for Supervisor for one simple reason: Fairfax County has challenges and I believe I can help solve them. My mother always told me that I wasn't good at sitting still and she was right. When I see something not working, I want to get it fixed.

Our community is a great place to live and raise a family, but we have challenges that will only be solved with a fresh perspective. From transportation, to education, to taxes, the story is the same.

We need new ideas and practical solutions to focus on easing traffic congestion, getting more money into our classrooms and getting quality public services with a maximum return on investment.

Fixing budgets and solving complex problems is what I do every day at work. As a program manager, I oversee \$120 million budgets. I make sure they are efficient, effective and that they get the job done. By using those same principles here in



Fairfax we can improve our schools, reduce gridlock, and make better use of our tax money.

**2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?**

I have a positive message about new

ideas and practical solutions and this is exactly what we need on the Board of Supervisors. Despite having never run for public office before, I have won all of the key competitive endorsements and brought together an impressive coalition of Republicans, Democrats, and Independents that support my candidacy. I am especially proud of Sully District Supervisor Michael Frey's endorsement!

I believe this is because I am already proving to the residents of Sully District that I'm already listening to and working for them. Whether it's helping my neighbors keep our roads safe with SullyStreets.com or caring for those in need with the Western Fairfax Christian Ministries, I'm always working to improve the quality of life for all Sully District residents.

**3. More than half of the county budget is devoted to the local school system. A significant budget gap looms for the next budget cycle, both for FCPS and Fairfax County. What are the top county priorities and how will you assure funding and manage the budget? What ideas do you have for increasing revenue? Name two areas/items you would cut or reduce.**

As your Supervisor, I'll work to spend our tax money efficiently by eliminating redundancy and waste in our budget. I'll ensure the County is delivering quality core services (Transportation, Education, Public Safety, and Safety Net Programs for our most residents such as seniors) and you are seeing a return on investment for your hard earned tax dollars.

**4. How many hours a week of outside employment do you anticipate while serving on the Board of Supervisors?**

I have flexible employment with my current employer and have already proven that I can campaign, work, and serve the community full-time without any difficulty.

## Kathy Smith (D)

Challenger for Sully Supervisor

**Town of residence:** Chantilly

**Age:** 60

**Family:** Husband Steve, 4 children Brian, Kyle, Andrew and Stephanie; daughter-in-law Leah and 3 granddaughters Kathy Cate, Meredith and Caitlynn

**Education:** B.A. in Sociology and Elementary Education

**Offices held, dates:** Fairfax County School Board Member, Sully District from March 2002-present, Chair 2004, 2008, 2009

**Occupation and relevant experience:** Elementary teacher 7 years and School Board Member for 13 years

**Community involvement:** PTA President at Poplar Tree ES, Rocky Run MS and Chantilly HS; Board member Fairfax County Council of PTAs

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**Name three favorite endorsements:** I'm proud of all my endorsements: Fairfax Education Association, Fire Fighters Local 2068, Northern Virginia Board of Realtors, Service Employees International Union (SEIU) and LiUNA (Laborers)

### QUESTIONS:

**1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?**

Education is my passion, and this compelled me to serve as PTA president, become a member of the Fairfax County School Board and to run for the Board of Supervisors. "Good schools are essential not only to the well-being of each individual child, and to the welfare of the community as a whole. Good schools mean successful kids, good jobs and higher property values. They attract business and provide opportunities for children and adults. As a member of the Board of Supervisors I will fight to ensure that our schools have the resources necessary to meet the needs of our growing population and changing demographics.

**2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?**

My opponent and I differ in many ways. We see the job of supervisor and the role of local government very differently. The most important distinctions between us are:

❖ I will be a full-time supervisor, working only for the people of Sully District and Fairfax County.

❖ I have moderate views which reflect the values of the district and will work in a non-partisan manner to find common sense solutions to the challenges we face as our population ages and changes.

❖ My 13 years on the school board give me the knowledge and experience necessary for effective leadership, especially dealing with the budget. I have worked with the current Sully Supervisor on many issues and know how to get things done. Representing the district for 13 years has given me unique perspectives on the needs of the commu-



nity.

**3. More than half of the county budget is devoted to the local school system. A significant budget gap looms for the next budget cycle, both for FCPS and Fairfax County. What are the top county priorities**

**and how will you assure funding and manage the budget? What ideas do you have for increasing revenue? Name two areas/items you would cut or reduce.**

The top priorities for the county must be education, transportation, and essential services such as fire, police, emergency mental health care and senior services.

Education tops the list and takes the largest share of the budget which is appropriate considering that an excellent school system is vital to strong communities and a vibrant economy. Good schools provide a skilled workforce and attract both families and business.

The issue of transportation requires a comprehensive approach. In the long term, we must link regional land use planning with transportation resources, focusing on relieving traffic congestion. I will organize community groups and make sure their concerns about state highway projects are heard in Richmond and our area gets top priority in the distribution of state and federal highway funds. On the local level we must include bicycle and pedestrian initiatives, improvement to intersections and roads, and expansion of bus, Metro and VRE.

We have a responsibility to care for the most vulnerable among us, so resources must be allocated wisely to provide essential services like mental health care and senior centers.

Careful evaluation of all programs and efficient use of all resources are an essential part of the budget process. Eliminating duplication of services and seeking creative and innovative ways to deliver services are the best ways to find savings. In January the Board of Supervisors will begin its Lines of Business review, which is central to an understanding of programs and their effectiveness. This process will provide information about where consolidation or cuts could or should take place. It is premature to suggest cuts without this review.

We need to diversify our source of revenue, so that we are not overly reliant on fluctuating real estate values. Virginia's Dillon Rule significantly limits the ability of local governments to find new revenue sources, but letting the voters decide on a meals tax, is one possibility that I support.

**4. How many hours a week of outside employment do you anticipate while serving on the Board of Supervisors?**

None! I will work full-time as the Sully District Supervisor; the taxpayers of Fairfax County will be my only employers. The Sully Supervisor has always worked full-time serving the residents of the district, and they deserve full-time attention.

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## ELECTION '15

# Candidates for Springfield District Supervisor

## Corazon S. Foley (I)

Challenger for Springfield Supervisor

**Town of residence:** Burke

**Age:** 65

**Family:** Married 42 years to Michael Foley; 2 Children; 2 Grandchildren

**Education:** MBA in Finance from George Washington University

**Offices held, dates:** Founding Chairman, Burke/West Springfield Senior Center Without Walls (2009 – Present); Delegate, Fairfax County Senior Citizens' Council (2011-2015); Board Member, Fairfax County History Museum Subcommittees (2008-Present); Founding Chairman, Fairfax County Asian American History Project (2007-Present); Founding Coordinator, Edgewater Neighborhood Watch (2012-Present);

**Occupation and relevant experience:** Retired Economic and Intelligence Analyst, US Department of State.

**Community involvement:** Lady Fairfax and Community Champion Awards

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**Name favorite endorsements:** Independent Greens of Virginia



walls.

### 2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?

I will serve as full-time Springfield Supervisor providing much-needed responsive leadership to ensure that our

district receives its fair share of county resources, particularly for senior health programs. I am a fiscal conservative who believes in good government with honorable public service with the US State Department; an Independent candidate spending \$1,000 of my money. The part-time incumbent is beholden to political donors – raising over \$470,000 while spending \$300,000 by spring, also proving that he is a big spender of other people's money. Moreover, Board decisions will benefit with broader community representation since I will serve as the first Filipino/Asian American Springfield Supervisor.

**3. More than half of the county budget is devoted to the local school system. A significant budget gap looms for the next budget cycle, both for FCPS and Fairfax County. What are the top county priorities and how will you assure funding and manage the budget? What ideas do you have for increasing revenue? Name two areas/items you would cut or reduce.**

I will seek fair share of federal and state funding for education just as I am seeking fair share of county resources for Springfield District – and more partnerships with the business sector for cost-effective innovations. I will seek management reforms, including pensions, in the Lines of Business Review. I will cut unnecessary administrative costs in FCPS and Fairfax County, beginning with the office of the Springfield Supervisor whose spending was the highest among Supervisors in FY2015.

**4. How many hours a week of outside employment do you anticipate while serving on the Board of Supervisors?**

I will serve as the Full-Time Springfield Supervisor and will have no outside employment.

## Pat Herrity (R)

Incumbent Springfield Supervisor

**Town of residence:** Clifton, VA

**Age:** 55

**Family:** wife Nancy, son Sean, daughter Valeria;

**Education:** BS Accounting from Virginia Tech, West Springfield High School graduate

**Offices held, dates:** Springfield District Supervisor – 2008 to present

**Occupation and relevant experience:** Chief Financial Officer at a local government contractor. Active in the business, sports and civic communities. Received the President's Award and the Community Service Award from NVTC and the Chairman's Award from the Fairfax County Chamber.

**Community involvement:** Having spent his entire life here, Pat has a unique understanding of Northern Virginia and its needs. First as a business, sports and community leader and now as a Supervisor, Pat has actively led efforts to implement solutions to neighborhood problems.

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**Name three favorite endorsements:**

NOVABIZPAC (Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce), Northern Virginia Association of Realtors, the Police Benevolent Association/ Fraternal Order of Police.



reduce the congestion that impacts our lives daily.

### 2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?

I have served on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for 8 years and

throughout that entire time I have done everything I can to assist constituents who have issues and am dedicated finding solutions to their problems.

**3. More than half of the county budget is devoted to the local school system. A significant budget gap looms for the next budget cycle, both for FCPS and Fairfax County. What are the top county priorities and how will you assure funding and manage the budget? What ideas do you have for increasing revenue? Name two areas/items you would cut or reduce.**

Our priorities should be schools, public safety, and a safety net for those that truly need it. In order to fund the quality services our residents expect we need to grow our commercial tax base and relieve the tax burden on our homeowners. We currently have an 18% commercial vacancy rate and we are losing high paying jobs. We need to leverage the region's assets and grow our economy and attract high paying jobs to the County. Our schools are the number one reason businesses locate here and we need to address their funding concerns. I have long been an advocate for year round budget committee meetings and joint budget committee meetings with the School Board. We need to tackle these issues head on and throughout the year, not just when it is time to review the budget. As for budget reductions, I have listed numerous ideas in the Herrity Reports (on my website) including outsourcing, focusing resources on those in need, implementing private sector practices and metrics (like reducing space requirements), and addressing our pension issues.

**4. How many hours a week of outside employment do you anticipate while serving on the Board of Supervisors?**

The hours I spend as a CFO varies depending on what is going on in my Supervisor's office. My CFO role has been invaluable to me as a Supervisor and keeps me firmly grounded in the realities our residents and businesses deal with every day.

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## ELECTION '15

# Candidates for School Board Sully District

## Karen Keys-Gamarra

**Town of residence:** Oakton

**Age:** 55

**Family:** Husband: Antoine Gamarra; Son: Jonathan Gamarra, James Gamarra and Jordan Gamarra.

**Education:** Tulane University BA; Washington University School of Law, JD

**Offices held, dates:** Board Member, Time to Fly Board member 2007-2008.

**Occupation and relevant experience:**

Attorney at Law, work primarily as Guardian ad litem

**Community involvement:** Church: Grace Covenant Church, CASA, Time to Fly, NAACP

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**Name three favorite endorsements:** FEA, FCFT, Congressman Connolly



schools.

### 3. How will you address the growing economic divide in county schools?

By raising awareness of the diverse level of needs that such growth creates for educators. The FCPS response should include in-

creased parental involvement, greater access to early childhood education, and more dialogue with educators on successful tools for all students. I would also like to explore alternative funding for such programs, such as, grants and/or funding from the private sector.

### 4. How will you address the achievement gap?

Through oversight of the FCPS Achievement Gap plan which includes providing academic support, developing positive teacher/student relationships, increasing kindergarten readiness and enhancing parent and community engagement. I would also add that FCPS needs to engage staff to examine teaching tools and curriculum that provides positive role models for all children.

### 5. More than half of the county budget is devoted to the local school system with a significant budget gap looming, both for FCPS and Fairfax County. What steps would you take to manage the gap and to fund the needs of the school system? What are the top priorities and what could be cut?

My top priority is to protect resources for the classroom including teacher and staff salaries. Management of the funding gap requires examination of existing programs and discussions with teachers and parents to determine effectiveness to make sure that we are spending our tax dollars wisely. I would use this analysis to determine where appropriate cuts are necessary.

### 6. What value does FCPS add for taxpayers who do not have children in the schools?

Our schools provide the bedrock for our communities. Without quality schools, our property values suffer. Further, without appropriate community support and funding for schools, we miss the opportunity and responsibility to invest in the Fairfax County quality of life that we enjoy. I would rather invest in schools than in other programs to address the problems that stem from a lack of access to quality education.

## Tom Wilson

**Town of residence:** Oakton

**Age:** 49

**Family:** Married 25 years to Kerry Wilson, a speech and language pathologist who has worked many years in the public schools. Four children, Maddie, Tommy, Teddy and Wendy, all of whom have been in FCPS. Two dogs, Ollie and Jefferson.

**Education:** Lake Braddock Secondary School, Cornell University, Northwestern Law School

**Offices held, dates:** None

**Occupation and relevant experience:**

Attorney in private practice since 1995. Served as an officer in Army after graduating from Cornell University. Earned Bronze Star during Operation Desert Storm.

**Community involvement:** Member of St. John Neumann Parish where I have taught religious education to 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Active parent in athletic booster clubs for Teddy (Oakton Crew) and Wendy (Capital Gymnastics).

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### 3. How will you address the growing economic divide in county schools?

I will not address any problem, including the economic divide, by throwing money at it and assuming the job is done. Any new programs or initiatives should have specific, transparent, and measurable goals. I would argue that most of the time

FCPS does not need expensive consultants from outside our system telling us what we need for our schools. Principals, teachers, parents, and other stakeholders in the communities where these schools are located are the real "experts" on their kids and what they need to succeed. We have excellent resources right here in our school buildings. We need to tap into that professional wisdom and expertise to solve big problems. There are no magic wands, magic programs, or one line answers to these large societal problems. The road towards addressing these issues is a long one and will require leadership, creativity, and hard work. Step one for Fairfax County is voting in a new School Board.

### 4. How will you address the achievement gap?

See answer above.

### 5. More than half of the county budget is devoted to the local school system with a significant budget gap looming, both for FCPS and Fairfax County. What steps would you take to manage the gap and to fund the needs of the school system? What are the top priorities and what could be cut?

My priority is to get as much of the taxpayer dollars that fund our school system into the classrooms and the school buildings where our teachers teach and our students learn each day. I would look for savings from unnecessary teacher training programs, ineffective supervisory positions, redundant bureaucracy, poor logistical management, and sole source contracts. I have talked with janitors, teachers, bus drivers, and others who are in the school buildings every day, and they can easily point out all kinds of wasteful spending. I would definitely support having an independent auditor.

### 6. What value does FCPS add for taxpayers who do not have children in the schools?

Very few people actually vote in these off year elections, and the result is that those few people who do take an interest are making decisions that personally affect all of us, whether or not you have kids in the schools. Property values, of course, are dependent on having excellent schools. Schools also prepare our next generation workforce for the jobs of the future. Our businesses depend on an excellent school system. Other county resources affected by the success of our school system include public safety, the judicial system, health care, and services for adults with disabilities. Many thanks to all the voters who are reading this and taking an interest in the School Board race and thanks to the Connection newspapers for highlighting this election.

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## ELECTION '15

# Candidates for State Senate in 40th District

## Jerry Foltz (D)

Challenger, 40th District Delegate

**Town of residence:** Centreville

**Age:** 72

**Family:** Married 50 years to Alice H. Foltz, with 4 grown children and 9 grandchildren

**Education:** Catawba College (A.B.), Eden Theological Seminary (M. Div.), Eastern Baptist Seminary (D. Min.)

**Offices held, dates:** Elected to Willingboro, NJ, Board of Education - 1978-1981

**Occupation and relevant experience:** Parish Minister and Regional Minister in the United Church of Christ; Regional coordinator for the United Church of Christ Disaster Ministries; Serving on elected public school board for three years in New Jersey; Active Chaplain for the Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department, and serving in the Emergency Operations Center; Appointed by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to the Human Services Council; Board member of the Alliance for Human Services; Board member of the Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions

**Community involvement:** Throughout my ministry I have been active in building community — organizing a Habitat for Humanity chapter in Shenandoah County, organizing a non-profit food co-op in New Jersey, and helping to organize the Centreville Immigration Forum and its major project, the Centreville Labor Resource Center. For 18 years I have been serving as a chaplain for the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department. These and other activities build community while finding local solutions to local problems.

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**Name three favorite endorsements:** Sierra Club; AFL-CIO; LGBT Democrats of Virginia

### QUESTIONS:

#### 1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

Funding our public schools. I will find ways to provide more state funds for our public schools. Our teachers and other staff have been forced to give up salary increases while the state provides less funds for Northern Virginia. The state is not fulfilling its responsibility to its hard-working citizens and its families, especially to retired public safety personnel and teachers. We lose good prospective teachers; we have too many portable classrooms that are permanent fixtures — inadequate and unsafe for Fairfax County. Our students need to be well prepared for higher education and new professions. I will work to expand Medicaid to bring \$5 million a day into Virginia. I will end some of the outdated tax credits for industries that no longer need them. I will negotiate with other legislators to adjust the formula by which state funds for schools is distributed. My opponent refuses to assist our schools in any way as a state legislator, and reduces their funding.

#### 2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?

As a pastor I am in touch with the needs of families for better transportation choices, for increased funding for our public schools, for fiscal responsibility on the state level. My opponent gets campaign contributions from industries that he allows to exploit military families, the poor, people of color, and immigrants, as well as people out of state through predatory lending reaching 300% interest annually. I will work to



reduce gun violence and provide more resources for mental health services. I will work to make our communities safer and more modern with a better quality of life. I will work for the state to fulfill its promised share of retirement funds for public employees — fire, police, and educators.

#### 3. Given the political makeup of the state legislature, what examples from your own experience suggests you can successfully bridge the intense partisan differences there?

As a life-long pastor serving 5 congregations and as a regional minister serving 41 congregations and their pastors and families, I have gotten people to work together over important issues to achieve goals. I have been trained and certified as a court appointed mediator in Willingboro, NJ, to help people in conflict to come to solutions and avoid the cost and imposition of a court decision. Personally, I am not easily offended by people with whom I disagree nor am I afraid of dealing with conflict. I know I can “work across the aisle” to get things done for my community and for the good of the Commonwealth.

#### 4. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative priorities.

1. expansion of Medicaid; 2. increased funding for public schools; 3. more good transportation choices for our region, including expanded bus service, improvements to I-66, extended bike lanes and paths, and Metrorail expansion — all without new tolls; 4. ending discrimination in housing, employment, credit, and adoption, on the basis of gender identity or sexual orientation; 5. raising the minimum wage in Virginia

#### 5. How has your district changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes?

The 40th District has grown with an increasingly diverse population, many of whom are foreign born. Housing developments have multiplied and roads and highways have been improved to keep up. The major causes include our proximity to the U.S. government contracting and offices, the excellence of our school system, the good level of safety and security in our communities, and the overall quality of life in our District.

#### 6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans?

Yes, absolutely. A cap of 36% interest should be the acceptable level for such loans.

#### 7. Will you support funding for Fostering Connections which would result in an influx of federal funding for foster children aging out of foster care?

Yes

#### 8. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and if so, what would you do to make that happen?

I will support expansion of Medicaid. I will work with others who agree, and meet with others, to work through objections and make any reasonable compromises to get it done.

## Timothy D. “Tim” Hugo (R)

Incumbent

**Town of Residence:** Clifton, VA

**Age:** 52

**Family:** Wife, Paula & their four children

**Education:** College of William & Mary, B.A.; Kodak Fellowship, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

**Offices held:** House of Delegates, Member, 2003-present

**Occupation and relevant experience:** Executive Director of the Free File Alliance, a public-private partnership between tax preparation companies and the IRS, that provides free filing for federal income tax returns to low and moderate income families.

**Community involvement:** Member, American Legion; Member, Rotary Club; Member, Clifton Lions Club; Member, Knights of Columbus; Board Member, Occoquan Watershed Coalition.

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### QUESTIONS:

#### 1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

Over the last 5 years, I’ve been directly involved in stopping the abhorrent crime of human trafficking. Whether it is continuing to raise awareness or passing legislation that created Virginia’s first standalone human trafficking statute — Virginia was the last state in the Country to do so — I’m committed to ending human trafficking.

#### 2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?

I am opposed to the \$17 toll on I-66 inside the Beltway. Instead of using this money to widen I-66, it will be used to create bike and pedestrian paths in Arlington County. In addition, my opponent wants to raise/create new taxes on the services my constituents use every day, such as: mechanics, dry cleaners, consultants, lawyers, doctors, salons, etc. My opponent is for greatly expanding government, while I am for a more efficient government.

#### 3. Given the political makeup of the state legislature, what examples from your own experience suggests you can successfully bridge the intense



partisan differences there?

Since being elected, I have worked with my colleagues across the aisle to

meaningful legislation in areas such as: human trafficking, autism, mental health, and Lyme disease.

#### 4. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative priorities.

Stop the \$17 a day toll on I-66 inside the Beltway; Hold the line on taxes; Education — continue to fight for more slots at our public colleges and universities for in-state students; Transportation — prioritize congestion relief; Human Trafficking — continue to fight to stop child predators

#### 5. How has your district changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes?

While families have come and gone, the issues important to my constituents remain the same. They care about a good quality of life, transportation solutions, a quality education for their children, and safe neighborhoods.

#### 6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans?

On a bi-partisan basis, we reformed industry practices in Virginia years ago.

#### 7. Will you support funding for Fostering Connections which would result in an influx of federal funding for foster children aging out of foster care?

Yes. I am open to looking at this initiative while keeping in mind our budget restrictions.

#### 8. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and if so, what would you do to make that happen?

No. If we expand ObamaCare, within two years we will need to find an additional \$200-\$300 million for our budget. This means raising taxes or cutting funding from our public schools and transportation budgets. Medicaid, over the last 10 years, has grown by 79% and accounts for 54% of general fund growth. In its current form, this program is unsustainable, and we should not expand ObamaCare in Virginia.

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# Candidates for State Delegate in 86th District

## Jennifer Boysko (D)

Candidate for Delegate in District 86

**Town of residence:** Herndon

**Age:** 48

**Family:** Husband - Glenn Boysko, Daughters - Hannah and Sophie Claire

**Education:** B.A. Hollins University;

**Occupation and relevant experience:**

Former Aide to Fairfax County Board of Supervisors; Legislative Assistant, Bayles Boland Madigan and Barrett; Staff Assistant US Senator Richard Shelby

**Community involvement:** Virginia Board of Real Estate- Citizen Member, Creating a Livable Community for All Ages in McLean, Great Falls Seniors Committee, Rt. 28 Working Group- Staff representative, Dranesville APR Task Force- Staff representative, Sugarland Run and Horsepen Creek Watershed WAG, Herndon High School Synthetic Turf Committee, Fairfax County, Loudoun County, Town of Herndon Interjurisdictional Transportation Staff -Level Working Group, North County Human Services Team, Safe Community Coalition, Unified Prevention Coalition, McLean After School Child Care Committee, Herndon High School PTSA, Executive Board and Parent Education Chair, Herndon Fortnightly Club, Vice President, Eleventh District Democratic Committee, Dranesville Democratic Committee, Dulles Area Democrats- Founding Board Member, Delegate, Region V, Episcopal Diocese of Virginia, Radiant Child Yoga Teacher, Board of Trustees, Montessori Country School, Stephens Minister

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**Name three favorite endorsements:** Teachers (VEA and AFT); First Responders- (Virginia Firefighters and Police); Constituency groups (New Virginia Majority, CASA in Action, Emerge USA, Equality Virginia, Labor, Women's Health Groups)

### QUESTIONS:

**1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?**

Improving our education system.

**2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?**

I have a long history of working on the ground in our local community, solving problems and helping people with issues that are important to them. I've been able to bring people together to get things done regardless of what political party. Voters want more of that in Richmond.

**3. Given the political makeup of the state legislature, what examples from your own experience suggests you can successfully bridge the intense partisan differences there?**

As I said above, I've been working my whole adult life solving problems in a nonpartisan or bipartisan way. I will continue to be a leader to find commonsense solutions to the problems that Virginians face.

**4. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative priorities.**

Improve Education-Fully fund our schools, ex-



pand early childhood education, reform SOL testing so that our students and teachers can focus on critical thinking and problem solving instead of high stakes testing; Work with Governor McAuliffe and our local leaders to bring new jobs to expand our

economy; Bring our fair share of transportation funding from Richmond - and stop the initiative to toll I-66; Expand Medicaid to cover the 400,000 Virginians without healthcare and free up the \$5 million per day we already pay in taxes in Federal funds to tackle our other underfunded priorities - like schools, mental health and transportation; Keep the government out of our most personal private affairs.

**5. How has your district changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes?**

The 86th District sits in the heart of the Dulles Technology corridor. We've experienced significant growth in the past 10 years and the district continues to diversify both ethnically and socioeconomically. It's a microcosm of the region in the education, transportation and economic challenges that this kind of growth presents.

**6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans?**

Yes, absolutely.

**7. Will you support funding for Fostering Connections which would result in an influx of federal funding for foster children aging out of foster care?**

Yes, I spent years working at the County level covering Health and Human Services issues. I know that all of our child advocacy programs in Virginia are under funded. We should honor our commitment to care for our most vulnerable so that they can grow up to achieve their full potential.

**8. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and if so, what would you do to make that happen?**

If we look at Medicaid Expansion in economic terms, we know that it would be a wise business decision for the Commonwealth. It would stretch our budget dollars, lessening the burden on our struggling hospital system and providing our residents with the economic flexibility that health care coverage gives. Currently we are giving up \$5 million per day because we refuse to expand Medicaid. If you take away the partisan perspective, and focus on this as a common sense business decision, the answer is clear. The business community, hospitals and public health professionals all agree, and current examples of expansion in states like Kentucky have proven the wisdom of this choice. Our approach to legislating should be based on these kinds of considerations - starting with the data - rather than based on an ideological foundation. I know there will be Delegates who would be open to civil discussion based on data, and that is how I would approach all of my work in the House of Delegates.

## Danny Vargas (R)

Candidate for Delegate District 86

**Town of residence:** Herndon

**Age:** 49

**Family:** Wife, Arlene, and two sons in Fairfax County Public Schools

**Education:** Bachelor's Degree in Management

**Occupation and relevant**

**experience:** Founder/President, VARCom Solutions; Former VP Global Sales and VP Latin America, AOL; Former VP Sales and Marketing - Americas, France Telecom; Former Director Corporate/Carrier Sales, Global One (Sprint/FT/DT JV); Former Manager, Raytheon; U.S. Air Force veteran

**Community involvement:** Former Chair, Virginia Board of Workforce Development (Governatorial appointment); Former Chair, Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce; Board Member, Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce; Commissioner, National Museum of the American Latino Commission (Congressional appointment); Former Board Member, Northern Virginia Family Services; Former Board Member, Fairfax Partnership for Youth

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**Name three favorite endorsements:** Delegate Tom Rust; Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce; Northern Virginia Technology Council



velopment, I worked with both Republican and Democrat administrations to reform our workforce system and create new jobs in Virginia.

When I was Chair of the Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce, the federal government was poised to pull their portion of the funding for Rail to Dulles. I rallied chambers and civic groups, coordinated with elected officials of both parties at every

level and as part of a collective effort, we were able to get Rail to Dulles back on track.

I am able to bring that bi-partisanship to Richmond to represent the needs of all the citizens in the 86<sup>th</sup> District.

**4. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative priorities.**

Grow and Diversify our Economy; Strengthen Education and Workforce Development; Improve Transportation, including stopping the \$17 tolls on I-66 Inside the Beltway; Improve Public Safety; Help our Veterans

**5. How has your district changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes?**

The 86<sup>th</sup> District has changed significantly. The decline of Dulles airport and the stagnation of the economy due to our reliance on federal spending have hit our District hard. The District has also become more diverse and is now a minority majority District. I look forward to using my unique background to bring our varied residents together to focus on commonsense solutions to create jobs, improve education and solve transportation issues.

**6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans?**

I have always focused on looking out for working families and would continue to do so, including making sure to curtail activities that prey on their finances.

**7. Will you support funding for Fostering Connections which would result in an influx of federal funding for foster children aging out of foster care?**

Growing up in challenging conditions and seeing firsthand how foster care and adoption can provide youngsters facing adversity with the stability and care they need, I have always cared deeply about helping them as evidenced by my services on nonprofit boards. Therefore, I would support this funding and the associated federal dollars that would support them to the age of 21.

**8. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and if so, what would you do to make that happen?**

I grew up on Medicaid and am familiar with its limitations. I am concerned about the potential for massive, unexpected cost increases associated with Medicaid expansion. However I recognize that we have an opportunity to help provide insurance coverage to those in need at a time when our taxpayers are sending billions of dollars to Washington for Medicaid expansion. I would be open to exploring private sector orientated solutions that would protect Virginia's taxpayers from future unforeseen obligations and help struggling families obtain health coverage.

### QUESTIONS:

**1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?**

In spite of my austere upbringing, I have always felt blessed to have been born in the one nation on Earth where anyone from any background can succeed; where the outcome may not be guaranteed but the opportunity is. I want to make sure that the chance to strive for the American dream remains alive for all my neighbors. Unfortunately, in an economy that has been stagnant for several years, that dream seems increasingly elusive for those who are unemployed or underemployed. I want to apply my leadership skills and business background to grow and diversify our economy to create more good paying jobs, and use my knowledge of the workforce system to ensure people are better prepared to obtain those jobs. And this can only happen in an environment in which the economy is growing and thriving, folks have the tools to succeed, jobs are plentiful and opportunities are abundant.

**2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?**

I've lived my entire adult life focused on service and solutions. My neighbors deserve to be represented by a proven leader who has had real positions of responsibility, with a demonstrated track record of bringing together people of all sides to solve tough problems and someone who truly understands their plight.

**3. Given the political makeup of the state legislature, what examples from your own experience suggests you can successfully bridge the intense partisan differences there?**

As Chair of the Virginia Board of Workforce De-

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# ELECTION '15

## House District 67

### Jim LeMunyon (R-67)

*Incumbent, unopposed*

**Town of residence:** Oak Hill

**Age:** 56

**Family:** Married to Robin; three grown children: Mark, Heather and Kristin

**Education:** B.S. Physics and Mathematics, Valparaiso University, M.S. Meteorology, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Offices held, dates:** Virginia House of Delegates, 2010—present; Deputy Assistant Secretary, U.S. Department of Commerce 1989-93

**Occupation and relevant experience:** business person; co-founder of Sterling Semiconductor, now a unit of the Dow Corning Corporation; adjunct professor, George Mason University 1993-96

**Community involvement:** I've participated in a number of organizations and activities over the years through schools, church, scouts and sports associations.

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**Name three favorite endorsements:** Fairfax Chamber of Commerce—NOVABizPAC; Virginia Education Association; Police Benevolent Association



there?

I am a Republican, and I frequently cosponsor legislation with Democrats. I'm scored as the most bipartisan member of the House of Delegates by the non-partisan Sunlight Foundation. This does not mean "moderate." Instead it means that I work well with people who hold different viewpoints.

#### 4. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative priorities.

- ❖ Keeping Virginia's budget balanced.
- ❖ Stopping to proposed toll on I-66 inside the Beltway, and instead widening this road.
- ❖ Increasing funding for public education while reducing administrative burdens on teachers.
- ❖ Reforming Virginia's tax laws to encourage more job creation.
- ❖ Passing a public charter school amendment to the state constitution to give parents more choices in public education.

#### 5. How has your district changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes?

Like most parts of Northern Virginia, people change residence frequently in the district I represent. There are always new people to meet in the 67<sup>th</sup> district!

#### 6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans?

Yes, and I have voted for such legislation in the General Assembly.

#### 7. Will you support funding for Fostering Connections which would result in an influx of federal funding for foster children aging out of foster care?

I need to learn more about how this would work before offering an opinion.

#### 8. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and if so, what would you do to make that happen?

The federal government ought to return the additional tax dollars Virginians pay under the Affordable Care Act without strings attached. I would direct these funds to additional care for people with physical and intellectual disabilities and mental health concerns, rather than provide healthy people with insurance.

#### QUESTIONS:

##### 1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

Increasing the mobility of people of Northern Virginia by improving our transportation network. In particular, the can be accomplished by directing funds to transportation projects that give us the "biggest bang for the buck" in terms of congestion reduction. I authored the law that requires this, and now work to ensure its effective implementation.

##### 2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?

I do not have an opponent, but I hope voters will vote for me because I share the priorities of a majority of people in the 67<sup>th</sup> district.

##### 3. Given the political makeup of the state legislature, what examples from your own experience suggests you can successfully bridge the intense partisan differences

## Senate District 32

### Janet Howell (D-32)

*Incumbent, unopposed*

**Town of residence:** Reston

**Age:** 71

**Family:** married to Hunt Howell since 1966, two grown sons, 3 grandchildren

**Education:** BA in Government, Oberlin College; MA in International Relations, The University of Pennsylvania

**Offices held, dates:** Virginia Senate, 1992 to present

**Occupation and relevant experience:** Former teacher, former legislative assistant, current state senator

**Community involvement:** Prior to election to Senate, I was a PTA president (Forest Edge Elementary), chair of the State Board of Social Services, president of the Reston Community Association, chair of the Reston Transportation Committee, and various other positions.

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**Name three favorite endorsements:** Virginia Education Association, Northern Virginia Technology Council, Fairfax Chamber of Commerce, Sierra Club



#### 4. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative priorities.

- ❖ Make certain taxpayer money is invested wisely
- ❖ Increase funding for education at all levels, from pre-K through higher education.
- ❖ Pass legislation to expand Medicaid or 400,000 uninsured Virginians
- ❖ Increase and improve programs for persons with mental illness
- ❖ Pass commonsense gun safety legislation such a background checks

#### 5. How has your district changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes?

Redistricting took away 40% of residents in my previous district and added 40% in new areas. Now the district includes part of Arlington and parts of Oakton and Centreville. The district is more diverse ethnically and has greater disparities in income.

#### 6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans?

Absolutely. I have consistently voted to put a cap of no more than 36% on interest on loans. The current laws bring undesirable businesses into our state that prey on vulnerable residents.

#### 7. Will you support funding for Fostering Connections which would result in an influx of federal funding for foster children aging out of foster care?

Yes. I have been an advocate for this program and fought for it in budget conference. When the state takes children away from their parents, we have a heightened responsibility to those children. All parents recognize that children need support beyond age 18.

#### 8. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and if so, what would you do to make that happen?

Yes, I have been a fervent supporter of Medicaid expansion and have worked across party lines in the Senate to find a solution agreeable to the House majority. So far, they have been unyielding in their opposition despite the moral, economic, and health arguments in favor of expansion. I helped craft the Marketplace Virginia proposal and am currently working on further refinements of it. The sad truth is that the opposition is unwilling to compromise or to produce their own proposal.

# Candidates for State Senate in 37th District

## Dave Bergman (R)

Challenger, Senate in 37th District

**Town of residence:** Centreville

**Age:** 46

**Family:** Wife and two kids

**Education:** Annandale High School – 1987, BA - James Madison University – 1991, JD - Widener School of Law – 1995

**Offices held, dates:** Never held office before, first time candidate

**Occupation and relevant experience:** Vice President of Legal and External Affairs and Chief Legal Officer for the National Board for Certified Counselors

**Community involvement:** Youth Soccer Coach of 11 years

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**Name three favorite endorsements:** Sen. Dick Black, Del. Tim Hugo



ten to other points of view is important in any legislative body. I have spent my career working with both parties to pass legislation and I will bring that to my job as your senator.

### 4. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative priorities.

Keeping taxes low. Improving transportation. Working to make our schools better and college in Virginia more affordable. Improving the mental health system. Preserving human freedom and curtailing the excesses of government.

### 5. How has your district changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes?

The dirty little secret in the Virginia Senate is that in 2011 the Democrat majority in the senate gerrymandered the district lines to protect their majority. That's why this district begins in Lake Barcroft, snakes through 5 magisterial districts, and ends up near Dulles Airport. Ten years ago the 37th senate district was a lot more compact. I grew up here, and like anyone else who has been here this long, I have seen major good and bad changes. What hasn't changed is what the people want – good jobs, a good education for their children, safe streets and less traffic.

### 6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans?

I dislike car title loan companies as much as the next person. However, these businesses would not exist if there were no customers, so they are filling a need. It seems our job is to make sure these companies are properly licensed and regulated and determine if there are better ways to fill the need.

### 7. Will you support funding for Fostering Connections which would result in an influx of federal funding for foster children aging out of foster care?

I am whole-heartedly for any program that will encourage adoption.

### 8. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and if so, what would you do to make that happen?

When the government starts shelling out money somebody, somewhere, has to pay for it. Right now the feds are offering to transfer money from their treasury to Virginia's treasury to put more people on Medicaid, but there is no guarantee the money will continue to flow. And considering that the US government is running a deficit the size of the galactic empire, at some point the largesse will end, which means hard-working Virginians will end up with higher taxes. There is no pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, and the unicorns are not interested in paying our debts.

## Dave Marsden (D)

Incumbent

**Town of residence:** Burke

**Age:** 67

**Family:** Wife, Julia, and three sons

**Education:** W.T. Woodson High and Randolph Macon College

**Offices held, dates:** House of Delegates, 2006-2010; Virginia Senate 2010-present

**Occupation and relevant experience:**

Technical Assistance Director for DSG working to reduce youth violence across 10 major U.S. cities. Former Director Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice, probation officer, and Superintendent of Fairfax County Juvenile Detention Center.

**Community involvement:** Board Member Fairfax County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), former President of the Enterprise School and the West\*Lynch Foundation. Started Virginia's first local secure mental health/substance abuse program for young offenders. Former coach and referee for youth baseball, basketball, football, and soccer.

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**Name three favorite endorsements:** Fairfax County and Virginia Education Associations, Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, and Fairfax County Professional Firefighters Association



Every year you can find multiple examples of my efforts to put progress above partisanship. Three examples from this last year include: 1. SB1314 with Republican Delegate James LeMunyon, prioritizes congestion relief when VDOT is choosing transportation projects instead of a

legislator's "pet" project. 2. SB1102 with Republican Senator Mark Obenshain, allowed Uber to legally and safely operate in Virginia. 3. SB1235 with Republican Delegate Dave Albo, is landmark legislation that allows someone suffering from intractable epilepsy to utilize non-psycho active medical cannabidiol oils.

### 4. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative priorities.

1. Improving funding for and reforming our education system.
2. Diversifying our economy so we are less dependent on the federal government spending.
3. Fighting against unfair tolling and continuing to invest in our transportation system to ease congestion.
4. Strengthening our juvenile justice system to ensure our communities are kept safe and advancing evidence based adult re-entry programming.
5. Continuing mental health system reforms so all those who need care receive it.

### 5. How has your district changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes?

Fairfax County has long been a growing community, that growth has brought new needs and new opportunities in transportation, education, and human services. I was glad to support the Silver Line and am currently looking at all alternatives to 166 tolls. We've invested more in education, public safety, and human services. Because of the great people who have made Fairfax County home, this is one of the best places to live.

### 6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans?

Yes

### 7. Will you support funding for Fostering Connections which would result in an influx of federal funding for foster children aging out of foster care?

Yes

### 7. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act?

Yes, I will continue to work with legislators from both parties and Governor McAuliffe to forge a solution to this impasse. Expanding Medicaid will provide health coverage for close to 400,000 Virginians and it is estimated to create \$1.9 billion in economic impact and 30,000 jobs. This issue is too important to our community and Commonwealth to allow us to forgo \$1.8 billion in federal funding that Virginia taxpayers are already paying.

### QUESTIONS:

#### 1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

I've dedicated my career to keeping Fairfax County and Virginia safe through numerous leadership positions in our juvenile justice system. As a legislator, I've continued that service by working to strengthen the juvenile justice system, starting an adult prison re-entry effort that will reduce recidivism and improve public safety, and cracking down on sexual predators.

#### 2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?

I'm pleased put my record of leadership and history of dedicated service to this community to the test for re-election. From my career choices to the number of hours I've spent volunteering in our neighborhoods to every vote I've taken as a member of the General Assembly, I've always put the people of Fairfax County first. I've worked with Republicans and Democrats to find solutions to issues, I've worked to bring back our tax dollars for our schools and roads, and I've fought for the values that we share here in Northern Virginia.

#### 3. Given the political makeup of the state legislature, what examples from your own experience suggests you can successfully bridge the intense partisan differences there?

I have a long history of successfully working with Democrats and Republicans to get things done. I've led efforts to build consensus to balance the Commonwealth's budget without raising taxes.

### QUESTIONS:

#### 1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

I feel strongly about a lot of issues, but issues come and go. What is important in the long run are the principles I would bring to the task of representing the people of Fairfax County in the state senate. I believe government should be the court of last resort; many problems can be solved by people working together. I believe the more freedom and the less regulation, the better. I believe in lower taxes, more jobs, and a robust economy. I believe religious liberty is essential to our democracy. My call to service is driven by these principles that I will apply to any issue before the General Assembly.

#### 2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?

We have policy disagreements in a number of key areas. I am adamantly against McAuliffe's plan to put tolls on I-66. He voted to take money from the roads and put that money into sidewalks (SB 932) and I think that's nuts. And on crime, there is vast chasm between our positions; I support truth in sentencing and no parole for violent offenders, and Marsden doesn't. I also support school choice for our families, while Marsden voted against educational savings accounts for disabled children. Dave Marsden is a good citizen; he's just wrong on some important issues.

#### 3. Given the political makeup of the state legislature, what examples from your own experience suggest you can successfully bridge the intense partisan differences there?

The Virginia General Assembly is nowhere near as partisan as many other state legislatures because we have a part-time legislature; its members are not professional politicians; and they all have day jobs. I think an open mind and a willingness to lis-

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# State Senate District 33

## Jennifer Wexton (D)

*Incumbent State Senator*

**Town of residence:** Leesburg

**Age:** 47

**Family:** Husband: Andrew Wexton, Sons: Matthew (12) and Jamie (10)

**Education:** Undergraduate: University of Maryland; JD: William and Mary

**Offices held, dates:** Virginia State Senator, January 2014 - present

**Occupation and relevant experience:** Attorney, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney

**Community involvement:** Community Services Board, Special Justice, Substitute Judge

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**Name three favorite endorsements:** Washington Post; Virginia Education Association (teachers); Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce's NOVABizPAC (business).



**suggests you can successfully bridge the intense partisan differences there?**

In my 21 months in the Senate, I have focused on passing non-partisan, commonsense legislation that actually helps my constituents and people throughout Virginia. This is a key reason nine of my bills passed by both houses of the General Assembly and were signed into law in 2015. Among them, one guaranteed that

women can legally breastfeed in public; another helped families with autistic children (Conner's Law); and others made it easier to investigate and prosecute online sexual predators and child abusers. These aren't "hot button social issues" but they make Virginia a better and safer place to live.

**4. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative priorities.**

- ❖ Improving education by reducing class sizes and the number of standardized tests that students take.

- ❖ Transportation issues, including improving our local transportation infrastructure, reducing congestion, and opposing new tolls.

- ❖ Expanding Medicaid to cover the 400,000 working uninsured people who fall in the coverage gap in Virginia

- ❖ Commonsense gun restrictions, including keeping guns away from criminals and domestic abusers.

- ❖ Protecting our children by passing laws that make it easier to prosecute child abusers and predators.

**5. How has your district changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes?**

Loudoun County has been one of the fastest growing counties in America the past 10 years. Many people moved from inside-the-beltway to the 33<sup>rd</sup> District suburbs in search of nice houses, safe neighborhoods and good schools at a more affordable price. This has led to unprecedented growth in housing development, public school enrollment, and traffic.

**6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans?**

Yes

**7. Will you support funding for Fostering Connections which would result in an influx of federal funding for foster children aging out of foster care?**

Yes

**8. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and if so, what would you do to make that happen?**

Yes. I voted for the Marketplace Virginia plan that passed the Senate with bipartisan support in 2014, and will support similar legislation. That plan would cover 400,000 Virginians and bring Virginia more than \$1.7 billion of federal tax dollars.

### QUESTIONS:

**1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?**

I am running for reelection to continue providing effective representation for the people of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Senate district. Voters want us to maintain the high quality of life that attracted them to Loudoun and Fairfax. For most people, that means quality schools and manageable commutes, so we need to invest in education and transportation. We must restore state funding for schools so that we can hire and retain the best teachers and keep class sizes small. We also need to reduce the number of SOL tests, to ensure quality classroom instruction time and reduce the amount of "teaching to the test." In transportation, money earmarked for NOVA should be spent first on projects that best reduce congestion. The new proposal for tolls on I-66 is a bad one for my constituents, and I will oppose I-66 tolls, just as I previously have worked to lower tolls on the Dulles Greenway.

**2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?**

As a working mom with two sons attending Loudoun public schools, I understand the concerns of most people in the district. My background as a prosecutor and an attorney gives me a good understanding of the law, and how to evaluate and improve proposed legislation. Putting these things together, I have earned a reputation as a thoughtful legislator who focuses on creating sound policy and who puts partisanship aside to pass good laws. My opponent, on the other hand, touts the rigid ideology of the Tea Party. He wants to weaken public education, repeal the bipartisan transportation legislation that provides hundreds of millions of dollars for transportation projects in Northern Virginia, and opposes even the most basic of commonsense gun restrictions, like universal background checks.

**3. Given the political makeup of the state legislature, what examples from your own experience**

## Stephen B. Hollingshed

Republican challenger in 33rd Senate District

No response received.

# Senate District 34

## J.C. "Chap" Petersen (D)

*Incumbent, unopposed*

**Town of residence:** Fairfax City

**Age:** 47

**Family:** Married to Sharon Kim Petersen. Four children: Eva Emmeline (17), Mary Walton (13), Thomas Henry (10) and Ida Grace (4).

**Education:** B.A., Williams College. J.D., University of Virginia.

**Offices held, dates:** Fairfax City Council (1998-2002), Virginia House of Delegates (2002-2006), Virginia Senate (2008-present).

**Occupation and relevant experience:** Practicing attorney since 1994. Owned local law firm since 2005.

**Community involvement:** Served in elected office since 1998. Also active as Sunday school teacher at Truro Anglican Church.

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**Name three favorite endorsements:** Any three voters in Fairfax.



I worked with law-makers on both sides of the aisle to pass major legislation, SB 985 in 2015, which set a standard on protecting personal liberty and

curtailing government surveillance. (Sadly, it was vetoed by the Governor). I enjoy meeting people with different viewpoints and have no problem working with them.

**4. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative priorities.**

Promoting economic growth in Virginia, modernizing our tax system, advocating for commuters, keeping college affordable and protecting our natural spaces.

**5. How has your district changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes?**

Geographically, the 34<sup>th</sup> district was shifted west in 2011 and now includes 50,000 residents in Chantilly and Centreville.

**6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans?**

Yes.

**7. Will you support funding for Fostering Connections which would result in an influx of federal funding for foster children aging out of foster care?**

Need to know more details. I'm not familiar with this program.

**8. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and if so, what would you do to make that happen?**

Yes. I have voted for Medicaid expansion multiple times, most recently through the "Marketplace Virginia" project which used private insurers to certify eligible recipients and receive the Federal funds. It makes no sense to not use the Federal funds earmarked for Virginia's working poor.

### QUESTIONS:

**1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?**

In 2015, I sponsored the "Good Samaritan" immunity legislation, SB 892, which provides legal protection to young people who report an overdose or alcohol poisoning. It passed the Assembly and is now law. It will save lives. It also teaches our young citizens in Virginia that no matter the circumstances — always do the right thing.

**2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?**

Unfortunately, I have no opponent.

**3. Given the political makeup of the state legislature, what examples from your own experience suggests you can successfully bridge the intense partisan differences there?**



# School Board Candidates At-Large

## Omar Fateh

**Town of residence:** Annandale

**Age:** 25

**Education:** MPA from George Mason University

**Occupation and relevant experience:** Former Campaign Finance Analyst at FEC, Former Academic Advisor/Assistant Instructor at Northern Virginia Community College

**Community involvement:** Co-organize youth basketball league, Assist in developing tutoring programs at local mosques

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**QUESTIONS:**

**1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?**

The achievement gap. Our minority and economically disadvantaged students continually score 20-30 points below their peers on standardized tests. The dropout rate among economically disadvantaged students has nearly doubled in the last four years. First, standardized test scores should not be the main indicator of student progress or potential. Second, rather than having teachers teach to the tests, it is important for the School Board to give teachers the freedom to identify their students' strengths and interests. Finally, we must get parents involved, and to place responsibility on the students to succeed as well.

**2. Why should voters choose you?**

The qualities that separate me most from the other candidates for School Board include the perspective I bring as a member of some of the County's many underrepresented communities (including the Somali and Muslim communities), as a former Fairfax County Public Schools student, and also as a former advisor to countless area students at Northern Virginia Community College.

**3. How will you address the growing economic divide in county schools?**

Many parents in Fairfax County must work multiple jobs, and are not able to provide the full support needed by their children, such as attending school meetings and checking their children's work. It is critical for us to get parents as involved as we can, in part by meeting them on their terms and as much as possible. I will ensure that I am easily accessible to the entire community. Having worked with my local mosque to develop a tutoring program for our County's youth, many people within our community are willing to donate their time and efforts to help both academically, and in developing them as professionals.

Increased funding is necessary to meet the needs of an ever-expanding student body.

**4. How to address the achievement gap?**

To begin addressing the issue in earnest, the School Board first needs compassionate representatives willing to understand and serve the needs of the full range of County students with new energy and ability.

**5. More than half of the county budget is devoted to the school system with a budget gap looming, both for FCPS and Fairfax County. What steps would you take to manage the gap? What are the top priorities and what could be cut?**

Board members must also better engage their fellow elected officials to seek additional funding. The majority of the Board of Supervisors wants to fully fund our schools, but the dollars simply are not coming in from Richmond. We need to work with state representatives to bring back our tax dollars. We must work first and foremost to provide additional funding. We must get both Boards on the same page, and put education—in other words, our children—first in Fairfax County.



## Jeanette Hough

**Town of residence:** Fairfax

**Age:** 36

**Family:** Husband, Charlie (Oakton graduate '97); Ryan (4th grade), Keri (2nd grade), Ethan (Kindergarten), Vader (rescue puppy)

**Education:** B.A. in Economics; University of Virginia, Masters in Physical Therapy; University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

**Occupation and relevant experience:** Physical Therapist (Senior Therapist – mentor and leader role)

**Community involvement:** Volunteer in children's elementary school, local homeless shelter, church, and with meals and holiday gifts through Our Daily Bread, volunteer with kid's sports and activities, Manna Meal coordinator, PTA member

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**Name three favorite endorsements:** Class Size Counts, Former Congressman Tom Davis, Congresswoman Barbara Comstock

**QUESTIONS:**

**1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?**

Responsibility to the community defines my call to serve. That responsibility comes with engaging the community members, being fiscally responsible and setting clear priorities. Authentic engagement includes holding office hours and citizen town halls throughout the year, not just showing up to ribbon cuttings and planned events. Our community deserves more transparency with FCPS' \$2.7 billion operating fund. I will prioritize reducing large class sizes, not with one-time fixes the way my opponents have, but with long-term planning. I will prioritize competitive teacher salaries. Our teachers' salaries have fallen behind compared to surrounding counties. Instead of making it a real priority, the Board raised their own salary by 60%.

**2. What distinguishes you from your opponents, why should voters choose you?**

My opponents either do not have children or have not had children in FCPS for a long time. As the mother of children in graduating classes of 2023, 2025, 2027, I bring a unique insight into our school system. I bring an Economics degree when we face a shortfall of over \$70 million for FY17 due to failing to enact budgeting best practices.

**3. How will you address the growing economic divide in county schools?**

Part of the growing divide comes from parallel decisions made by the Board of Supervisors. It is imperative to have a new School Board that can build trust with the Board of Supervisors. With a better relationship, the two Boards can work together for our community and all of our children.

**4. How to address the achievement gap?**

Under current leadership, the achievement gap continues to be substantial. We cannot keep electing the same people and expect a different result. We need to provide a rigorous curriculum to all students and allocate resources for objective gains. We need to work with the community to provide wraparound services and empower parents to help their children at home.

**5. More than half of the county budget is devoted to the school system with a budget gap looming, both for FCPS and Fairfax County. What are the top priorities and what could be cut?**

FCPS' projected shortfall is 2.5% of the operating budget. The current School Board took five years to hire an auditor general and has refused to do a line of business review. My top priority is to ensure clear metrics and objectivity so we base cuts on educational impact and effectiveness, not on bias and popularity. We also need to look at FCPS' contract procurement practices. I will bring leadership to the Board so we cut waste and inefficiency, not proven programs.



## Manar Jean-Jacques

**Town of residence:** Fairfax

**Age:** 31

**Family:** My family is originally from Egypt and my wonderful husband, Thierry, is from Haiti. We have been married for 7 years and we have a two children, Thomas is 2 and Mary is 8 months.

**Education:** I hold a B.A. in Sociology from George Mason University

**Occupation and relevant experience:** I work at the Refugee Processing Center as a contractor for the Department of State. Since starting there 8 years ago, I have been known as a solution-driven, out-of-the box thinker with creative solutions. In addition to my analytical skills, I bring a parent's perspective to the board. As a mom of two future FCPS students, my priority is ensuring the best education for children in FCPS.

**Community involvement:** I participate in local volunteer opportunities though my church, I spent time on the ground in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina assisting in disaster relief efforts and I spent time helping at an orphanage in my husband's hometown of Port-au-Prince, Haiti after the devastating earthquake in 2010.

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**Name favorite endorsements:** I have am officially endorsed by the GOP and Arab Community Radio.

**QUESTIONS:**

**1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?**

As a first generation American, I cherish the importance of a government that listens to its people. I feel called to serve in my local government because the current school board is unresponsive to its constituents. I plan on involving the community in all board-related matters through regular town halls, PTA meetings, setting special time aside to meet with teachers and making myself readily available to the residents of Fairfax County via office hours, email and phone.

**2. Why should voters choose you?**

The incumbent at-large candidates either have children that have already graduated from FCPS or do not have children at all, the only way they take their decisions home with them is in their pockets. As a mom of two future FCPS students, my priority is ensuring the highest quality education for FCPS students so that our children have the best opportunities to thrive and be successful. I understand the frustration parents have with class size disparity, the need for more rigor in the classroom and the need for parents of this next generation to be respected and recognized as the primary educators of their children ... that is a perspective needed on the school board and it is one that the incumbents cannot offer.

**3. How will you address the growing economic divide in county schools?**

It is important to keep rigor, class size disparity and staffing formulas at the heart of the conversation with the community. Working together, we can create solutions that address our county's challenges and needs. It is the responsibility of FCPS to educate all students in the county and shape them into productive members of the community.

**4. How to address the achievement gap?**

Coming from an immigrant family and working daily to bring refugees to the U.S., I understand what education means for those seeking a better future for themselves and their families in the U.S. I am very concerned that the needle hasn't moved on closing the minority achievement gap in years, despite \$65 million being poured into projects targeting the issue. The current board continually changes the name of these projects (Excel, PSI, Momentum, etc), making it nearly impossible to

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## Ryan McElveen

**INCUMBENT**

**Town of residence:** McLean

**Age:** 29

**Family:** Married

**Education:** M.A. in International Affairs, Columbia University; B.A. in Anthropology and East Asian Studies, The University of Virginia

**Offices held, dates:** School Board Member, At-large, January 2012-Present

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**Name three endorsements:** Fairfax County Federation of Teachers, Fairfax Education Association, Fairfax County Democratic Committee

**QUESTIONS:**

**1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?**

I will remain a voice for the voiceless who don't know how to best resolve their concerns with the school system. One of my first actions on the Board was to push for the creation of a system to allow community members to submit YouTube video testimonies to be shown at our meetings. We became the first public Board in the country to implement this kind of feedback mechanism. I will continue engaging with the community in a transparent manner and with an open mind while working to improve our communications.

**2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?**

I have a track record of bringing significant and positive change to the school system in a short amount of time. I have focused on three major initiatives — improving school food (including the creation of a fresh food pilot kitchen and the system-wide study of our Food and Nutrition Services program), the internationalization working group (to help guide our work on implementing world languages and study-abroad opportunities), and the alumni networking action group (which has helped us map a path to create an FCPS alumni association). In my next term, I hope to see all of these efforts through to implementation.

**3. How will you address the growing economic divide in county schools?**

FCPS is a tale of two counties, and this unquestionably has emerged as one of our biggest challenges. In Fairfax, more than half of our elementary schools sit above the socio-economic tipping point, proving that Fairfax has moved beyond localized poverty. To address this divide, the School Board must maintain its long-standing practice of targeting these communities with needs-based funding. Co-location of school and human services facilities, as has been piloted in Mount Vernon, is another way to tackle this community issue without spending significant additional county resources.

**4. How to address the achievement gap?**

Our Board has remained steadfast in our support of needy students and those who speak other languages at home by directing budget resources to these at-risk populations. We have made expanding early childhood opportunities one of our priorities, because we know that investments in the education of students at an early age pay dividends later in their educational careers (thus saving our system money). We must continue working with the county to creatively fund and house these programs.

**5. More than half of the county budget is devoted to the local school system with a significant budget gap looming, both for FCPS and Fairfax County. What steps would you take to manage the gap and to**

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# School Board Candidates At-Large

## Ilryong Moon

**INCUMBENT**  
**Town of residence:** Fairfax  
**Age:** 58  
**Family:** Father of 2 FCPS graduates  
**Education:** Harvard, B.A.; William and Mary Law School, J.D.



**Offices held, dates:** At-Large School Board Member, 07/1995-12/1995 & 2004-present; Braddock District School Board Member 1996-1999; At-Large Planning Commissioner 2000-2003.

**Occupation and relevant experience:** Attorney since 1984; Member, Board of Directors, American Youth Philharmonic Orchestras, 2000-2010; Member, Board of Directors, Montessori School of Northern Virginia, 1994-1995

**Community involvement:** Youth soccer coaching, Fairfax-Falls Church Regional Council of the United Way, Police Chief's Diversity Council.

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**Name three favorite endorsements:** My family, Fairfax County Federation of Teachers, and Democratic Party

**QUESTIONS:**

**1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?**

We should prepare our students for global competition. They will not only lead our country in the future, but must be able to compete with the students from the other nations. I want Fairfax County to be the best place to live, work, and raise children. We need good teachers and must support them. We should challenge our students to do their best, meet their individual needs, and provide them with a broad curriculum, including in STEM and foreign language education.

**2. What distinguishes you from your opponents; why should voters choose you?**

Experience and unique perspectives. I have served on the school board for 16 years, including 3 years as chairman and 2 years as vice chairman, and also chaired budget, governance, personnel, and policy committees. Furthermore, I bring unique perspectives as an immigrant grown up in poverty, an English language learner, an attorney, and a small business owner.

**3. How will you address the growing economic divide in county schools?**

All students should have resources per their needs. We should work more closely with the parents to help their children succeed. For the parents with language, cultural, or employment barriers, we should reach out to them more proactively. All students should have adequate access to digital devices and internet capability. We must also work with the County Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission on housing issues not to concentrate high poverty students on certain areas.

**4. How to address the achievement gap?**

Adequate resources, closer work with families, and high expectations for all students are needed. I support needs-based staffing. Resources should follow students' needs whether in opportunities, special education, or learning English as a second language. We need to equip, train, and educate parents to help their children succeed. Also, everyone should have high expectations for all students. We should expand early childhood education opportunities, working with the County, State, private sector, and community organizations.

**5. More than half of the county budget is devoted to the school system with a significant budget gap looming, both for FCPS and Fairfax County. What steps would you take to manage the gap and to fund the needs of the school system? What are the top priorities and what could be cut?**

A community consensus on the school funding level should be built. I support the superintendent's work with the budget task force to gather commu-

## Burnette G. Scarboro

**Town of residence:** Alexandria (Fairfax County)  
**Age:** Over 21  
**Family:** Luther, husband; Children – Syreeta, Seneca and Stefanie  
**Education:** Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, NC; NOVA Community College; and George Mason University, Fairfax, VA.



**Offices held, dates:** No elected office held

**Occupation and relevant experience:** Fairfax County Public Schools – Family Engagement Representative; African Heritage Early Literacy Project Leader. Co-founder South County Youth Network a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Member, Lt. Governor's Commonwealth Council for Childhood Success

**Community involvement:** Northern VA District PTA Director; Member, VA State PTA Board; Member, Chairman Bulova's Ad Hoc Police Review Committee; Coordinator, West Potomac-Mount Vernon School-Community Coalition

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**QUESTIONS:**

**1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?**

My desire to have equitable education for all students drives me to run, along with character education in all school pyramids.

**2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?**

Voters should choose me because I am embedded in the school system as an employee; family oriented and believe that students and families should not be judged by their geographical location.

**3. How will you address the growing economic divide in county schools?**

First, we need to address the increase in families placing their children in private schools or homeschooling; second, the economic divide is a direct correlation of the type of businesses in a community, i.e., fast food establishments vs. Fortune 500; and, third – work on changing the mindset of judging others by zip codes.

**4. How will you address the achievement gap?**

The achievement gap should not exist. The history of public education clearly shows that that public education was not designed for people of color. The achievement gap came on the scene when schools were integrated. I can only address the problem when all stakeholders understand why the problem exists.

**5. More than half of the county budget is devoted to the local school system with a significant budget gap looming, both for FCPS and Fairfax County. What steps would you take to manage the gap and to fund the needs of the school system? What are the top priorities and what could be cut?**

FCPS and the BOS must work together to develop strategies to bring more businesses into the area and reduce the reliance on real estate taxes. Teachers know where cuts can be made and that is the group that I would begin my inquiries.

**6. What value does FCPS add for taxpayers who do not have children in the schools?**

A school system with a stellar reputation is sought by businesses and former school graduates to return and give back to the community. Taxpayers want to see "more bang for their bucks." Elect me to the school board and you'll see the plan in action!

## Theodore J. "Ted" Velkoff

**INCUMBENT**  
**Town of Residence:** Chantilly  
**Age:** 61  
**Family:** Wife, Dr. Patricia Velkoff; Daughters Catherine (South Lakes H.S. 2007), Elizabeth (Chantilly H.S. 2009)



**Offices held, dates:** At-Large member of the Fairfax County School Board, January 2012 to present. Have served as Vice Chairman of the Board, Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Budget Committee.

**Occupation and relevant experience:** Senior Software Architect at Integrity One Partners, Reston VA; previously with Lockheed Martin and IBM in Manassas, VA. M.A., Computer Science, Indiana University; M. Music, Conducting, Indiana University; B. Music, Composition, University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music.

**Community involvement:** PTSA President, Chantilly H.S.; PTA Treasurer, Chantilly H.S., Rocky Run M.S., Poplar Tree E.S.; Treasurer, Pleasant Valley Preschool, Girl Scout Troup 2829. Volunteer, stage manager and occasional human prop, Fairfax Ballet.

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**Name three favorite endorsements:** Supervisor John Foust, Senator Chap Petersen, Delegate Ken Plum.

**QUESTIONS:**

**1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?**

Eliminate high stakes testing and replace with authentic assessments. We must restore the joy of teaching and learning that comes from projects, inquiry and communication. Recently inaugurated Portrait of a Graduate defines success not in terms of what students know, but what they can do with what they know.

**2. What distinguishes you from your opponents and why should voters choose you?**

I am proud of the work accomplished by the board of which I have been a member for the past four years. We hired a visionary and transformational leader in Dr. Karen Garza. We made much-needed changes to student discipline practices; solved the high school start time problem; and instituted full-day instruction in elementary schools on Mondays. My opponents have seldom, if ever, attended school board meetings or work sessions, and appear to have been motivated solely by disagreement with one action of the board last May. I have been an effective member of the school board by building relationships and brokering agreements on potentially contentious policy decisions.

**3. How will you address the growing economic divide in county schools?**

We need to expand innovative programs in schools throughout the county, especially those in economically challenged communities. We must insist on rigorous instruction for all children in all schools, whether wealthy or poor, gifted or disadvantaged. I am deeply opposed to the punitive accountability measures imposed by the state and federal government, which are counterproductive. I am just as deeply committed to the principle that we in FCPS must do everything we can to meet the needs of all children.

**4. How to address the achievement gap?**

The most important thing we can do is to achieve universal pre-school in Fairfax County. Nobel Prize economist James Heckman has demonstrated that high quality pre-school yields a 7 to 1 return on investment in less remediation and discipline issues over the career of a student.

**5. More than half of the county budget is devoted to the school system with a significant budget gap looming, both for FCPS**

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## Manar Jean-Jacques

evaluate the effectiveness of the programs. I would begin addressing the achievement gap by engaging teachers in the conversation and seeking their expertise.

**5. More than half of the county budget is devoted to the local school system with a significant budget gap looming, both for FCPS and Fairfax County. What steps would you take to manage the gap and to fund the needs of the school system? What are the top priorities and what could be cut?**

If elected, I would like to put a motion before the board to vote on giving back the 60% raise they voted themselves in the midst of this budget gap. I would also like to look at outsourcing FCPS jobs that do not directly impact the education of children inside the classroom. Outsourcing gives businesses in the community an opportunity to thrive and frees up money that we would have been paying into pensions to now be redirected back into the classroom.

## Ryan McElveen

**fund the needs of the school system? What are the top priorities and what could be cut?**

FCPS cannot remain the system it is today at current levels of funding, and we won't realize that we've hit the breaking point until it's too late. It is well past time to diversify local revenue streams.

Beyond Fairfax, the School Board must take advocacy to the next level by coalition building with similar, like-minded districts and umbrella organizations throughout the state to push for a change to our state funding mechanisms. Additionally, both Boards need to continue exploring legal recourse to obtain the education funding guaranteed by the Virginia constitution.

## Ilryong Moon

nity input. Both the School Board and the Board of Supervisors need to know where the community stands. We should also review our programs, practices, and operations to find savings. My priorities are to increase teacher salaries, lower class sizes, and challenge all students to do their best and prepare them for the postsecondary education and employment.

## Ted Velkoff

**and Fairfax County. What are the top priorities and what could be cut?**

Because Virginia's antiquated form of government concentrates power in Richmond and marginalizes Fairfax County, the Board of Supervisors and School Board are pitted against each other by design. The Supervisors control school revenue; the School Board controls school spending. The County Executive proposes a revenue-based budget; the Superintendent proposes a needs-based budget.

The County Executive has told FCPS to "live within its means." In accordance with that budget guidance, the Superintendent will have to cut \$72M from the operating budget. The School Board has closed similar gaps by increasing class size and limiting employee compensation. This year I will not support a budget that is balanced on the backs of our employees.

Questionnaires have been edited for length. Full questionnaires are available at [www.ConnectionNewspapers.com](http://www.ConnectionNewspapers.com) click on Elections.

Neither Peter Marchetti nor Robert Copeland, both candidates for Fairfax County School Board At Large, returned their questionnaires for publication.

# Candidates for Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

## Sharon Bulova (D)

**Incumbent**  
**Town of residence:** Fairfax  
**Age:** 67

**Family:** Married. Between my husband and I we have: four adult children and seven grandchildren.

**Education:** AAS Degree in Business Management from Northern VA Community College, attended business classes, UVA evening program, previously held Real Estate license

**Offices held, dates:**  
Elected Braddock (then called Annandale) District Supervisor in 1987. In February 2009 elected Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. Re-elected in 2011.

**Occupation and relevant experience:** I am a full time Chairman. Prior to elected office I held positions in business.

**Community involvement:** I came to local government through my work as Civic Association president of Kings Park West. I have been a member of the Annandale Rotary, how serving as an honorary member. I am a founder of Faith Communities in Action and collaborated on two community history projects: A Look Back at Braddock and the Asian American History Project.

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**Name three favorite endorsements:** FEA (Fairfax Education Association), Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, Sierra Club

### QUESTIONS:

**1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?**

I love local government and feel strongly about community engagement. In my roles as Braddock Supervisor and now Chairman I have been committed to making sure our community is at the table with local government to participate in resolving issues and addressing our challenges. A major challenge right now is the sluggish recovery we are experiencing from the Great Recession. My goal is to strike the right balance between maintaining taxes that are affordable to our residents while investing what is needed to ensure a world class school system, safe streets and neighborhoods, compassionate human services, a clean environment and quality of life services like libraries and our fantastic park system.

**2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?**

I have the experience, the commitment and the enthusiasm to serve as Fairfax County's chairman. I believe I have the collaborative skill set needed to lead our Board and our community on an even, positive course.

**3. More than half of the county budget is devoted to the local school system. A significant budget gap looms for the next budget cycle, both for FCPS and Fairfax County. What are the top county priorities and how will you assure funding and manage the budget? What ideas do you have for increasing revenue? Name two areas/items you would cut or reduce.**

Education continues to be my highest priority. It is however, not my only priority. It is critical that we continue to be the safest jurisdiction of our size in the U.S. and that we maintain the quality of life our residents value. Beginning in January our newly elected Board will engage in a multi-year Lines of Business process to examine all of our services in order to identify opportunities for efficiencies and savings. We have invited the School Board to participate with us in this process. I am hopeful that, working together, we will find new ways to economize on resources and improve on the delivery of services to families and students.

**4. How many hours a week of outside employment do you anticipate while serving on the Board of Supervisors?**

I am a full time Chairman. I work well over 40 hours per week plus countless hours of community and regional activities.



## Glenda Gail 'for Rail' Parker (I)

**Town of residence:**  
Alexandria, Fairfax County

**Age:** 68  
**Family:** Three grown children, four Grand-children

**Education:** MBA with a certificate in Software Engineering Administration

**Offices held, dates:**  
Elected to Vice- Chair, Independent Greens of Virginia (2007 to Present); elected to COG TPB CAC (2007-2010)

**Occupation and relevant experience:**  
Governmental Budget Analyst, Businesswoman  
Community involvement: Fairfax Federation Civic Association Committee, Public Safety Chair (approximately 2009-2010)

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Independent Greens of Virginia



### QUESTIONS:

**1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?**

The Independent Green Party Green New Deal will get us on the right track. The Green New Deal means double- digit job growth in Eco jobs for the economy. Solar jobs. Wind jobs. Geothermal jobs. Rail jobs. The Green New Deal means Bike share for Fairfax County. Bikes, like rail, increase the value of our homes, businesses, and communities. The Green New Deal will bring Electronic VRE signs for commuters. The Green New Deal means New Tracks, More Trains, More often to More Places. The Green New Deal is solar panels, and geothermal heating and cooling for every public building. Renewable energy makes money for taxpayers.

**2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?**

My advocacy for Rail and renewable energy. Investments in Green Energy make money. The solar age is here and we want on-board! It is past time to bring the Green Revolution to Fairfax County.

**3. More than half of the county budget is devoted to the local school system. A significant budget gap looms for the next budget cycle, both for FCPS and Fairfax County. What are the top county priorities and how will you assure funding and manage the budget? What ideas do you have for increasing revenue? Name two areas/items you would cut or reduce.**

The infrastructure budget has too many subsidies to big oil, big asphalt, big auto, fossil fuels. Giving a half a trillion dollars in taxpayer subsidies annually worldwide to big oil is fiscal lunacy. Cut and reprioritize the infrastructure budget to invest in free solar energy and geothermal energy. Work harmoniously with the School Board to place money where it will do the most good, fund education costs and teacher salaries rather than administration costs. Build Rail: Rail will grow revenues by growing the economy. Rail increases the value of our homes, businesses and communities. Every \$1 invested in Rail returns \$20 to the community!

**4. How many hours a week of outside employment do you anticipate while serving on the Board of Supervisors?**

The new salary voted by the Board will allow me to devote full time to BOS duties.

## Arthur Purves (R)

**Town of residence:** Vienna

**Age:** 66

**Family:** Married 42 years, two children, seven grandchildren

**Education:** BA, MS, MBA University of Pennsylvania

**Offices held, dates:** N/A

**Occupation and relevant experience:** Computer Programmer

**Community involvement:**

-President, Fairfax County Taxpayers Alliance since 1996  
-Member, Fairfax County Meals Tax Task Force (2014)  
-Member, Hunter Mill Citizen Budget Committee (2013)  
-Treasurer, Fairfax Committee 100  
-Member Fairfax Branch, NAACP  
-Past member of three Fairfax County Public Schools advisory committees  
-Scoutmaster

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**Name three favorite endorsements:** Del. Tim Hugo and Loudoun Supervisor Eugene Delgaudio

### QUESTIONS:

**1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?**

Only 59% of Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) seniors are prepared for college, and the percent prepared varies from 75% for Langley High School to 20% for Lee and Mt. Vernon High Schools. In a quarter of a century FCPS has made no progress in closing the minority student achievement gap: only 35% of Hispanic and 20% of African-American FCPS seniors are prepared for college. Even if you don't go to college, being prepared for college makes you better qualified for a good job. The solution is better instruction in the basics; not more money. As county chairman I would hold the school board accountable for achievement when the school board makes its annual \$2B budget request.

**2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?**

The incumbent chairman:

For 16 years has raised real estate taxes three times faster than household income, which is unaffordable, especially for seniors;

Does not hold the schools accountable for achievement;

Is indifferent to the disproportionate incarceration of Hispanics and African-Americans in the county jail;

Sat silent for 17 months while the police department refused to disclose the details of the shooting of an unarmed civilian by a police officer on August 29, 2013;

Neglected maintenance of the now unsafe and unreliable Metrorail system to build the Silver Line;

Since 2000 cut staffing of libraries and parks by 112 positions while adding 145 clerks to handle public assistance applications, for a total of 354 public assistance positions.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics job growth in Fairfax County was close to last of the 342 largest U.S. counties last year. I will grow jobs by cutting taxes; using the chairman's pulpit to advocate for higher achievement, including Hispanic and African-American achievement, through better curricula; being transparent; and making Metrorail repairs my highest transportation priority.

**3. More than half of the county budget is devoted to the local school system. A significant budget gap looms for the next budget cycle, both for FCPS and Fairfax County. What are the top county priorities and how will you assure funding and manage the budget? What ideas do you have for increasing revenue? Name two areas/items you would cut or reduce.**

For FY2017 the county and schools want to increase spending by \$240M while revenues are projected to increase only \$20M without a real estate tax hike. This predicament demonstrates the need for new leadership. Seventy percent of the spending increase is for raises (3.5% for county and 4% for school employees), Cadillac health plans, and pensions with retirement at 55. My opponent would raise real estate taxes 9%, pushing the typical homeowner's real estate tax from \$5,700 to \$6,200. She raised real estate taxes 8% last year. For 16 years the supervisors have been increasing taxes three times faster than household income. Since 2000, while school enrollment has increased 22%, the school budget increased 100%. County and school spending for health and pension benefits increased \$700M since 2000; that is \$400M more than needed to keep up with inflation, population, and enrollment. For 16 years the average annual raise for 30,000 county and school employees has been 4%. To pay for these raises and benefits, the supervisors have been increasing real estate taxes three times faster than household income. The revenue from the tax hikes was not enough to pay for the raises and benefits, so park and library staffing was cut and class sizes increased. And now teachers and police cannot afford the \$6,000 real estate taxes that were increased to pay for their own raises and benefits. To make Fairfax County affordable again, we need to cut taxes by reducing benefits and giving smaller raises, as is the case with private-sector employees.

**4. How many hours a week of outside employment do you anticipate while serving on the Board of Supervisors?**

I can retire and be a full-time chairman.

