



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
City, County or District of office: Arlington County - 47th District
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.

- 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.

Strong Support!

2. Protecting LGBT Virginians from discrimination in housing.

Strong Support!

3. Protecting LGBT Virginians from discrimination in public accommodations.

Strong 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.

Strong Support!

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

Strong Support!

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

Strong Support!

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

Strong 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.

Strong Support!

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

Active w/ GSA in Arlington Schools; we want to bring a bill in 2018 session to ban Conversion Therapy & also commemorate Pride Month in Virginia. Will you help us?