



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.

Candidate and Campaign Information:

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Race and Election Information

Office Sought: Delegate

City, County or District of office:

Select One: [] Challenger [x] 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 [^{yes}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.

Have signed + have a history of employing campaign + legislative staff w/o regard to their sexual orientation or GI

- 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.

would be chief sponsor of a bill

2. Protecting LGBT Virginians from discrimination in housing.

Introduced the bill 3 of 4 years

3. Protecting LGBT Virginians from discrimination in public accommodations.

would sponsor a bill

- 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.

Have co-sponsored legislation would sponsor if asked,

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

would sponsor a bill

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

Sponsored Bills to do this in past. will continue

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

Strongly support

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

Happy to have been one of CAUCUS's leading voices in opposition to HB 2025

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

I consider myself a leader & champion on this issue. My children have cousins with 2 moms. I feel morally obligated to show them our family is 100% a family under laws of Virginia