



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: *District 29*

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 would sign the statement.

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 strongly support protecting all public employees from discrimination based on their real or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity. The campaign does not now discriminate, and I am morally opposed to discrimination on any grounds.

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

I strongly support ensuring that LGBT Virginians have equal access to public accommodations and housing.

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 strongly support banning "conversion therapy" practiced on LGBT minors.

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

I strongly support protecting all LGBT Virginians from discrimination in the workplace.

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

I strongly support removing the Marshall Newman Marriage Amendment from the Virginia Constitution. I support repeal of the associated statutory bans, as well. That repeal is important even after the U.S. Supreme Court's marriage equality ruling, since demeaning and discriminatory laws remain in effect -- and thus, remain problematic -- even if they've ceased to have any binding legal effect.

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

Outreach to and support for the LGBT community have been an important part of our campaign. Members of the LGBT community are represented among our grassroots volunteers, field organizing staff, and senior campaign leadership. Our campaign has staged events specifically aimed at engaging with the local LGBT community, and our staff has been in touch with leaders from NOVA Pride, People of Faith for Equality, the local PFLAG chapter, and the Democratic Party of Virginia's LGBT Caucus.

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