



Candidate Questionnaire 2017

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.

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Race and Election Information

Office Sought: House of Delegates, 41st District

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 have already signed.

- 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 have, and will continue to support these efforts. In the past I also have co-patroned legislation which prohibited discrimination in state employment based on sexual orientation. I also supported Governor McAuliffe's first executive order calling for this nondiscrimination policy in all state government offices.

2. **Protecting LGBT Virginians from discrimination in housing.**

I absolutely support the right of every Virginian to have equal access to housing. I believe that this goes along with eradicating all discrimination of any form throughout our society. Virginia should be an open and welcoming place for anyone interested in living, working or traveling here.

3. **Protecting LGBT Virginians from discrimination in public accommodations.**

I support the right of every Virginian to be free from discrimination in public accommodations. As stated above, Virginia should be an open and welcoming place for anyone interested in living, working or traveling here.

- 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 eliminating this hurtful and harmful practice.

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

Yes, as stated above, I completely support this initiative.

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

Yes, I have spoken out on the floor of the House of Delegates calling for the repeal of this Amendment to our Constitution and copatroned legislation related to removing it.

4. Support for policies in Virginia's public schools protecting students, teachers, and staff from discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

I strongly support these policies. Virginia must provide a safe and welcoming environment for its students to learn, its teachers to teach and all staff to work.

5. Opposition to religious exemption bills that exceed the constitutional protection of freedom of religion and provide a license to discriminate against LGBT people.

I strongly oppose any legislation that allows people to discriminate against others.

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

I have always advocated for the inclusion of all individuals in my personal and professional life. I have many friends and colleagues within the LGBT community. I have consistently supported legislation that advocates for the rights of the LGBT community and have spoken out on the House of Delegates floor against the Marshall Newman amendment. I always rely on Equality VA for information and positions for legislation and look forward to continuing that relationship in future General Assembly Sessions.

As the only Jewish woman currently elected to the Virginia House of Delegates, I know the important role all minority groups play in policy decisions, good government, and a fair and equitable society. I will continue to advocate for the LGBT community as I truly believe that all people should be treated with respect and equitably, and discrimination of any kind towards any person or group must not be tolerated.