



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 (16th District)**

City, County or District of office: **Entire cities of Petersburg & Hopewell; Parts of the City of Richmond; Chesterfield County, Prince George County, and Dinwiddie County**

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 have signed the statement. Our campaign does not discriminate based on sexual orientation or gender identity. I have also co-patroned legislation in the General Assembly related to non-discrimination in the workplace.]

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 am a very strong supporter for protecting public employees from discrimination. I co-patroned SB 785 which would have prohibited this kind of discrimination in public employment.]

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

[I am a strong supporter of ensuring that LGBT Virginians have equal access to public accommodations and housing in Virginia. I co-patroned SB 917 that attempted to outlaw this type of discrimination]

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 conversion therapy on minors]

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

[I strongly support banning employment discrimination and co-patroned SB 785 as a first step in that process]

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

[The Marshall-Newman Marriage amendment is, fortunately, unconstitutional and should be removed from the Virginia Constitution]

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

[I attended the LGBT Democrats “Shades of Blue” fundraiser this past spring and I also attended/supported the Equality Virginia Annual Gala in Richmond.]