



Equality Virginia Advocates

Candidate Questionnaire for 2019 Statewide Elections

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Candidate & Campaign

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Office Sought: House of Delegates 84th District

Locality: Virginia Beach

Candidate Type: Challenger

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: As a teacher, I am fiercely protective of the children that I teach. Their well being is incredibly important to me and all children should feel comfortable to express who they are.
- Support for affirming policies in Virginia's public schools for LGBTQ students: Students should be able to attend school and learn without the fear of discrimination from their peers, teachers, and administrators. I would proudly support legislation to protect students, uphold and reinforce anti-discrimination policies in the classroom.
- Opposition to religious exemption bills that exceed the constitutional protection of freedom of religion and provide a license to discriminate against LGBTQ people: I oppose any legalized discrimination against the LGBTQ+ community in any form.
- Removing the Marshall Newman Marriage Amendment from the Virginia Constitution: It's incredibly dangerous to have legislation on the books that includes discriminatory rhetoric. Even though the law is now obsolete, as gay marriage is now legal across the country, I would support



removing this amendment in solidarity with the LGBTQ+ community.

Provide any additional information regarding your involvement in or support for the LGBTQ community: