



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: General Assembly HD39
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. Perhaps the best way to describe my core values of inclusiveness is to note that I was endorsed by the Washington Blade the first time I ran for office, way back in 1979. The courage of the LGBT community in the ensuing decades has only strengthened my resolve.

- 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.

Total support

2. Protecting LGBT Virginians from discrimination in housing.

Total support

3. Protecting LGBT Virginians from discrimination in public accommodations.

Total 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.

Total support for banning government sanctioning or funding in any way of "conversion therapy"

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

Total support

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

Total support

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

Total 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.

Total support

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

I'll always be there for the LGBT community, particularly on the House Courts of Justice Criminal law Subcommittee. Please call on me.

Thank you for completing this questionnaire. If you have any questions, please contact Equality Virginia Advocates at 804-643-4816 or JamesParrish@EAdvocates.org.