



Equality Virginia Advocates

Candidate Questionnaire for 2019 Statewide Elections

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Candidate & Campaign

Name: Martha Mugler

Campaign Website: muglerfordelegate.com

Office Sought: Virginia House of Delegates (District 91)

Locality: Hampton, Poquoson, York County

Candidate Type: Seeking an Open Seat

Candidate Answers

1. Do you support legislation protecting Virginians from discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity:

- For Employment: Yes
- For Housing: Yes
- For Public Accommodations: Yes



2. Please describe your level of support for the following issues that are important to Equality Virginia and Virginia's LGBTQ and Allied community:

- Banning sexual orientation and gender identity change efforts practiced on minors by licensed professionals: I support a movement toward banning mental health providers from engaging in sexual orientation change efforts. Homosexuality was dropped from the American Psychiatric Association Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders as a "disorder" in 1973. Legislation should be grounded with the intent to prevent of harm. I would however, expect parental and religious rights to be obstacles.
- Support for affirming policies in Virginia's public schools for LGBTQ students: I support affirming policies in public schools. I have served on a public school board for a decade and understand the importance of supporting all young people with policies that ensure the absence of discrimination, a climate of mutual respect, and encouragement for all students.
- Opposition to religious exemption bills that exceed the constitutional protection of freedom of religion and provide a license to discriminate against LGBTQ people: I fully support opposition to religious exemption bills that exceed constitutional protection.



- Removing the Marshall Newman Marriage Amendment from the Virginia Constitution: Fully support removing the Marshall Newman Marriage Amendment from the Virginia Constitution.

Provide any additional information regarding your involvement in or support for the LGBTQ community: I have supported candidates that fight for equality for all Virginians and have attended Access Aids Care fundraisers over the years. I support equality for all Virginians and pledge to support the legislative interests of the LGBTQ community.