



Equality Virginia Advocates

Candidate Questionnaire for 2019 Statewide Elections

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Candidate & Campaign

Name: Mark Sickles

Campaign Website: www.marksickles.com

Office Sought: House of Delegates, 43rd District

Locality: Franconia/Fairfax County

Candidate Type: Incumbent

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: Very strongly oppose conversion therapy.
- Support for affirming policies in Virginia's public schools for LGBTQ students: I strongly support all of these policies. I am a big supporter of the bold moves the Fairfax County Schools have made in this area. I believe children should be able to use the facilities for the gender they identify with at school.
- Opposition to religious exemption bills that exceed the constitutional protection of freedom of religion and provide a license to discriminate against LGBTQ people: Very strongly oppose so called religious freedom bills or constitutional amendments.
- Removing the Marshall Newman Marriage Amendment from the Virginia Constitution: I introduced a constitutional amendment to allow Virginians to vote to remove the Marshall-Newman amendment. I hope to introduce it again.

Provide any additional information regarding your involvement in or support for the LGBTQ community: I am a member of the LGBTQ community. I have financially



supported HRC, Williams Institute at UCLA, Equality Virginia, Lambda Legal, and SYMAL among others.