

ELECTION '15

Candidates for State Senate 30th District

Adam P. Ebbin (D-30)

Incumbent

Town of Residence: Alexandria

Age: 51

Education: American University, BA, 1981; Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership, 2001 (University of Virginia); Senior Executives in State and Local Government, 2012, Harvard University Kennedy School

Occupation, experience: Consultant, former Virginia Chief Deputy Commissioner of Labor and Industry

Alexandria Board of Zoning Appeals, former member; Virginia State Central Democratic Committee, former member;

Parent Teacher Leadership Institute of Alexandria, Advisory Board Member

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Name three endorsements: Northern Virginia Technology Council, Virginia Education Association, Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, Humane Dominion, AFL-CIO



QUESTIONS:

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

Standing up for the little guy is the principle that guides my work as a public official. Most people with pressing needs don't have powerful lobbyists, including children in poverty, immigrants, LGBT people, seniors and the disabled, and lots of working people just trying to get by.

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

I have been an outspoken and effective advocate for more than a decade and brought together leaders from both parties to deliver results.

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?

I have passed legislation to expand Medicaid to cover prenatal care for immigrant mothers, eliminate the punitive tax penalty on hybrid car owners, make it easier to vote absentee and see that more of those votes are fairly counted, and boost workforce development. Relationships I have built with colleagues from both parties have made these successes possible.

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

Use the Federal funds already available to offer health coverage to 400,000 poor Virginians; fight the tide of gun violence that is claiming the life of a Virginian every 10 hours; increase per pupil state education funding that has suffered since 2008; continue to diversify and strengthen Northern Virginia's economy; and enact provisions to protect government and private sector workers from discrimination.

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

Since 2005, the 30th Senate District has seen significant population growth. Housing costs have dramatically outpaced incomes. Student enrollment has skyrocketed while state education per student spending has fallen, increasing budget pressures on our localities. New housing and employment patterns have added stress to our transportation systems, particularly on Route 1 in Fairfax. Our air quality has improved with the closure of the dirty GenON/Mirant coal plant in Old Town.

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

Yes, I will continue to oppose these predators who gouge lower-income residents with exorbitant interest rates.

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

Yes, I will continue to support the funding needed to successfully transition foster children into adulthood.

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I have voted in favor of a bipartisan effort to accept federal health care funds for 400,000 low-income Virginians, most of whom are in working families, including 21,000 veterans. I will continue to work with members of both parties to find common ground. It's important for voters to know that the Medicaid expansion offered under the Affordable Care Act is already being paid for with their payroll taxes and Virginia is turning away \$1.5 billion annually by not accepting these critical funds. Those who would be covered use the emergency room as their primary care center, causing health insurance premiums to rise for everyone else.

J. Ron Fisher

Independent Green challenger

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State Senate 36th District Candidates

Gerald "Jerry" Foreman (R)

Candidate for Senate in the 36th district

Town of residence: Dumfries
Age: 54

Family: Carmella (spouse), Danya (daughter), John (son-in-law)

Education: Graduate degree in Aviation Management

Offices held, dates: Councilman (2010-2012), Mayor (2012-Present)

Occupation and relevant experience: U.S. Marine (25 years), Aviation Consultant, Mayor Town of Dumfries

Community involvement:

American Legion; Historic Dumfries Virginia Inc. (2009-Present); President Historic Dumfries Virginia (2014-Present); Ellis Airport Board Jacksonville, NC (2005-2006); Gun Owners of America; President Hampstead Landing Homeowners Association (2007-2010); Image Church (Dumfries); Kiwanis International; Marine Corps Aviation Association; Marine Corps Association; Marine Corps League; Life Member Military Officers Association of America (MOAA); National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) - Prince William County; National Rifle Association (NRA); Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) (2012-Present); Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) (2013-Present); Prince William Chamber of Commerce (2010-Present); Prince William County Republican Committee; Life Member Southern Illinois University Alumni Association; Life Member U.S. Air Force Association; Life Member Veteran of Foreign Wars (VFW); Virginia Municipal League (VML) (2010-Present); 11th District Republican Committee Representative.

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Name three favorite endorsements:

Virginia Society for Human Life, Virginia Farm Bureau Federation AgPac, National Federation of Independent Business



QUESTIONS:

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

Fixing the economy (economic development). If we are addressing economic development then infrastructure (roads, etc), schools and homes fall into place. Your Senator must work hand-in-hand with County and Town governments. Tax dollars must be put to work effectively and judiciously.

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

Leadership. As a 25-year Marine Corps veteran, a Mayor, a businessman and a consultant my experience is diverse and will bring a fresh perspective to Richmond. My opponent is a career Richmond insider and a politician who's voting record doesn't line up to what he says he supports.

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?

I was elected as a Councilman and then as Mayor as a Republican in a town that President Obama and Governor MacAuliffe won in a landslide. That crossover appeal shows that I can work effectively across the aisle and earn the trust of Democrats. I attribute that success to my straightforward, honest approach. Not one party can fix all problems — we need a Senator who works well with others.

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

Create jobs and grow our economy; Fix the Route 1 corridor; Address planned development; Strengthen ethics laws; Reach across the aisle to solve problems.

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

The people who live here haven't changed, but their attitude towards government and politicians have. They are tired of the insiders, and want people who are willing to work together for a common cause.

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

Yes — this should have been addressed a long time ago. My opponent was in office when the current laws allowed these predators to set up shop — now he says he has a plan to eradi

Scott A. Surovell (D)

Candidate for State Senate District 36

Town of residence: Mount Vernon, Va.

Age: 44

Family: Erinn Madden (Wife), Eva (15), Leia (13), Mara (10), Colin (9)

Education: J.D. University of Virginia School of Law, 1996;

B.A., Magna Cum Laude, James Madison University, 1993; Advanced Studies Diploma, West Potomac H.S., 1989

Offices held, dates: House of Delegates, 44th District, 2010-Current

Occupation and relevant experience: Attorney/Founding Member, Surovell Isaacs Petersen & Levy PLC

Community involvement: Girls Soccer Coach, Lee-Mt.

Vernon Soccer Association, 2007-2013; Secretary, Treasurer & Director, Tauxemont Community Association, 2001-2008; Member, Mt. Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce, 2006-Present, Legislative Committee, 2006-2009; Board Member, Mt. Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce Education Partnership, 2007-2008; Member, Fairfax Bar Association, 1996-Present, President, Fairfax Bar Association Young Lawyer's Section, 1998-99; Ex Officio Member, Fairfax Bar Association, 1998-99

Member, Virginia State Bar, 1996-Present; Fifth District Attorney Discipline Committee, 2005-2010; Member, Virginia Trial Lawyers Association, 1996-Present; Chairman, Family Law Section, Virginia Trial Lawyers Association, 2007-2008; Fairfax County Public Schools Community Leadership Council from 2008-2009; Fairfax County Public Schools Community Advisory Council starting in 2009

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Name three favorite endorsements: Virginia Education Association, Senator Toddy Puller



QUESTIONS:

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

My #1 focus since I was elected was the improvement of the U.S. 1 Corridor. I have lived in our community since I was born in 1971 and I am dedicated to making the U.S. 1 Corridor and our community a place that my children will want to live in 2030. Senator Puller and I funded and completed the U.S. 1 Multimodal Study which recommended the extension of the Yellow Line. I am working to make this a reality sooner rather than later.

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

I believe the success of our community in the future will originate from investing in first class transit, fully-funding K-12 and early childhood education, regulatory measures to rid our community of predatory blight and businesses, and investing in people. In the last six years, I have proven that I know how to move the ball forward on these issues, and in the future, I will work towards measures to adequately fund these projects. My opponent believes that the private sector holds the solutions to Route 1's economic development problems and that we can have everything we want without paying for it.

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?

I have passed over 20 pieces of legislation in the six years I have served. I pass legislation without securing at least 18 Republican votes in the House of Delegates. I have also worked with Republican colleagues to defeat legislation on the floor of the House including last year's execution secrecy legislation. I have developed friendships, relationships, and the experience necessary to maximize our community's opportunities in Richmond.

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

1 - The improvement and expansion of first class transit to promote redevelopment of the U.S. 1 Corridor.

2 - Raising K-12/early childhood/higher education funding. We need lower class sizes, higher teacher salaries and digital devices for all students.

3 - Predatory Lending needs to be severely regulated on U.S. 1. Interest rates capped, locations limited, and bait and switch tactics abolished.

4 - Virginia must expand Medicaid.

5 - Promoting renewable energy, energy efficiency, and a green economy.

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House District 44 Candidates for State Delegate District 42

Paul Krizek (D)

Candidate for Delegate in the 44th District, unopposed.

Town of residence: Alexandria

Age: 54

Family: Paul, wife Tracey Navratil and daughter Khloe Krizek, live in Paul's childhood home on Whiteoaks Drive in the Hollin Hills neighborhood of Mount Vernon

Education: B.A., UVA ('84); J.D., Catholic University ('87)

Occupation and relevant

experience: non-profit executive

Community involvement: Teaches Sunday school to teenagers at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, board member of Mount Vernon at Home, an organization to support the lifetime independence of Mount Vernon seniors allowing them to age in place in their homes; member, Mount Vernon Lee Chamber of Commerce.

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Name three favorite endorsements: Planned Parenthood
Advocates of Virginia, Northern Virginia Assoc. of Realtors, AFL-CIO



David Albo (R)

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



why should voters choose you?

I don't know much about Joana Garcia. Her website does not have an issues section, so consequently, I can't comment on her positions. 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, re-paving 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.

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 go to Richmond to help those struggling in our community just as I have done as a charity executive and before that, as a legislative staffer for Congressman Jim Moran, where I worked for eight years on legislation and constituent service for the people of the 8th Congressional District. I find helping people immensely gratifying and rewarding. I will always support legislation that reflects my values: making available safe affordable housing, healthcare, education and a living wage; building a sustainable community in the 44th; and protecting and enhancing the natural environment by shifting to renewable energy.

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

Paul Krizek does not have an opponent.

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

I worked on the Hill for many years and participated in numerous bipartisan efforts to draft and pass legislation. Also, as a Housing Commissioner I was able to work with all of the Commissioners to work beyond partisanship on matters beneficial to Fairfax County. Fundamentally, I believe kindness and respect are at the heart of all important relationships.

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

- 1) Transportation improvements along the Rt. 1 corridor
- 2) Raise the minimum wage to at least \$10.10
- 3) Affordable Housing
- 4) Expand Medicaid
- 5) Investing in alternative energy

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

Ten years ago, the county tore down abandoned, unsafe and eye-sore properties. Since that time we are seeing some upgrading of the Rt. 1 corridor with new historical signage, plantings, retail façade improvements, as well as new development areas like Beacon Hill Mall and Hyla Valley. The community has consistently stepped up to the challenges we faced, from keeping Mount Vernon hospital open, to pushing for the new Jeff Todd Way connector road from Route 1 to Telegraph Road.

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

Absolutely. I support capping the interest rate for predatory lending and giving localities the ability to regulate the number of predatory lenders in a locality, similar to their powers for pawn shops.

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. We have over 5,000 Virginia children in Foster Care. I absolutely support receiving Federal funding for Fostering Connections.

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

Medicaid expansion is one of my top priorities. I am willing to work hand-in-hand with the Governor, the Democratic leadership and the members of the Republican caucus that favor Medicaid expansion to accomplish this for 400,000 hard-working Virginians.

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 re-aligned. 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

Joana Garcia (D)

No response received.

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cate them. My opponent has shifted the discussion from a meaningful conversation on economic development to an election year conversation focused on his priority of a one focused area. My opponent wants to solve every concern by raising taxes.

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?

The ACA has created more problems that it has solved because it was pork barreled. At the end of the day, we must create a healthcare safety net for our citizens. We cannot put the burden of this program on the business owners and the middle class. This is a great question for a current legislator as to why something hasn't been done already. My goal will be to bring people together to find a compromise that solves the problem.

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

Traffic has exploded on U.S. 1 due to employment growth at Fort Belvoir and Marine Corps Base Quantico. 36th District's school populations have exploded due to population turnover from elderly to young families and housing growth in Prince William County.

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

Predatory lending is completely out of control on U.S. 1. Short of abolition, I have consistently supported (1) interest rate caps, (2) giving local government the authority to regulate the number of predatory lenders that can locate in an area, and (3) prohibiting multiple predatory lending entities from co-locating in the same storefront.

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 have always been supportive of measures to fully fund Virginia's safety net. Expanding Medicaid would free up \$180 million of Virginia taxpayer dollars because the federal government would pick up 100% of the cost of fourteen programs currently 100% funded by Virginia taxpayers. Those monies could be used to fund programs such as this one.

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 healthcare coverage gap is probably the #1 thing we can do to improve quality of life in the short term in the U.S. 1 Corridor. The U.S. 1 Corridor has the largest existing Medicaid population and the largest concentration of working adults that would benefit from expansion in Northern Virginia. Expansion will create 30,000 jobs in Virginia, nearly 1,000 jobs in the 36th District, and will free up \$180 million of Virginia taxpayer dollars to spend on other priorities. I have never voted for a budget without Medicaid expansion, and I will continue to advocate for Medicaid expansion as a necessary condition for any biennial budget passed this year.

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 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 with five licenses to serve Northern Virginia; Washington, DC; Southern Prince George's County; Montgomery County; and Prince William County, along with a national license. I serve on the Northeast Regional Franchise Council, and throughout my career have served at the local, regional and national level in leadership positions.

Before working with ServiceMaster, I was an administrator at The University of Charleston, Charleston, West Virginia, for over seven years. I hold a Six Sigma Certification and am a continuing education instructor for Virginia, Maryland, and DC, along with other industry specific certifications. The Business Ethics class I teach, has become a favorite for regional insurance and property management professionals.

Community Involvement: I am currently 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. I am on the Fund Development Committee for Rising Hope Mission Church which works with the homeless in the US 1 area; a Board Member of the Northern Virginia Republican Business Forum; a member of the Administrative Council of Cranford United Methodist Church; and a member of Hollowing Point Garden Club.

Name three favorite endorsements:

My favorite endorsements are from the people of Mount Vernon who would like me to represent them as Supervisor. Here are three of these endorsements:

Jay and Sue McConville from Wayneswood: "Jane is a business leader, a volunteer organization leader, and an experienced, successful and energetic supporter of our community."

Sabrina Campbell from Yacht Haven: "Mount Vernon will be in good hands when we elect Jane. She has a proven track record for making things happen."

Nikki Bono, Mount Vernon: "Having been a teacher in the community for almost a decade, I am concerned about where our schools are heading if we don't make a change. I believe Jane can be the champion for that change, making our schools go from good to great."

QUESTIONS:

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. Business owners often share with me the negative experiences they have had with Fairfax County as they try to build

their business. 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.

Mr. Storck sat in a School Board meeting and did nothing to allow hundreds of parents to have their say on a recent controversial school decision. I will always listen to the people of Mount Vernon. Mr. Storck recently voted against an amendment to the FCPS "Portrait of a Graduate" that highlighted the importance of ethical behavior. Fortunately he was in the minority and the amendment passed. If our country ever needed a renewed focus on ethics, it is now. In the last 12 years while he has been on the School Board our schools have declined. He was chairman of the School Board twice, yet the downward trend continued. With looming school deficits, Mr. Storck abstained from a vote to give the School Board a pay increase, his NO vote would have killed the raise but it passed adding more costs to the school budget.

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.

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 absorb 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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Twitter handle: @DanStorck

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

QUESTIONS:

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.

Yet, the truth is that there is not one single issue facing our community. The job of the Supervisor is to balance many issues, navigate the often complex machinery of government, and make the right calls to keep the district moving forward and improve the quality of life for our residents.

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(s) and why should voters choose you?

Jane is a worthy candidate for Supervisor, but I believe my consistent leadership in a diverse set of roles within our community sets me apart.

Time and time again I have produced results for our community. 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.

I am proud of my 25 years of service to the com-

munity. I've built key relationships within the Mount Vernon District, Fairfax County, and the Washington Metro area that make me best suited to tackle the challenges and pursue the opportunities before us.

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 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.

As your Supervisor, I will use my MBA, finance skills, detailed budget knowledge and well-earned reputation for bringing folks together to leverage efficiencies and savings in our budgets. I'll do an intensive line-of-business review to focus priorities and cut costs. And throughout, I will fight for Mt. Vernon's fair share.

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

For the past 12 years, I've worked two full-time jobs – as the business partner of my healthcare company and as your school board member. I regularly leave home before 7am and return around midnight. I've maintained this schedule because I have a passion for our community, am committed to bringing folks together and am willing to do the hard work to get things done.

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.

The needs we have are too real, the challenges we face too many and the opportunities too great to treat this position as a 9-to-5 job. And I don't work that way either! As your Supervisor, I will continue my daily community engagements – from Board, community and association meetings to community activities and events. I'll also continue my tradition of holding office hours throughout the district on evenings and weekends.



Voting Notes, Early Voting

An earthquake, hurricane, early snow, or just one of those cataclysmic traffic days could make it hard to vote on Election Day, Nov. 3. On that day, virtually every state and local office is on the ballot. In-person absentee voting begins is underway, and is a good way to ensure you have your say in this critical local election.

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.

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 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. Photo ID requirements also apply to absentee voters who vote in-person in all elections.

In-Person Absentee

Fairfax County Government Center

• Fairfax County Governmental Center Location, Conference Room 2/3, 12000 Government Center Pkwy., Fairfax, VA 22035. Through Oct. 30: ex-

tended hours: Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Saturdays: Oct. 24 and Oct. 31: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Satellite Voting

Weekdays through Oct. 30: Monday - Friday, 3:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Saturdays, Oct. 24 and Oct. 31: 9 - 5.

Satellite Locations:

Mount Vernon Governmental Center - 2511 Parkers Lane, Conference Room A, Alexandria, 22306

Franconia Governmental Center - 6121 Franconia Road, Community Room B, Alexandria, 22310

Mason Governmental Center - 6507 Columbia Pike, Conference Room, Annandale, 22003

West Springfield Governmental Center - 6140 Rolling Road, Community Room, Springfield, 22152

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, Chair, Advanced Academic Programs Advisory Committee, Member, Student Services Advisory Committee (County & WPHS), Orchestra & Band Booster Boards (Carl Sandburg MS and West Potomac HS), Odyssey of the Mind Coach & Regional Board Member, Girl Scout Leader, CCD Teacher, Inova Children's Hospital Quality Board Member, Inova Mt. Vernon Hospital Development Council Chair, Re-use of Original Mt. Vernon HS Task Force Chair.
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Twitter handle: karen4schools
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.



and with the business community. The community can count on me to listen to its concerns and advocate for our students.

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. I will increase our business and community partnerships to supplement cuts and create opportunities for Mt. Vernon's students.

4. How will you 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. 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?

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.

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

A strong school system is essential to Mt. Vernon's economic renewal. Strong Schools attract businesses and new families to move here and attend our schools. FCPS adds value by educating students that are work force or college ready, capable of adapting to a rapidly changing economy and as civic minded individuals will contribute back to the community.

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 Admin, Malone University
Occupation and relevant experience: Consultant, Booz Allen Hamilton (current); Chief of Staff Anthony Stacy, Philanthropy, The Nature Conservancy; Program Director, Government Performance Project, The Maxwell School of Syracuse University; Assistant Director of Communications, Speaker of the House, Ohio House of Representatives; Young Political Leaders School, Teacher and Curriculum Lead, Bucharest, Romania
Community involvement: Advisory Board, C&O Canal Trust; Co-founder, Greater Salem, Ohio Area Habitat for Humanity; Founder, Malone College Habitat for Humanity; personal budget and financial counselor
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Name three favorite endorsements: Class Size Counts; former U.S. Senate candidate Ed Gillespie; State Senator Dave Albo



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

Every child has the potential to learn, so the 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 and eliminate inefficiencies in the system to better support low income communities and ensure that our academic programs are producing measurable results.

4. How will you 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 to provide mentorships and opportunities to better guide our students in setting academic goals and achieving practical skills.

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

Five years ago, the FCPS was supposed to hire an Auditor General. It was not until political pressure was applied by the state legislature, the Board of Supervisors, the media and the public that FCPS finally hired an Auditor General last month. It is critical that we perform a line item review of the 400-page FCPS budget and assess for measurable results. We need to see the results after these steps are taken to determine the best course of action. We must earn the confidence of the Board of Supervisors and the taxpayers before we can demand more money for the school system. 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.

6. What value does FCPS add for taxpayers who do not have children in the schools? The quality of FCPS schools affects business development. Employers desire locations where their employees' children can attend a quality school. Our local schools must improve if we want economic expansion in this part of the county. Home values are also affected by the quality of the local schools. The future direction of our economy and health of our communities, especially in the Mount Vernon District, hinges upon the health of our public schools.

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. There are currently only three Fairfax County School Board members with children in the FCPS. Parents need more representation on policies that will affect all of our children.

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

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. Improving the quality of all of our schools to be the best in the county and the Commonwealth is my top priority. 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 outside the classroom.

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or a political subdivision of the Commonwealth; Valid college or university student photo identification card, from an institution of higher education 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.

Any registered voter may apply for a free Virginia Voter Photo Identification from any general registrar's office in the Commonwealth.

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

ELECTION '15

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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Name favorite endorsements: Fairfax Education Association

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 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 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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Twitter handle: @Manar4FFX

Name favorite endorsements: I have an official endorsement 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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Email address: voteryanmc@gmail.com

Twitter handle: @RyanLMcElveen

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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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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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.

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