



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: Virginia 8th Senate District

City, County or District of office: Virginia Beach

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.

Yes, I will sign the statement and work to ensure that my office much as my campaign is open and inclusive.

- 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.

Yes, I would support legislation and co-sponsor such legislation.

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

Absolutely. We need to ensure that there is equal access to housing and accomodations.

- 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.

Yes. I support banning "conversion therapy" on LGBT minors and would co-sponsor this legislation.

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

Yes, we need to pass ENDA for Virginia end discrimination in the workplace.

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

Yes, marriage equality is the law of the land and we do not need to have discriminatory language in our constitution.

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

I have been able to get involved with several LGBT groups and causes here in the area. From HARBR to Hampton Roads PRIDE events, it has been great to get involved with such a dedicated and inspiring community.

Thank you for completing this questionnaire. If you have any questions, please contact Equality Virginia Advocates at 804-643-4816 or JamesParrish@EAdvocates.org.