



**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: House of Delegates, 69th 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 signed the statement in the past and would be happy to sign again.

- 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.**

Strongly support.

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

Strongly support.

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

Strongly support.

- 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.**

It should be banned.

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

Support. No one should be subject to discrimination.

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

Support. I have always opposed this amendment and am glad it is now unconstitutional, thanks to the Supreme Court.

**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 policies that protect our children and youth from discrimination and bullying.

**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 oppose these bills. Freedom of religion should not be used as an excuse or cover to discriminate.

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

I have always been and will continue to be an outspoken opponent of discrimination. All Virginians deserve equal opportunity, justice, and fairness and I will use my position in the House of Delegates to forward that basic principle and to protect those who are marginalized or suffer from discrimination.

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).