



## 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: Senate of Virginia – 1<sup>st</sup> District

City, County or District of office:

Select One:  Challenger  XXX 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 have signed the statement every year I have been in the Senate and will continue to do so. My office does not and will not discriminate in any way.

- 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 have always supported legislation that ends discrimination of any kind and promotes the equality of all of our citizens. I have always voted for legislation protecting public employees from discrimination when it has come before the Senate or any committee I serve on. Last session, I co-sponsored SB 785.

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

I fully support ensuring members of the LGBT community have equal access to public accommodations and housing. All Virginians deserve equal rights and to be treated equally with dignity and respect.

- 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 oppose using "conversion therapy on minors. I don't believe this practice should be available to minor children even if they want it.

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

**I strongly support protecting LGBT and all Virginians from discrimination in the workplace and every other place.**

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

**I support removing the Marshall Newman Marriage Amendment from the Constitution. Our constitution should reflect the recent Supreme Court ruling on marriage equality. I voted for SJ 214 in the P&E Committee this year.**

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

**I was pleased to receive the support of Equality Virginia in my last election and look forward to working with you in the years ahead.**

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