



**Candidate Questionnaire 2015**

**Instructions:** Please return questionnaire via email, fax, or mail:

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**Purpose:** Thank you for taking the time to fill out the Equality Virginia Advocates candidate questionnaire. The questionnaire will help our supporters, the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community, and its allies know where candidates stand on issues important to them. Your returned questionnaire will also serve as part of the evaluation process for EVPAC's Board in regards to endorsements.

**Publication:** Your answers are "on the record" and will be circulated to all members of the EVPAC Board, and may be shared outside the organization and published to the EV Advocates website.

**Candidate and Campaign Information:**

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**Race and Election Information**

Office Sought: State Senate

City, County or District of office:

Select One:  Challenger  Incumbent  Open Seat

## Positions

- A. Equality Virginia asks all General Assembly members to sign a [statement](#) that they do not discriminate in their office based on sexual orientation or gender identity. If you are an incumbent, have you signed EV's nondiscrimination statement [[check here](#)]? If you are not, will you sign the nondiscrimination statement if elected? Please include other actions you and your office take to create an open and inclusive workplace for gay and transgender employees.

I think I signed. If I did not, I will.

- B. Please describe your level of support for the following issues that are legislative priorities for Equality Virginia.

1. **Protecting public employees from discrimination based on their real or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity.**

I've introduced State Budget floor amendments three years in a row on this and consistently voted for it in public employment. I also support legislation to achieve this in private employment as well.

2. **Ensuring that LGBT Virginians have equal access to public accommodations and housing.**

I agree with this as well.

- C. Please describe your level of support for the following issues that are important to EV and Virginia's lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and allied community.

1. **Banning "conversion therapy" practiced on LGBT minors.**

I support banning this.

**2. Protecting all LGBT Virginians from discrimination in the workplace.**

I support this.

**3. Removing the Marshall Newman Marriage Amendment from the Virginia Constitution.**

I've introduced constitutional amendments to do this 3-4 times and was the only legislator to do it one year.

**D. Provide any additional information regarding your involvement in or support for the LGBT community.**

You all know my record. I believe LGBT issues are human rights issues. I have also introduced legislation to remove Virginia's lesser known statutory gay marriage ban from the Code of Virginia. It dates to 1975.