

Candidates for State Delegate in 43th District

Paul J. McIlvaine (I)

Independent Challenger for Delegate in District 43

Town of residence: Franconia

Age: 66

Family: Married, 3 sons, 2 daughters-in-law, 2 nieces, 1 grand nephew & niece, & 1 grandson - all Virginians!

Education: Bachelor of Electrical Engineering; Villanova University, Master of Science in (Business) Administration; George Washington University; Master of Science - National Resource Strategy; National Defense University

Offices held, dates: National Board of Directors, Society of Logistics Engineers (SOLE); National Board of Governors, American Guild of Musical Artists Current Union member.

Occupation and relevant experience: Electronics Engineer, Naval Air Systems Command, A-6, P-3, S-3 and E-2 aircraft. Acquisition Project Officer, Headquarters, Marine Corps, ground-based Tactical Command & Control Systems. Management Professor; Department Chairman; Associate Dean; and Director of Corporate Planning - Defense Acquisition University, Fort Belvoir. Professional Opera Singer - Virginia Opera, Washington National Opera, Opera Theatre of Northern Virginia & others. Appeared as Scrooge in A Christmas Carol at McLean's Alden Theatre.

Community involvement: SOLE Logistics Education Award; Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Medal; Army Commander's Award for Distinguished Civilian Service; Defense Superior Civilian Service Medal & Hall of Fame, Defense Acquisition University. Washington National Wagner Society Meistersinger Award for excellence in performance, dedication & community spirit.

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Name three favorite endorsements: Independent Green Party



Mark Sickles (D)

Incumbent

Town of residence: Alexandria

Age: 58

Education: Delegate Sickles has two Masters Degrees from Georgia Tech and a B.S. from Clemson University.

Offices held, dates: 43rd Virginia House of Delegates District - 2004 - Present

Occupation and relevant experience: As a part-time legislator, Delegate Sickles works full-time for a national marine construction company based in Metropolitan New York.

Community involvement: Fairfax County Library Board, serving for 11 years and one term as Chairman. Oversaw the opening of a new library in Kingstowne and the development of a 10-year CIP with renovation of the Richard Byrd and Martha Washington libraries. Former President of United Community Ministries. Aerospace Advisory Council and the George Mason University of Conflict Analysis and Resolution's (S-CAR) Advisory Board. Active member of the Bioscience Caucus.

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Name three favorite endorsements: Virginia Education Association, Virginia Professional Fire Fighters, Northern Virginia Technology Council TechPAC

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

I was born and raised in Northern Virginia and observed first hand a dynamic region that grew faster than public infrastructure could sustain. The fight to ensure that Northern Virginia gets its fair share in order to catch up has defined my service. It is my hope to keep Virginia the type of place that anyone would want to call home. My family built a life here and I want ensure that it continues to be the best place to work, play, and to educate the next generation.

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

My Republican opponent claims that she will represent the views and interests of every citizen of the 43rd District, but her personal ideology is fundamentally at odds with most of the core beliefs of my constituents. Her complete lack of respect for the institution of government makes me seriously question her commitment to protect and fight for critical services like Metro Reform, pre-k through 12 and higher education, and public safety.

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?

My recent appointment to the Appropriations Committee by Speaker Howell, arguably Virginia's most prominent Republican, is a clear vote of confidence in my ability to work across the aisle. Although we may disagree on some fundamental issues, I believe my Republican colleagues and I have respect for each other, which allows us to work together to pass substantive legislation, such as the landmark 2013 transportation bill.

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

1. Closing the Medicaid Coverage Gap. 2. Expanding access to pre-k for at-risk children, by reforming the Virginia Preschool Initiative and increasing funding for the program. 3. Diversification of Virginia's economy. 4. Increasing access to the ballot. 5. Fighting for transportation priorities and improving Metrorail's performance.

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

Ten years ago, we had many more trailers serving as classrooms in our schools. We did not have Jeff Todd Way, turn lanes at Harrison Lane, and a functioning intersection at S. Kings and Telegraph Road. The Commonwealth's 16 four-year institutions of higher learning have built the capacity to handle the numerous students from N. Virginia. We have made a big difference in the lives of many more families with disabled children.

6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans? One thing we can do is pass HB 2011, a bill that would have prohibited "a licensed motor vehicle title lender or third party from making loans under the chapter re-regulating consumer finance loans at any place of business where a licensee conducts the business of making motor vehicle title 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? I would very likely support a program that improves our essential foster care system.

8. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and if so, what would you do to make that happen? Closing the Coverage Gap is one of my top legislative priorities. Partisan gridlock has prevented the Governor from accepting Virginia's own tax dollars for routine care of her poorest citizens by a Medicaid managed care company, or from using Medicaid funds to purchase insurance on the exchange. In furtherance of our reputation as a well-managed state, we need to accept our own tax dollars back so as not to deny healthcare for up to 400,000 of our fellow working Virginians that live below the poverty line.



Anna Urman (R)

Challenger, Delegate District 43

Town of residence: "Groveton" - Alexandria, VA

Age: 38

Family: Married, 2 daughters

Education: Graduate, Hofstra University (BA), Georgetown University (JD), post-graduate work, George Washington University (LLM).

Occupation and relevant experience: Director, Virginia Procurement Technical Assistance Program, George Mason University. Small business owner/counselor, government contract law expert, homeowner.

Community involvement: (1) Training and counseling small businesses in government procurement; (2) Dog rescue volunteer.

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Name three favorite endorsements: Republican Liberty Caucus of Virginia, VA NextGen GOP, Sen. Mark D. Obenshain



QUESTIONS:

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

We came to the US for the American Dream — economic opportunity, religious liberty, and individual freedom. I want to ensure that this dream remains alive for my daughters' generation. I see more government, less liberty; we are over-taxed and over-regulated. I'll fight for a transparent, accountable, limited government that spends money frugally, and honors our Constitutional principles.

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

I believe that individuals are in better position to govern their lives than bureaucrats. I believe in parental rights, in reducing bureaucracy, in reducing taxes instead of burdening us and our children with further debts to pay for unnecessary government programs — whether it's expanding a broken Medicaid system or adding unaffordable tolls to roads that we-the-taxpayers already paid for.

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? As much as it may benefit some to exacerbate the appearance of a partisan divide — there isn't enough time to point fingers and cast around blame. As a working mom, a business owner, I focus on solutions. I study problems, operate on facts, and create strategy to get things done.

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

A. Decrease / eliminate taxes and regulation that hurt small businesses. B. Create meaningful contracting parity for veteran-owned business. C. Make Virginia a "No Kill" state that doesn't kill healthy, adoptable animals in our public shelters. D. Ensure that Fairfax County gets an equitable share of state funding for our roads and schools proportionate to our needs, and our contribution to the state. E. Ease regulations for "tech transfer" from public universities, which will ensure that scientific and technological developments are more easily developed into new products and services — creating technology, jobs, and wealth.

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

The decline in our schools is evident in increased class sizes and falling scores. The increased congestion is indicative of inadequate attention and lack of planning by current elected officials. High commercial vacancy rates and flight of businesses is a testament to our regulatory quagmire and irresponsible tax policies.

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

No. I believe that adults should have the right to make their own financial decisions. Our goal should be not to regulate, but to educate, so that consumers can make informed financial choices.

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?

No. With federal debt careening towards \$20 trillion, "influx of federal money" means a greater debt burden to all Americans. Furthermore, 18-year-olds are legal adults and as such, should be able to participate in society. If they aren't ready to take on adult responsibilities at 18, we should ask what's wrong with the system, not throw more money at the problem.

8. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and if so, what would you do to make that happen? No. I would not advocate investment into an infrastructure for a healthcare system that may be proven unconstitutional. Furthermore, the fundamental premise of forcing citizens to buy health insurance is flawed, and I oppose it categorically. The goal of Medicaid expansion is to provide taxpayer-funded benefits to able-bodied adults who are above federal poverty level; such an expansion is enormously unfair to all taxpayers.

Candidates for State Delegate in 42nd District

David Albo (R-42)

Incumbent
Town of residence: South County / Fairfax Station
Age: 53
Family: Wife, Rita and 10 yr. old son, Ben
Education: UVA BA Economics. Law Degree U.R.
Offices held, dates: House of Delegates 1994-present
Occupation and relevant experience: Attorney. 1988 – present. (Former Prosecutor City of Fairfax, Guardian for Abused Children. Partner at Albo & Oblon, LLP. 1994 – present.)
Community involvement: Past President West Springfield Civic Association, Fairfax County Transportation Advisory Committee.
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Three favorite endorsements: Humane Dominion (an animal protection association), Northern VA Technology Association, Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce



Everyone who knows her says she is very nice. As for why should voters choose me? I deliver real results for our neighborhoods. Just take a look at my answer on #1 for some concrete examples.

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 always look for a solution that both sides can live with. A compromise means that you have to take some things you don't like, in order to get things you want. That is why, unlike the Federal government, we deliver balanced budgets every year. Another example would be the 2013 Transportation Bill I co-authored. 37 Republicans and 23 Democrats voted for it. Did I like all of it? No, but I liked delivering the first bill in three decades to fix roads and rail.

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

Providing more in-state slots for VA colleges, repaving residential streets, keeping flow of money to Fairfax Schools, continuing to keep government spending at 2007 levels so we don't have to raise taxes, and keeping violent criminals in prison.

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

Lorton Prison was closed and we built SCHS, SCMS and Laurel Hill Elementary! West Springfield is still the same, just like it was when I grew up here.

6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans? It is a free country. Government should not tell people what loans they can accept.

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?

First of all, anyone who is poor, and either (a) disabled, (b) a child, or (c) elderly, already gets Medicaid. This plan seeks to do is give free medical insurance (Medicaid) to working age people 19-64. While it would be nice to take care of everyone, we cannot afford it. Expanding Medicaid will cost \$230 million/yr., and since Medicaid has gone up 300% over the past 10 years, it could rise to \$720 million. To pay that, the state would have to increase taxes.

Joana Garcia (D)

No response received.

House District 41

Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41)

Incumbent, unopposed
Town of residence: Springfield
Age: 51
Family: Married to Bob Corn, two children: Jeremy and Alana
Education: B.A. Ithaca College, J.D. American University
Offices held, dates: Member, House of Delegates, 2010-present
Occupation and relevant experience: Director of Government Relations, Albers and Company. Member: Commerce and Labor Committee, Finance Committee, Transportation Committee, Governor's Climate Change and Resiliency Update Commission, Health Insurance Reform Commission, Joint Commission on Technology and Science, Joint Commission on Transportation Accountability, Virginia Commission on Intergovernmental Cooperation.
Community involvement: Current Chair of Jobs for Virginia Graduates, Virginia State Director, Women in Government. Member, Women's Legislative Network Board for National Conference of State Legislators (NCSL). Center for Public Policy Innovation's (CPPI) Board of Directors and the Jewish Foundation for Group Homes' Board of Directors. Past Member, Board of Directors for the 2015 World Police and Fire Games in Fairfax County.
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Name three favorite endorsements: Virginia Education Association, Sierra Club, Northern Virginia Technology Council Tech PAC



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?

While currently serving as the House Democratic Whip, I also believe in finding common ground in order to achieve results. I believe in bringing all sides of an issue to the table. When developing legislation, I often focus on building coalitions as we strive to find commonality and compromise. A reasoned approach and willingness to hear all sides is critically important in developing and passing quality legislation.

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

1. Education; 2. Economy; 3. Transportation; 4. Public Safety, including Gun Safety; 5. Advocating for the Disability Community

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

Over the past 10 years, the 41st District has continued to be a great place to live and raise a family. While sequestration continues to affect our region, we have made great strides since the recession. Looking forward, it is important to me that we continue to diversify our economy and continue to fight for our quality schools, including the four high schools in the district: Lake Braddock, Robinson, West Springfield, and Woodson.

6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans? Yes, I would support such legislation.

While there are not many car title lenders in the 41st District, there's been an increase of them in Northern Virginia. Consumers need to be well aware of what they are agreeing to in the contracts they sign, and they should not be burdened with unnecessarily high interest rates and fees.

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 would be interested in looking at potential legislation. Related bills have been proposed in the Senate in 2014 and 2015, but I have never had the opportunity to vote on them. While they passed unanimously out of the Senate, the bills died in committee in the House.

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 wholeheartedly support closing the coverage gap. I have spoken out vigorously on the Floor of the House of Delegates several times in support of Medicaid expansion. Virginia is clearly in the minority of states who have not expanded Medicaid. It's the right thing to do for Virginians and it's the right thing to do for our economy. The money is there. All we have to do is say yes.

QUESTIONS:

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

My "call to serve" comes from the fact that I grew up here in West Springfield (Rolling Valley Elementary – West Springfield High School), live in South County, have a 10-year-old son at our local Fairfax County public schools, and have had my law practice in the heart of West Springfield for 25 years. My campaign may not seem too exciting because I don't have any controversial issue to push. Rather, I want to make government work. For example, getting our roads paved. I co-authored the 2013 Transportation Bill that for the first time in three decades delivered more funds for transportation. But with the non-negotiable rule that 100% of the money raised in NOVA stays in NOVA! This has already delivered results for our area. Old Keene Mill Rd. and Rolling Rd. finally got paved. The Mt. Vernon Hwy and Rt. 1 Interchange finally got realigned. And Rolling Rd. is now on the list for widening to four lanes. I have helped increase the number of in-state college slots. Collectively, I was able to get UVA, W&M, JMU, CNU, GMU, VCU and VA Tech to add over 3,500 new slots in the past two years. And I am not done! By standing up for NOVA residents, who pay most of the taxes in this state, I was able to acquire an additional \$816/yr./student for our Fairfax County School students. All the while, I have helped keep VA taxes low. Virginia has the 8th lowest combined state and local tax rate in the U.S.

2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you? I don't know much about Joana Garcia. Ev-

Information on Voting

Virginia Law allows voters to vote absentee if they could be "working and commuting for 11 or more hours between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Election Day."

You're allowed to count your worst possible commute in estimating how many hours you might be working and commuting on Election Day. If you qualify, you can vote early in-person, see sidebar above.

On Election Day, Nov. 3, polls are open from 6 a.m. - 7 p.m.

You can check your registration status online by going to www.sbe.virginia.gov.

Each voter in Fairfax County can make choices in one State Senate district, one

House of Delegates district, Clerk of the Court, Commonwealth's Attorney, Sheriff, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, District member of the Board of Supervisors, Fairfax County School Board at Large (vote for 3); District School Board member; Soil and Water Conservation Board (vote for 3); School Bond for \$310 million, Public Safety Bond for \$151 million. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/upcoming.htm>

It's also worth noting that new, more restrictive voter identification regulations took effect last year. Voters arriving to the polls without required photo ID will be al-

lowed to vote a provisional ballot and will have until noon on the Friday after the election to deliver a copy of identification to their locality's electoral board in order for their provisional ballot to be counted. Photo ID requirements also apply to absentee voters who vote in-person in all elections.

Here are the "acceptable" forms of identification: Valid Virginia Driver's License or Identification Card; valid Virginia DMV issued Veteran's ID card; valid U.S. Passport; Other government-issued photo identification cards (U.S. government or Virginia); valid Virginia college or university student photo identification card; employee identification card containing a photograph of the voter; Virginia Voter Photo ID Card obtained through any local general registrar's office.

"Valid" is defined as a genuine document, bearing the photograph of the voter, and is not expired for more than 12 months.

Any registered voter may apply for a free Virginia Voter Photo Identification from any general registrar's office in the Commonwealth. Voters applying for the Virginia Voter Photo ID Card will have to complete the Virginia Voter Photo Identification Card Application, have their picture taken, and sign the digital signature pad.

For More Election Information
Fairfax County Board of Elections, 703-222-0776, <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/upcoming.htm>

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ELECTION '15

Candidates for State Delegate in 37th District

David Bulova (D)

Incumbent

Town of residence: Fairfax

Age: 46

Family: Married to Gretchen with three children (Alex, Josie, and Grayson)

Education: BA, Government, College of William and Mary; Master of Public Administration, Virginia Tech

Offices held, dates: Virginia House of Delegates, 2006-present; elected member, Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District, 2004-06.

Occupation and relevant experience: Project Manager, Amec Foster Wheeler Environment and Infrastructure

Community involvement: Board member, Brain Injury Services; board member, City of Fairfax Band; honorary member, Rotary Club of Centreville; co-chair, Middlebridge National Night Out, 2002-08; former coach, Fairfax Little League; past chair, Fairfax County Consumer Protection Commission, 1997-2004; former member and treasurer, Rotary Club of Annandale, 1999-2002.

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Name three favorite endorsements: Virginia Education Association; Virginia League of Conservation Voters; Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce

QUESTIONS:

1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it? There is no greater responsibility than for elected officials to leave our democracy stronger for future generations. Unfortunately, extreme gerrymandering has resulted in few swing districts in Virginia, which means that many elected officials are more concerned about primaries than general elections. This has contributed to political gridlock. I support taking politics out of the redistricting process through the creation of an independent redistricting commission so that the voters choose their elected representatives, and not the other way around.

2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you? I am a consensus builder with a record of achievement on important community issues, including working in a bipartisan manner to pass new funding for transportation and to reform our education Standards of Learning (SOLs). During the past 10 years, I have worked hard to be open and accountable to district residents through town hall meetings, constituent surveys, and informal coffee hours.

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 take very seriously the expectation of my constituents that when I am in Richmond I will work for the common good and look for ways to improve the quality of life for all Virginians. For ex-



ample, this past year I teamed up with Governor McAuliffe and Delegate Tim Hugo to pass a Virginia Solar Energy Development Authority that will remove barriers to creating new jobs in this rapidly expanding industry. I am proud of my reputation as a consensus builder, which has resulted in my appointment to several commissions

that deal with issues directly affecting Fairfax residents, including the Joint Commission on Health Care, State Water Commission, and Virginia Housing Commission.

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

My priorities include: (1) continue to diversify Virginia's economy and create an environment where small businesses can thrive; (2) ensure that new transportation revenue is used effectively and oppose efforts to toll I-66 inside the Beltway without adding capacity; (3) continue to reform the SOLs and change state formulas to ensure that our schools get their fair share of funding; (4) protect our natural resources for future generations; and, (5) give law enforcement the tools they need to combat human trafficking and identity theft.

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

My district has changed both geographically and demographically. During the 2011 redistricting, my district changed to include areas such as the Government Center and parts of Centreville. My district has also become much more ethnically diverse. One of my priorities is to ensure that these new immigrant communities feel welcome and become civically engaged.

6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans? Yes. As the former chair of the Fairfax County Consumer Protection Commission I believe that there is no place for this type of predatory lending that traps individuals and families in a cycle of debt.

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. The transition from foster care is extremely important to the long term success of the child. For similar reasons, in 2014 I supported legislation to allow Court-Appointed Special Advocate volunteers to continue assisting youth in foster care past the age of 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. Virginia is already sending our taxpayer dollars to Washington to pay for this expansion. Nearly 15% of Virginians under age 65 do not have insurance. When these individuals do need care, they use expensive emergency services or let the problem get worse. We should get our money back to help up to 400,000 Virginians get the health care that we are already paying for.

Sang Yi (R)

Challenger, House District 37

Town of residence: City of Fairfax

Age: 34

Family: Wife Sarah, Daughter Evelyn

Education: B.S. Logistics & Intermodal Transportation – U.S. Merchant Marine Academy; M.A. National Security & Strategic Studies – U.S. Naval War College; J.D. George Washington University Law School

Occupation and relevant

experience: Senior aide on Capitol Hill; Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Navy Reserve

Community involvement: Board Member & City Representative, Fairfax ASAP Policy Board; Former 2nd Vice Commander, American Legion Post 177; Fairfax Lions Club; Past President, Cameron Glen HOA

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Name three favorite endorsements: Former Congressman Tom Davis; Congresswoman Barbara Comstock; Delegate Tim Hugo

QUESTIONS:

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

I want to preserve the American Dream and grow opportunities for everyone. As an immigrant from South Korea, my family and I benefited from all that our nation has to offer. In order to keep opportunities available for future generations, we must ensure that our schools remain adequately funded and prepare our students for higher education and the workplace. To properly fund our schools, as Northern Virginians, we need to fight for more of our share from Richmond and boost our economy as a whole.

2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you? As a government professional, officer in the Navy Reserve, and community leader, I have brought people together from diverse backgrounds to accomplish common goals. If elected to the House of Delegates, I will use my political and government experience and leadership skills to actively promote the interests of the people of the 37th district. Recently, I reviewed the proposal to toll some I-66 commuters \$17 per day, and along with House Leadership, stand opposed to this unworkable plan that will burden our families' budgets and not alleviate our traffic congestion problems. We need fresh ideas and new energy to advocate for us 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?

I believe it is important to keep in mind that political parties may have opposing ideas, but are



not "enemies." As a Capitol Hill aide, I endeavor to engage in bipartisan cooperation and civil discourse on many matters of national importance. As a Delegate, I will put people over politics, and always keep in mind what is best for Fairfax rather than partisan politics.

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

a. Stand against tolling I-66 commuters up to \$17 per day.

With an increased tax burden already being footed by Fairfax residents, the 2013 landmark transportation funding bill raised taxes to improve our infrastructure. Now, we potentially face more burdens on our household budgets, while not alleviating traffic congestion.

b. Help alleviate traffic congestion by promoting more teleworking, improving use of technology, access to mass transit, and focusing on investing in high impact areas.

c. Reformulate the Local Composite Index (LCI) to achieve fair funding for our students.

d. Streamline and clarify business regulations to make it easier for small businesses to understand and comply with them.

e. Increase government accountability by reforming the Joint Legislative Audit Review Committee (JLARC).

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

The 37th district has seen tremendous growth. With more young families seeking better home prices and quality schools, the 37th is a wonderfully local and diverse community just miles away from Washington, D.C.

6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans? We should find a balance that protects borrowers from predatory practices while also keeping various loan mechanisms accessible to those who need them.

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?

Improving educational and health outcomes for foster care children is an important concern. I am open to supporting funding for Fostering Connections while keeping in mind limitations on Virginia's budget requirements.

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

According to reviews of some Medicaid expansion states under Obamacare, enrollment numbers greatly surpassed projections. Especially given the eventual phase down of federal funding for expansion, the current statistics should alarm Virginians. Virginia cannot afford hundreds of millions or even in the billions of dollars in overruns that some other states already face as enrollment states.

Gandee and Storck Vie for Hyland's Seat

Storck cites experience.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE GAZETTE

Christine Morin of Lorton remembers when South County Secondary School opened in 2005. She found out Fairfax County said they had no plans to build a South County middle school, as the system had previously promised, which was a rea-

son Morin and her family moved to Laurel Hill from Burke. Morin created a South County Middle School solutions group, which is when she first with Mount Vernon School Board member Dan Storck.

"He made sure he was committed to helping us get the middle school and he never looked back the rest of the way," Morin said. "He didn't back down from the administration and knew it was in the best interests of the community, the kids, what made the most

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Gandee touts business background.

Holly Dougherty, executive director of the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce, said Jane Gandee is the reason that organization became involved with helping the homeless along Richmond Highway.

"She brought it to our attention," Dougherty said. "It's something she's very passionate about. Last year for the holiday party, she spearheaded a drive to collect new coats and winter wear that

went to Rising Hope Church."

Dougherty called Gandee a "very dynamic individual" who is "really fun to be around, with a good sense of humor."

Among Gandee's other community leadership positions which include chairman of the Alexandria Salvation Army, Board of Directors of the Chamber's Education Partnership and Legislative Committee, and serving on the Fund Development Committee for Rising Hope Mission Church, Gandee is also vice president of the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber.

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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



not professional politicians; and they all have day jobs. I think an open mind and a willingness to listen 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 curbing 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.

Yes, I will support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans. I believe these businesses are filling a need, but they need to be properly regulated and supervised to protect consumers.

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.

Yes, I will support funding for Fostering Connections. This program is crucial for helping foster children transition into adulthood and find stable homes.

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 support expansion of Medicaid. It is essential for providing healthcare to millions of Virginians who currently lack coverage. We need to work with the federal government to secure the necessary funding.

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

Dave Marsden (D-37)

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



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. 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 I66 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

Yes, I will support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans. I believe these businesses are filling a need, but they need to be properly regulated and supervised to protect consumers.

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

Yes, I will support funding for Fostering Connections. This program is crucial for helping foster children transition into adulthood and find stable homes.

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.

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"She's a natural leader," Dougherty said. "It's been interesting for me to watch other business owners here respond to her, her leadership, the way she motivates people."

Gandee is a business owner herself, running a ServiceMaster Restore franchise. However she said she stepped away from the company entirely in April to devote her full attention to the supervisor role.

"It will get my full attention, I'm anxious to get started," Gandee said at the Oct. 15 meet the candidates event hosted by the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce at the South County government center.



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Jane Gandee is the Republican candidate for Mount Vernon District supervisor.

"I think we have a problem in Mount Vernon: It doesn't look like the rest of the county — the roads, schools, economic development is worse," Gandee said. "We need new leadership, new ideas, to work together to get the problems solved."

Retired physician and Mount Vernon resident since 1970, Dr. Thomas Cleary met Gandee through the Chamber of Commerce 10 years ago. Cleary said he's impressed with Gandee's long-hours work ethic and how successful she's made her business. He also appreciates "her knowledge of the workings of the government and what's necessary for changes in the way projects in the community can be accomplished, both

private and public."

As a person, Cleary says Gandee is "outgoing, just a very friendly, warm person. ... She's always, always received well and is open to hearing other people's opinions."

The Rev. Lorenzo Hill is the pastor at Cranford United Methodist Church, where Gandee is a member, teaches Sunday School and serves on the nurture outreach committee that ministers to members who are sick, shut in or haven't been to church for a period of time. "She's an above average member, very committed, dedicated and involved," said Hill. "she's honest, fair, and not changed. She's consistent with the person I met 10 and a half years ago."

Candidates for State Senate in 39th District

George Lincoln Barker (D)

Incumbent Senate District 39
Town of residence: Clifton
Age: 64
Family: wife Jane; son Erik and his wife Mahjooba and two grandchildren; daughter Emily and her husband Jeff
Education: Harvard College, A.B., Economics and Public Health; Harvard School of Public Health, M.S., Health Policy and Management
Offices held, dates: Senator, 2008-present
Occupation and relevant experience: Executive Director, Greater Prince William Community Health Center, 2015; Consultant, 2000-2015; Associate Director, Health Systems Agency of Northern Virginia, 1975-2009
Community involvement: Member, Education and Health Committee, General Laws and Technology Committee, Rehabilitation and Social Services Committee, Small Business Commission, Housing Commission, Joint Commission on Health Care, Substance Abuse Services Council, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Board, Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority
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Name three favorite endorsements: Fairfax Chamber of Commerce; Virginia Education Association; Virginia Police Benevolent Association



still run from house to house throughout the district and ask voters what are their priorities and what do they want me to do; and I show up, such as at a recent debate before Hayfield seniors, where I answered their questions alone for an hour because my opponent reneged on his commitment to participate.

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?

My record shows that I frequently work closely with Republicans, often jointly sponsoring bills, and bridge any partisan divide to get things done. Allowing Virginians to keep their health insurance, prohibiting censorship of sermons of chaplains, texting while driving, giving Virginians a tax refund check rather than a debit card, giving protective orders to those threatened by former intimate partners, and putting more money in the Rainy Day fund, and shared work programs are examples.

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

Transportation, Education, Economy/Jobs, Military and Veterans, Those Who Need Help

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

There is greater racial and ethnic diversity, with housing integration rather than segregation throughout the district. This has happened because we have opportunities here, people want to live here, and we appreciate both differences and our common humanity.

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

I will support legislation that restricts unfair lending practices and that provides people with limited options the ability to get loans, as we did with payday lending a few 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?

My wife and I were foster parents to 13 children over many years. I have already supported this legislation.

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 any reasonable proposal to get insurance for those eligible under the ACA, whether its expansion of our highly regarded Medicaid program or an alternative, such as a private insurance plan that we passed in the Senate. I am happy to help negotiate a deal that addresses concerns of some while getting coverage for those who are eligible.

QUESTIONS:

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

Mental health care. It matters because many Virginians with mental health problems suffer needlessly and sometimes die because we are not doing enough to help them. I worked on the issue before I was elected and have helped improve our system since I took office, but much more needs to be done. After similar bills had been repeatedly killed, this year I got a bill passed to help get immediate support to college students contemplating suicide. I serve on a legislative study committee taking four years to propose a revamped and adequately funded system that will meet the needs of people with mental health problems rather than putting them on a waiting list.

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

I have a detailed knowledge of most issues addressed in the General Assembly; I understand the different issues of people in different parts of the district; I have a record of getting results, getting more bills passed than almost any other Senator; I consistently work with Republicans to find common ground and compromise to get things done rather than simply spouting partisan platitudes; I

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Storck

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sense.”

Storck, working with then-Lee District School Board representative Liz Bradsher, was able to get support from the board to move forward with the middle school planning and construction, which was completed for the school to open in 2012.

“I don’t agree with everything he says, he’s very much to my left, but see the middle ground when he has to,” said Bradsher. “Sometimes he would come in late on an issue, but once he did his home-

work, you’d always get a call from him, he would touch base with you to go over the issues in their entirety with him. I was very grateful for that.”

Bradsher also recalled a controversial boundary change the two worked on affecting students at Annandale and Woodson high schools. “That was a tough thing for Dan,” she said. “He hated to pull people out of their home community and understandably so. But we all had to work on that issue as a School Board.”

Storck referenced his more than a decade representing Mount Vernon on the School Board, as well as his previous roles as president of Good Shepherd Housing, a coach

Joe Murray (R)

Challenger, Senate District 39
Town of residence: Alexandria
Age: 40
Family: Katie (wife), Ella (Daughter, 8 years old), AJ (Son, 22 months old)
Education: J.D., Catholic University of America
 Columbus School of Law, Washington, DC
 Bachelor of Arts in Political Science (Minor: Economics), Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey
Offices held, dates: N/A
Occupation and relevant experience: Current: Director of Government and Legal Affairs for a national rare disease non-profit called debra, the Dystrophic Epidermolysis Bullosa Research Association, a disease that afflicts my daughter Ella.
 Previous: 10+ years experience on Capitol Hill, including a wide array of legislative policy and leadership roles with an emphasis in health care, entitlement, and educational areas.
Community involvement: Active member and former senior officer of our home civic association. Proud participant of my daughter’s public school Parent Teacher Association. Deacon and Sunday school teacher at our church. Co-Chair of our neighborhood’s snow and debris removal association.
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Name three favorite endorsements: Congressman Tom Davis; Delegate Tim Hugo; Springfield Supervisor Pat Herrity



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

I spent nearly a decade on Capitol Hill working with elected officials and staffers from many different and competing political philosophies. My ability to forge agreements through compromise comes from growing up in a large family of seven siblings. I learned through experience that you can disagree with someone, and still respect their opinion. Through my work experience, legal education training, service to my community, and being a father to a special needs disabled daughter, I have demonstrated the willingness to listen to other people and respect their opinion while solving vexing problems.

4. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative priorities. Reduce government red tape to create more high paying jobs. Repeal the “King’s Dominion” law and give local school boards more control. Encourage Public-Private Partnerships to expand the transportation grid and ease congestion. Increase the number of charter school to improve education through competition. Simplify and streamline our tax code

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

The district has seen an incredible amount of growth in the past 10 years, from the West End of Alexandria all the way down to Prince William County. People were drawn to the area because it’s a great place to raise a family. Unfortunately, that growth has side effects from congested roads to overcrowded schools. We need to deal with those side effects now.

6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans? On a bi-partisan basis, the Virginia General Assembly acted to reform the industry practices. If more work needs to be done to ensure the law is followed where consumers are protected from unlawful or immoral business practices, I will work with my colleagues on both sides of the political aisle to ensure protections are put in place.

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 open to federal support for Fostering Connections. Providing a social safety net for those in need is an important role of government, and our foster care system is critical to the future development of our children’s and community’s well-being.

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

I do not support expansion of Medicaid to able-bodied adults. There are better ways to reform our health care system to help increase health insurance access and affordability. As a health care public policy professional for a rare-disease non-profit organization and a father of a special needs daughter, I bring a unique perspective on this important topic.

QUESTIONS:

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

As a father of two young children coming up through the public school system, improving our school system is a top priority for me. There are a couple of improvements we can immediately enact. First, I think the local school board, not Richmond, should determine when the school years starts for testing preparation of our students; that’s why I would repeal the “King’s Dominion” law. I would also work to get more education funding directly into the classroom.

2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you? My family faces a lot of the same challenges as families throughout the district. I’ve felt the economic crunch from the high cost of living and a sluggish economy. I have spent too much time commuting to work on public transportation for years in gridlock, and I worry about the education my kids and all of those in Northern Virginia are receiving. There are real solutions to improve our communities but it’s going to take the political will and bi-partisan leadership to make them happen.

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

in the Fort Hunt area and West Potomac High School Parent Teacher Association president, at an Oct. 15 meet the candidates event hosted by the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce at the South County government center.

Storck highlighted his “willingness to listen” and experience in spending “thousands of hours” attending board meetings, boundary meetings and other community meetings as a member of the Fairfax County School Board.

Holly Dougherty, executive director of the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce, has known Storck since he was elected to the School Board in 2004, and through his businesses he has also been a member of the chamber. “He’s given a lot of time, with service on the school board and goes out of



Dan Storck is the Democratic candidate for Mount Vernon District supervisor.

his way to try to understand concerns people have. Everything he does on the board has impacted our community directly

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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Name three favorite endorsements: 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.



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
Website: www.facebook.com/Foley4SpringfieldSeniorCenter
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Name favorite endorsements: 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 part-time Springfield Supervisor has failed to do his job of providing constituent services to improve our quality of life. In particular, he has ignored numerous requests for a working group on solutions to redress the unfairness toward Springfield senior taxpayers and families; other districts have 17 permanent senior centers, Springfield District, none. Over the last eight years, I founded and developed the public-private partnership – the Burke/West Springfield Senior Center Without Walls (BWSSCWoW) – to provide needed health programs for Springfield seniors. This is important for our whole community because the longer a senior remains functional and healthy, the less the burden on the children, the grandchildren and our Springfield District. As Supervisor, I will implement cost-effective solutions to provide facilities for multigenerational health programs – building on my community service as founder of the Edgewater Neighborhood Watch and senior center without walls.

2. What distinguishes you from your opponent 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 NVTG 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.

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

From the kitchen table growing up, to my time as a business and community leader to my years as a Supervisor – identifying and implementing common sense transportation solutions has been one of my passions. It impacts our quality of life, the cost to do business here and our very health. Some of the ways I have been tackling it:

I was active in promoting telework, a Northern crossing of the Potomac and the 495 Express Lanes early in my business career. I led the effort to open the I-66 ramps at Monument Drive and Stringfellow Road during non-HOV hours and the use of the I-66 shoulder lanes anytime it is congested. I am actively supporting an Express Lanes solution that will provide congestion relief and transportation choices – carpool, bus, paid express trip or free trip in less congested lanes. I initiated the effort to reclassify the Fairfax County Parkway from a secondary road to a primary road to receive a higher priority when it comes to maintenance and construction funding. I believe we need to focus our transportation resources where they will best reduce the congestion that impacts our lives daily.

2. What distinguishes you from your opponent 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.



How to Vote

Election Day is Nov. 3, and on that day, virtually every state and local office is on the ballot. In-person absentee voting is underway. Virginia Law allows voters to absentee vote if they could be "working and commuting for 11 or more hours between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Election Day." You're allowed to count your worst possible commute in estimating how many hours you might be working and commuting on Election Day.

On Election Day, Nov. 3, polls are open from 6 a.m. - 7 p.m. To vote on Election Day, you must be registered at your current address. You can check your registration status online by going to www.sbe.virginia.gov.

Each voter in Fairfax County can make choices in one State Senate district, one House of Delegates district, Clerk of the Court, Commonwealth's Attorney, Sheriff, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Dis-

trict member of the Board of Supervisors, School Board At Large (vote for three) Soil and Water Conservation Board (vote for three), School Bond for \$310 million, Public Safety Bond for \$151 million.

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/upcoming.htm>
 As of last summer, there are new requirements for voter identification that voters must bring with them to the polling place.

Virginia law requires all voters to provide an acceptable form of photo identification at the polls. Voters arriving to the polls without photo ID will be allowed to vote a provisional ballot and will have until noon on the Friday after the election to deliver a copy of identification to their locality's electoral board in order for their provisional ballot to be counted.

Virginia's photo ID requirements also apply to absentee voters who vote in-person in all elections.

Here are the "acceptable" forms of identification: Valid Virginia Driver's License or Identification Card; Valid Virginia DMV issued Veteran's ID card; Valid United States Passport; Other government-issued photo identification cards (must be issued by U.S. Government, the Commonwealth of Virginia, or a political subdivision of the Com-

monwealth; Valid college or university student photo identification card, must be from an institution of higher education located in Virginia; Employee identification card containing a photograph of the voter and issued by an employer of the voter in the ordinary course of the employer's business; Virginia Voter Photo ID Card obtained through any local general registrar's office. "Valid" is defined as a genuine document, bearing the photograph of the voter, and is not expired for more than 12 months.

Any registered voter may apply for a free Virginia Voter Photo Identification from any general registrar's office in the Commonwealth. Voters applying for the Virginia Voter Photo ID Card will have to complete the Virginia Voter Photo Identification Card Application, have their picture taken, and sign the digital signature pad.

For More Election Information: Fairfax County Board of Elections, 703-222-0776, <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/upcoming.htm> 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Suite 232, Fairfax, 22035; FAX 703-324-2205; email voting@fairfaxcounty.gov

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 through 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

Occupation and relevant experience: Assistant Director, John L. Thornton China Center, The Brookings Institution

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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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Name three favorite endorsements: Dr. Larry Bussey; The Faith Community; and Mattie Palmore, Community Activist

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 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 Mount Vernon Supervisor

Jane Gandee (R)

Family: Married to Greg Gandee for 35 years; a son, Charles, and daughter, Amy, and three grandchildren.

Occupation and relevant experience:

I am the principle owner of ServiceMaster Restore. I serve on the Northeast Regional Franchise Council, and throughout my career have served at the local, regional and national level in leadership positions. I was an administrator at The University of Charleston, Charleston, West Virginia, for over seven years. I hold a Six Sigma Certification.

Community Involvement: Chairman of the Alexandria Salvation Army; Member of the National Capital Area Command Board of the Salvation Army; Vice President of the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce; Board of Directors of the Chamber's Education Partnership, and the Legislative Committee. Fund Development Committee for Rising Hope Mission Church; Board Member, Northern Virginia Republican Business Forum.

Name three favorite endorsements:

My favorite endorsements are from the people of Mount Vernon who would like me to represent them as Supervisor. Jay and Sue McConville from Waynewood; Sabrina Campbell from Yacht Haven; Nikki Bono, Mount Vernon.

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

Fairfax County and businesses need to be allies in promoting economic development. I hear regular and distressing stories about business people who walk away from projects because of their frustrations with the inability to get their projects up and running. They quit altogether or go to a neighboring county and take the jobs and commercial real estate revenues with them. I will create a better business climate by streamlining planning and zoning processes. With my experience building a successful business in Fairfax County we can attract good businesses to our area and help them thrive.

2. What distinguishes you from your opponent?

Leadership is different than experience gained from elected office. My leadership whether in business or with community organizations has always led to high achievement and positive results. My opponent has been elected to the School Board for the past 12 years but he has not been a leader. Our schools are worse off now than they were 12 years ago. I will always listen to the people of Mount Vernon.

3. 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.

Let's be clear about the school budget. The Board of Supervisors transferred more funds to FCPS during the past budget cycle than any time in history. The difference between what was requested by the School Board and the final funding was about 2.4 percent of the total FCPS budget. In the current economic climate every part of the County budget had to adsorb some cuts. Top funding priorities have to be maintaining our excellent school system, funding public safety, and maintaining the libraries, parks, rec centers, and other public amenities that give us a good quality of life in Fairfax County.

I believe I owe it to the citizens of Fairfax County to look them in the eye and say your family's money is being spent prudently, efficiently and effectively before I vote for more money from their household income for the County budget.



Dan Storck (D)

Town of residence: Fort Hunt

Age: 62

Family: Wife of 39 years, Deb, and three adult children.

Education: Masters in Business Administration (MBA) specializing in Management and Finance from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio (1981); Bachelors of Science (BS) in Business Administration, Finance Major from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio (1975)

Offices held, dates: Fairfax County School Board Member, Mt. Vernon District, 2004 – present; Fairfax County School Board Chairman, 2007-2009

Occupation and relevant experience: Business Owner & Fairfax County School Board, Mt. Vernon District Member

Community involvement: For over 25 years, I've been a leader in the community in a variety of roles including as President of Good Shepherd Housing, a coach, WPHS PTA President, and more.

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Name three favorite endorsements: Proud to have the support of our fire fighters, our teachers and the Northern Virginia Association of Realtors

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

People who know me know that I am very passionate about our schools, they are the cornerstone of a strong Mt. Vernon District. Job creation, public safety, development, and our future depend on long-term public investments for funding quality schools. I will fight every day to fully fund Mt. Vernon's schools, but also create new jobs, finish the revitalization of Route 1, empower our seniors to age in place, protect our environment and expand the Yellow Line to Hybla Valley and beyond.

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

I believe my consistent leadership in a diverse set of roles within our community sets me apart.

When I was President of Good Shepherd Housing, I led the way in expanding access to affordable housing to our most vulnerable neighbors. As School Board Member, I built or funded 5 new and 18 Mount Vernon-related school additions/renovations, while my initiatives saved taxpayers millions of dollars, improved student health, and vastly increased the number of students' taking advanced courses and getting job-ready skills certifications to help them find good paying jobs.

3. 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 schools must remain a top priority to attract development, encourage economic growth and improve our quality of life. Our school funding is currently \$2-6,000 less per student than most area school systems and less than we spent a decade ago. Growing our businesses and diversifying our sources of revenue are critical. I'll fight to get greater than 21% of our tax dollars back from the state. We also must do more with what we have. I've done that by building a middle school years ahead of schedule and \$35 million under budget, while my "Smart Services, Smart Savings" initiative saved taxpayers over a million dollars.

4. How many hours a week of outside employment do you anticipate while serving on the Board of Supervisors? As Supervisor, I'll maintain that same level of commitment to our community while ending my daily business involvement so that I can be your full-time Supervisor.



School Board Candidates for Mount Vernon District

Karen Corbett Sanders

Town of residence: Mt. Vernon

Age: 54

Family: Husband Daniel, Daughters Sara (21) Annelieske (18)

Education: Boston University MSIM (1990) (distinguished Alumni 2011), University of Notre Dame BA (1982), Groveton HS (1979)

Offices held, dates: None

Occupation and relevant experience: As Verizon, Vice President (retired) served on Boards of Directors and Operating Committees of International Companies (\$2 billion/yr); As Booz, Allen & Hamilton, Senior Associate, provided strategic and program planning advice to Fortune 100 companies and government clients including the White House, DoD and national research labs.

Community involvement: PTA President, West Potomac HS, Belle View ES; see website for more

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Name three favorite endorsements: 1) The students (and parents) who's lives I've touched, 2) the Teachers' Organizations and 3) the Federal and local policymakers I will work with to ensure our schools receive the necessary resources.

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

Equity and excellence for Mount Vernon's schools; the zip code should not determine the quality of a child's education. I will focus on making each of Mt. Vernon's schools a neighborhood center of academic excellence.

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

Experience in our schools, our community and business. As a Mount Vernon native, I have successfully advocated for Mt. Vernon's students within our schools, on county-wide advisory committees and task forces and with the business community.

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

Proposed budget cuts to needs based staffing for high poverty schools, summer school, athletics, the arts, and non special ed preschool programs could increase the economic divide, opportunity gaps and harm student and teacher retention efforts. I will fight to restore state and federal funding shortfalls, focus budget cuts on areas with limited student impact, eliminate/ consolidate duplicative County/School system programs.

4. How to address the achievement gap?

Explore innovative public/private partnership solutions to eliminate the waitlist for early childhood education. Expand early identification and intervention efforts for at-risk students, explore wrap-around services for those schools with the highest needs populations; and increase parent engagement.

5. What steps would you take to manage the budget gap and fund the needs of the schools? What are the top priorities; what could be cut?

Prioritize student success and teacher retention. Budget cuts should focus on minimizing impacts on these priorities and identifying synergies for cost savings in areas that are duplicative between the FCPS and the County. Diversify revenue base to include restoring state level funding and fees for buildings and grounds use and increasing business and community partnerships.



Anthony Stacy

Town of residence: Alexandria, VA

Age: 47

Family: Wife, Deanna; daughter, Summer (3rd grade); son, William (pre-school)

Education: Master of Public Administration, The Maxwell School of Syracuse University; Bachelor of Arts, Business Administration, Malone University

Occupation and relevant experience:

Consultant, Booz Allen Hamilton (current); Chief of Staff, Philanthropy, The Nature Conservancy; Program Director, Government Performance Project, The Maxwell School of Syracuse University; more online

Community involvement: Advisory Board, C&O Canal Trust; Co-founder, Greater Salem, Ohio Area Habitat for Humanity; Founder, Malone College Habitat for Humanity.

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Name three favorite endorsements: Class Size Counts; former U.S. Senate candidate Ed Gillespie; State Senator Dave Albo

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

Of the 17 schools accredited with warning during the 2014-15 academic year, 7 are in the Mount Vernon District. Families shouldn't feel compelled to take their children out of the public school or move to another part of the county because of the quality of our local public schools. My goal is for all of our children to have an education that at a minimum provides them with the skills to enter the workforce upon graduation or pursue higher education. My approach will be focusing on strengthening the curriculum for all students, greater accountability from administrators, greater autonomy for teachers, and working with parents on methods to support their children's education.

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

My experience extends across the top levels of four sectors – private, public, higher education, and non-profit. As Project Director of the Government Performance Project, I graded state, city, and county governments (including Fairfax County) on how well they were managed. I led daily operations The Nature Conservancy's Philanthropy Department, responsible for finance and personnel. Finally, I have children in the public schools for the next 14 years, Class of 2025 and 2029.

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

Fairfax County School Board cannot allow current fiscal mismanagement to hinder academic quality. We need to focus our resources where they are needed the most.

4. How to address the achievement gap?

Honors and AP classes do an effective job in preparation for higher education and should be maintained, but we must strengthen the standard curriculum. Our children should receive an education that is tailored to their specific needs and enhance their ability to be prepared to function as productive adults. We can better partner with the business community.

5. 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? It is critical that we perform a line item review of the 400-page FCPS budget. I will not balance the budget by eliminating athletics and the arts. I will not balance the budget on the backs of our students by increasing class sizes. The current school board has already taken this approach three times and has mismanaged the \$2.6 billion budget, causing a significant budget deficit.

