

Exhibit A

VIRGINIA:

MAKYA RENÉE LITTLE et al.

Plaintiffs,

v.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA et al.

Defendants,

DECLARATION

I, MAKYA RENÉE LITTLE of Prince William County, Virginia, make the following declaration:

1. I have been a resident of Woodbridge, Virginia, for more than ten (10) years, and am a current resident of Virginia's newly drawn 19th House District (VA HD-19).

2. In January 2022, former Virginia Delegate (VA HD-02) Jennifer Carroll Foy ("CARROLL FOY") called to advise me that the Commonwealth of Virginia had undergone redistricting and that the Democratic Party of Virginia (DPVA) was in search of a candidate to run for the newly drawn 19th House District (VA HD-19) since no incumbent lived within the new District. She asked that I consider running since I had experience publicly advocating for issues ranging from education equity to divorce law reform.

3. The same day, I contacted Prince William County Democratic Committee (PWCDC) Chairwoman Tonya V. James ("JAMES") to ask if she knew of anyone else considering a run for VA HD-19, and if she would be supportive of the idea. As an employee of the U.S. Federal Government, I advised her of the fact that I would have to resign from my position and sell my family's residence and that, as a first-time candidate, I would need the help of PWCDC to navigate the process and did not feel comfortable making those sacrifices if I

would not be supported. JAMES advised that she was unaware of anyone else considering a run for VA HD-19, expressed pleasant surprise at the idea of my candidacy, and said that she was “all in.” I went so far as to send JAMES photos of the bathroom (my favorite room in my home) so that she understood what I was sacrificing to support the goal of the DPVA to “take back the House” in 2023.

4. Weeks later, PWCDC Senior Vice Chairman Rozia Henson (“HENSON”) sent me a text message inviting me to connect for coffee. I made the assumption that JAMES had advised him of my commitment to run for VA HD-19, and that he was reaching out to offer support and assistance with filing and navigating the process. When we connected for coffee, I began telling him the story of how I made the decision along with my children to pursue VA HD-19, and he stated, “Oh. So we’re having *that* conversation.” According to HENSON, he had recently told JAMES that he was considering running for VA HD-19, and she advised him to have a conversation with me without advising him of my plans and her expression of PWCDC’s support. I advised HENSON that I had already submitted my resignation letter to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and was preparing my family’s home for sale. I expressed that, should he choose to run, I would understand and that I felt it was good for voters to have a choice. I also advised him that, because of the sacrifices of my family, I would be extremely competitive and “all in to win.” I also informed him that I had a call scheduled with Senator Scott Surovell (“SUROVELL”) an hour after our coffee, so that I could not stay beyond the hour.

5. When I got in touch with SUROVELL to tell him about my plans to run for VA HD-19, he asked me if anyone else was running. I told him that, to my knowledge, it was just me for sure, but that I had just had coffee with HENSON who said he was considering running as well. SUROVELL laughed and said, “Ah! That explains why he just tried to call me too.”

6. As I continued calling both current and former elected officials and PWCDC members per the advice of CARROLL FOY, many stated HENSON had just called them to advise them he was running and that he was the only VA HD-19 candidate. Not only was I extremely disappointed that HENSON made the decision to run without following-up to advise me himself, I was angry that he was lying regarding being the only candidate. When former Delegate Joshua Cole (“COLE”) advised me HENSON had told him he was the only candidate and asked for his endorsement, which COLE agreed to, I stated in response that I would destroy HENSON in fundraising.

7. According to COLE, he too was disappointed that HENSON had misled him, but decided to honor his commitment to endorse HENSON for the seat. COLE also gave HENSON his feedback and advised him of my response.

8. According to former Delegate Candi King (“KING”), HENSON continued making phone calls to PWCDC members and elected officials advising them he was running for VA HD-19 and that I threatened to “destroy him” while soliciting for their endorsements. I advised KING of my actual statement and reasons for making the statement, and advised her that I would “be the bigger person” and call HENSON to clarify.

9. I called HENSON approximately one week after our initial coffee meeting and expressed my disappointment in both his conduct and the fact that he failed to follow-up and advise me of his final decision to pursue VA HD-19. I informed HENSON of what I *actually* said, which was that I would destroy him in *fundraising*. I stated, “The reason I said that is because I absolutely will. So when it happens, don’t act like you didn’t know because I am telling you right now.” I reminded him of our coffee conversation and all the sacrifices both my

family and I were making, and that I had no patience for miscommunication or drama if he was going to indeed compete.

10. As I began reviewing the Virginia Department of Elections' Candidates Bulletin and working to establish my campaign committee, I attempted to contact JAMES on multiple occasions. I was met with either unresponsiveness or short answers that seemed to be laced with irritation. I began seeking other sources for Virginia General Assembly candidate guidance and process navigation assistance outside of PWCDC.

11. Around April 2022 when HENSON finally filed and publicly announced his candidacy for VA HD-19, I contacted JAMES to inquire as to why HENSON was still serving as Senior Vice Chair of PWCDC as a declared candidate. I expressed concerns regarding the conflict of interest and how the dual role as both candidate and committee leader gave him an unfair advantage. JAMES dismissed my concerns as if there was nothing HENSON had access to that I did not. I knew this was false and gave specific scenarios and examples. JAMES conceded that there may be a perception of unfairness, and that it may be "poor practice, but not against policy." Although I disagreed and was disappointed by JAMES' position on the matter, I chose to focus my energy and efforts on things within my control.

12. In September 2022, I began working with a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. in my non-partisan/non-candidate capacity and as a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., to plan a bilingual and bi-partisan/non-partisan voter registration drive with other National Pan-Hellenic Council organizations. Although I kept JAMES in the loop regarding the planning, when HENSON's mother, Shantell Rock ("ROCK"), was made aware of my efforts, she began contacting all of the participants and asking them not to participate stating that it would make them appear to be helping my political campaign. ROCK also served as the PWCDC

Woodbridge Magisterial District Chairwoman at the time. When ROCK's requests were ignored by the participants, JAMES inserted herself and stated that PWCDC would not be supporting the bilingual/bi-partisan voter registration drive. JAMES made this statement during a PWCDC Black Caucus meeting that seemed to be planned for the sole purpose of JAMES making this statement publicly. JAMES' reason for PWCDC not participating or supporting the event was because "we never do anything with the Republicans."

13. Additional conversations were had over months among PWCDC candidates, members, and committee leaders who were aware of both JAMES' and HENSON's campaign involvement. However, both continued to serve while conducting campaigns—JAMES for Senator Jeremy McPike and HENSON for himself. After poor fundraising performance and additional pressure from PWCDC members, HENSON eventually stepped down from his role as Senior Vice Chair, and his stated friend, Joseph Tennant ("TENNANT") was voted in by PWCDC as his successor. Although JAMES also faced PWCDC pressure and complaints that she relinquish her role as Chairwoman, JAMES insisted on maintaining her position, refusing to resign to date.

14. Although I lived in the PWCDC Woodbridge Magisterial District, I was not provided an invitation to attend a meeting until after November 2022 when HENSON's biological mother, ROCK resigned from her role as Chairwoman. Bonnie Klakowitz ("KLAKOWITZ") who on the day of the June 20, 2023, Democratic Primary described HENSON as "like a son" to her was voted to be ROCK's successor.

15. Just before petition signatures and paperwork were due for ballot qualification in March 2023, TENNANT sent an e-mail advising that no paperwork would be accepted on the due date until 7pm although Virginia Department of Elections stated it should be 12pm

according to the Candidate's Bulletin. I expressed concern regarding the lack of uniformity for all campaigns to JAMES who assured me that adjusting the time was allowable as long as it was the same for all candidates within a single race. I felt the time was being adjusted by TENNANT to allow HENSON additional time and, although I arrived first to submit my paperwork, HENSON arrived approximately 5 minutes before 7pm and was listed first on the submission sheet since his last name was first alphabetically. I was listed below HENSON with the same submission time and HENSON obtained the first ballot slot on the June 2023 primary ballot for VA HD-19.

16. Approximately April 2023, I was made aware of concerns multiple Fairfax County Mount Vernon District voters had regarding a Mount Vernon District School Board candidate who was seeking the endorsement of the Fairfax County Democratic Committee (FCDC). SUROVELL and Mount Vernon District School Board representative Karen Corbett Sanders ("CORBETT SANDERS") appeared to be the primary supporters and seemingly ignored and dismissed every complaint they received from Mount Vernon District voters regarding the unethical, dishonest, and abusive behavior of Mateo (fka Matthew) Dunne ("DUNNE").

17. As additional and active evidence surfaced regarding DUNNE's behavior, multiple members of FCDC's Mount Vernon District Committee expressed similar concerns that were all disregarded by SUROVELL and CORBETT SANDERS. A few additional elected officials who had previously endorsed DUNNE at CORBETT SANDERS' and SUROVELL's requests began to rescind their endorsements of DUNNE.

18. To support the voters of Mount Vernon (of which portions of VA HD-19 cover), I expressed public support for DUNNE's only declared Democratic-leaning opponent, Harold Sims ("SIMS"), an African American who was seeking the FCDC's endorsement.

19. In May 2022, as the FCDC School Board endorsement deadline approached and SUROVELL and CORBETT SANDERS continued their public advocacy for DUNNE, I wrote and published a public appeal¹ calling on the members of FCDC to stand by the values of the Democratic Party and not support the candidacy of DUNNE due to his documented unethical, dishonest, and abusive behavior. When I posted a link to my appeal in the Mount Vernon District Facebook page, the post disappeared within minutes. Multiple attempts to repost were all blocked/deleted.

20. I attempted to troubleshoot with Matthew Renninger ("RENNINGER"), another supporter of SIMS. When he attempted to post the appeal on my behalf, his post was deleted as well. I contacted FCDC Mount Vernon District Co-Chairs Matthew Bell ("BELL") and Genie McCreery ("McCREERY") to report the issue and BELL said that he would look into it. However, when the pattern continued, I contacted FCDC Chairman Bryan Graham ("GRAHAM") and expressed that I felt a sense of racial discrimination was at play. GRAHAM recommended that I try contacting BELL again. Within an hour of contacting BELL again and also advising him that I felt a sense of racial discrimination was at play, one of my previous appeal posts reappeared on the Facebook page and was followed within 15-minutes by a post from CORBETT SANDERS expressing support for DUNNE.

21. SUROVELL and CORBETT SANDERS were clearly angered by my public objection to the Democratic endorsement of DUNNE and my public declaration that I would

¹ A Time to Speak Up - <https://medium.com/@makyarenee/a-time-to-speak-up-18a08f60b57a>

neither accept nor tolerate the silencing or dismissal of Black voices within FCDC. None of the multiple Black school board candidates, including SIMS, received an FCDC endorsement for Fairfax County School Board in May 2023.

22. Around early June, I was informed that HENSON was advising Mount Vernon voters that SUROVELL had endorsed HENSON for VA HD-19 and that SUROVELL and CORBETT SANDERS had begun a “whisper campaign” where CORBETT SANDERS told Mount Vernon voters and PWCDC members that I had called CORBETT SANDERS a “racist.” SUROVELL eventually communicated his support for HENSON to Mount Vernon District voters while implying that I was unprepared for elected office. Shortly after, additional Fairfax County elected officials endorsed HENSON and donated to his campaign.

23. Just before primary election day, multiple members of DPVA contacted me to advise me that polling data they obtained demonstrated that I would outperform both of my opponents for VA HD-19. They congratulated me in advance.

24. On primary election day, I visited multiple polling locations to greet voters within VA HD-19. At Leesylvania Elementary School, I encountered KLAKOWITZ who advised me that, although she liked both HENSON and me, she was supporting HENSON because she had previously served with him in PWCDC. I told her that I had no issue with her supporting whomever she chose to support in her personal capacity, but that I did take issue with her supporting HENSON at the voting precinct while wearing an official PWCDC t-shirt. KLAKOWITZ responded, “Well I’m not telling anyone,” to which I replied, “But you’re passing out his literature.” KLAKOWITZ had spent hours distributing blue Democratic sample ballots with only HENSON’s name checked which voters who are not as familiar with the candidates are conditioned to seek from party representatives. I felt that HENSON’s campaign was

exploiting this fact by distributing the misleading information which implied HENSON had already received the nomination of PWCDC. KLAKOWITZ conceded that it was inappropriate for her to continue her conduct and offered to go home and change her shirt.

25. At another voting precinct that CORBETT SANDERS covered for the entire primary day, I witnessed CORBETT SANDERS tell a voter that HENSON was endorsed by the Mayor of Dumfries. Knowing first-hand that was false information, I questioned CORBETT SANDERS in the presence of the voter. CORBETT SANDERS retracted and corrected her statement only after I questioned her.

26. As predicted by DPVA, early voting data demonstrated my campaign clearly outperformed the other campaigns for VA HD-19. However, day-of voting demonstrated a slight HENSON lead.

27. Although the third candidate for VA HD-19 Natalie Louise Shorter (“SHORTER”) called me the evening of June 20, 2023, to concede that the election was clearly between HENSON and me, I called HENSON at 11:51pm that evening to explicitly state that I had “zero respect” for how he ran his campaign and facetiously stated that if that’s what he felt he needed to do in order to win, “Congratulations.”

28. The next day, June 21, 2023, at 2:07pm, I contacted the Virginia Department of Elections to inquire about how to file a complaint. I was forwarded to a voicemail system and left a message with my name, contact information, and the reason for my call. That phone call was never returned.

29. The same day, June 21, 2023, HENSON posted on Twitter that he had received congratulatory phone calls from both SHORTER and me, and claimed victory of the Democratic nomination for VA HD-19. I quote-tweeted HENSON’s post to clarify that I had not conceded

and would not do so until the will of VA HD-19 voters was clarified and that “all voter manipulation tactics” were investigated.

30. SUROVELL and other Democrats began to taunt and harass me on social media in an attempt to pressure me to accept the unofficial results of the VA HD-19 as final.

31. After receiving no response from the Virginia Department of Elections, I traveled to Richmond, Virginia, on July 3, 2023, to make my inquiry in person and was advised of my options to appeal to DPVA or to the Court for an extension to file as an Independent candidate for VA HD-19. A representative of Virginia Department of Elections stated that the parties can make changes to the ballots up to sixty (60) days before the general election when the ballots are produced. So I wrote an appeal letter to DPVA that same evening and CCed Virginia Department of Elections.

32. On July 5, 2023, I learned the Virginia Board of Elections was planning a vote to certify the results of the June 2023 primary and decided to go in person to make my appeal to the Board publicly. My appeal was ignored by all parties.

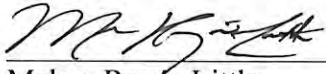
33. After publicly requesting an extension to file as an Independent candidate since I had no good faith opportunity to qualify for the Democratic nomination, I was advised after the meeting by a Virginia Department of Elections representative that only the court could order an extension for Independent candidate petition ballots.

34. As I gathered information and researched the process to petition the court for an extension, I made additional discoveries regarding conduct that seemed criminal in nature. I reported that information to the FBI’s Washington Field Office on July 21, 2023, at 9:11am.

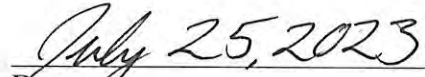
35. All exhibits included with this Complaint are true copies of original documents. In certain cases, some information has been redacted for privacy reasons.

Verification Pursuant to the Code of Virginia, Section 8.01-4.3

I, MAKYA RENÉE LITTLE, have reviewed the foregoing and I can swear under penalty of perjury that these statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



Makya Renee Little



Date

Exhibit B

Woodbridge resident Makya Little announces run for new House of Delegates district

By Nolan Stout
Feb 19, 2022



Makya Little is running as a Democrat for the newly-created Virginia House of Delegates 19th District.

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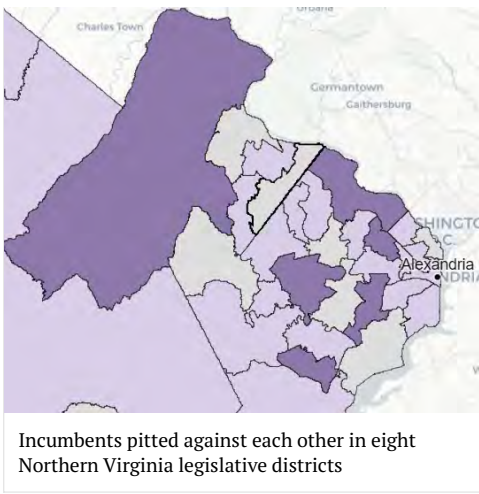
MORE INFORMATION

The new districts for Virginia's House of Delegates are starting to get candidates.

Woodbridge resident Makya Little announced her campaign for the Democratic nomination in the new 19th District seat this week.

The revised 19th District covers mostly northeastern Prince William and southeastern Fairfax County. Its southern limit is primarily along Rippon Boulevard, although a





In Fairfax, the district includes Lorton and Mason Neck, with its northern border encompassing Fort Belvoir.

The area is currently represented by Democratic Dels. Candi King (2nd), Kathy Tran (42) and Luke Torian (52).

Rep. Beyer makes it official, announces re-election bid

McPike won't seek Congressional seat in 7th District

It's Election Day; here's what you need to know

Department of Justice monitoring polling places in Prince William, Manassas, Manassas Park

Little is a community advocate who worked nearly 20 years for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. She has also served as president of the Thomas Jefferson Alumni Action Group and a member of the Lewis Academy NOW Committee.

She led an unsuccessful push to revise the state's divorce laws in the current General Assembly session, spurred by her experience as a survivor of domestic violence.

Del. Nadarius Clark, D-Portsmouth, filed House Bill 1351 to provide an exception to Virginia's rule that those seeking a divorce must be separated for one year. The exception would apply in cases of "cruelty, reasonable apprehension of bodily hurt, or willful desertion or abandonment."

The legislation died in a House subcommittee.

In her campaign announcement, Little said she would advocate for an extension of Metro service to Woodbridge. A study released by the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation in October estimated a Metro extension to the Triangle area could cost up to \$27 billion.

"We need a long-term vision for public transportation in our community," she said.

She also advocated for legislation to protect natural resources.

"We can't afford to be complacent with the stewardship of our natural resources and ecological treasures," she said.

The Virginia Supreme Court approved final maps for Congressional and General Assembly districts in December. The court took over the redistricting, required after the 2020 Census, because the state's redistricting commission could not reach agreement on new maps.

The new maps took Prince William County from eight delegate districts and four Senate seats to seven delegates and three senators. However, those seats are more centered on Prince William County than the existing seats.

The House seats more closely mirror the districts on the Board of County Supervisors, with Manassas and adjacent areas contained in one district. The Senate districts cover the western, southeastern and northeastern parts of the county.

The new districts will be effective for the 2023 election, although some lawsuits are trying to force elections under the revised maps for 2022.

As of Friday, no candidates had announced campaigns for any of the other new districts representing parts of Prince William County.

Exhibit C

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF VIRGINIA

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PARTY PLAN**

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PREAMBLE

The Democratic Party of Virginia exists to facilitate and encourage the full participation of all Virginians in choosing their elected officials and controlling their political destiny. It is dedicated to the preservation of all the rights enumerated in Article One of the Constitution of Virginia. The Democratic Party of Virginia exercises full equality with Democratic parties in other states in controlling the activities and establishing the principles of the National Democratic Party.

ARTICLE 1. THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF VIRGINIA

Section 1.1 Statement of Principle

The Democratic Party of Virginia endorses the principles contained in the Charter of the Democratic Party of the United States of America, bound always by the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Section 1.2 Cooperation with Democratic National Party

The Democratic Party of Virginia pledges full cooperation with all rules and requirements promulgated in connection with any Call to the Democratic National Convention or Democratic Party Conference. This pledge is made both to the substance and to the spirit of the Call.

ARTICLE 2. MEMBERS OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Section 2.1 Membership

Every resident of the Commonwealth of Virginia who believes in the principles of the Democratic Party is hereby declared to be a member of the Democratic Party of Virginia.

Section 2.2 Participation

Every person who participates as a voter in a Democratic primary, convention or caucus must be qualified to vote in the next ensuing general election or special election. No person shall participate in a Democratic primary, convention or caucus who intends to support a candidate opposed to any Democratic nominee in that general or special election.

ARTICLE 3. FULL PARTICIPATION AND REGISTRATION

Section 3.1 Full Participation

The Democratic Party shall not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, age (if of voting age), color, creed, national origin, religion, economic status, sexual orientation, ethnic identity, or disability. Every Democratic committee shall adopt and implement an outreach program to encourage Democrats to participate in all organizations at every level and in all delegate selection processes. Particular concern should be undertaken regarding young people, women, African Americans and other ethnic minorities, persons with disabilities and other constituent groups. Every Democratic committee, as well as every member and officer thereof, shall make efforts to include young people, women, African Americans and other ethnic minorities, persons with disabilities and other constituent groups in all Democratic committees and delegations to Democratic conventions and other party affairs. Mandatory quotas, however, shall not be imposed at any level of the delegate selection process or in any other party affairs.

Section 3.2 Registration

The Democratic Party of Virginia supports the broadest possible registration of voters without discrimination on the basis of race, sex, age (if of voting age), color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, economic status, or disability.

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ARTICLE 4. DEMOCRATIC STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Section 4.1 Membership

There shall be a Democratic State Central Committee (herein the Central Committee) composed of twenty (20) members from each congressional district. In addition, the following persons shall be voting members of the Central Committee:

- the State chair;
- the vice-chair for organization (first vice-chair);
- the vice chair for rules (second vice-chair);
- the vice-chair for technology and communications;
- the vice-chair for finance;
- the vice-chair for outreach;
- the secretary and the treasurer of the Central Committee;
- the Virginia members of the Democratic National Committee elected by the State Convention, and any other member of the National Committee elected under the national charter and rules who resides in Virginia;
- the Democratic members of the United States Congress from Virginia;
- the Democratic Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General;
- the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates, provided they are Democrats;
- the Senate and House of Delegates Majority or Minority Leaders, provided they are Democrats;
- the chairs of the Democratic caucuses of the Senate and the House;
- the president, national committeeman and national committeewoman of the Virginia Young Democrats;
- the president and first vice-president of the Virginia Democratic Women's Caucus;
- the chair of the Association of Democratic Chairs;
- the chair of the Association of Democratic Elected Officials;
- the chair of the Virginia Young Democrats College Caucus;
- the chair of the Virginia Young Democrats Teen Caucus;
- the chair of the Virginia Young Democrats County/City Caucus; and
- representatives from recognized caucuses identified pursuant to Section 4.19

In addition, those members of the General Assembly and those chairs of county and city committees who are elected as provided in Section 6.2 of this Plan will be voting members. All members of the Central Committee shall be members of their respective congressional district committees.

Section 4.2 Election of Central Committee

The twenty (20) members of the Central Committee from each congressional district shall be nominated in congressional district conventions and shall be elected by the State Convention in each gubernatorial election year, each member to serve a term of four (4) years.

Section 4.3 Equal Division

The members of the Central and district committees elected pursuant to Section 4.2 shall be equally divided between men and women. However, a district committee may choose to use the authority provided in Section 6.2 to insure that the equal division requirement of this Section is met.

Section 4.4 Election of State Party Officers

The State Convention held in the year of the gubernatorial election shall elect a State chair, vice-chair for organization, vice-chair for rules, vice-chair for technology and communications, vice-chair for finance, vice-chair for outreach, the secretary and the treasurer, herein the officers of the Central Committee. Each officer shall serve a term of four (4) years.

Section 4.5 Election of National Committee Members

The State Convention held in the year of a presidential election shall elect the members of the Democratic National Committee allocated to Virginia, each member to serve a term of four (4) years.

Section 4.6 Vacancies

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The Central Committee shall fill any vacancy in the offices set forth in Section 4.4 and 4.5 above. The State chair, in the event of a vacancy in the position of any officer, may appoint an “acting” officer to serve until the vacancy is filled by the Central Committee or a State Convention. Should any officer be temporarily unable to fulfill his or her duties due to extended illness or absence, the State chair may appoint a “temporary acting” officer to serve until such time (not to exceed 120 days) as the officer is able to resume his or her duties. Should the position of State chair become vacant, or should the State chair have an extended absence, the first vice-chair shall serve as temporary chair pending the election of a new State chair by the Central Committee.

Section 4.7 Central Committee Meetings

The Central Committee shall meet at least four times a year. Under extraordinary circumstances (e.g. weather), meetings may be held by teleconference. However, at least three Central Committee meetings a year must be held in person and assembled Central Committee meetings must occur at least once every six months. In years of a State Convention, the State Convention shall be counted as one of the four meetings of the Central Committee.

Meetings may be called as follows:

- a) by the State chair; or
- b) by written call signed by any five (5) Congressional District chairs if the signed call is filed with the secretary of the Central Committee at least fifteen (15) days before the proposed meeting date; or
- c) by written call signed by twenty percent (20%) of the membership of the Central Committee if the signed call is filed fifteen (15) days before the proposed meeting date; or
- d) by a vote of the Central Committee at a properly convened meeting of the Committee.

Section 4.8 Quorum

Thirty five percent (35%) of the membership of the Central Committee shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4.9 Duties of the Central Committee

The Central Committee shall have entire charge and full control of all party matters arising throughout the Commonwealth. All powers that inhere in the Democratic Party of Virginia or in a State Convention shall be vested in the Central Committee at such times as the State Convention is not in session. It shall be the duty of the Central Committee, as well as each officer and member thereof, to perfect the organization of the Democratic Party throughout the Commonwealth and to do all within its power to aid in the victory of the Democratic Party’s nominees in all elections.

Section 4.10 Removal from Central Committee

The Central Committee shall remove from office and membership any member who shall miss three (3) consecutive meetings without cause or who shall be guilty of willful neglect of any duty imposed upon such member. Such action shall be taken only on the recommendation of the Steering Committee. Before making a recommendation of removal, the Steering Committee shall provide the member with ten (10) days written notice of the charges and with an opportunity for a hearing before the Steering Committee.

Section 4.11 Chair of the Central Committee

The Chair of the Central Committee, herein “State chair”, shall be chief officer of the Central Committee. The State chair may appoint and dismiss any and all personnel of the staff of the Central Committee, including Sergeant-at-arms; Parliamentarian; and other deputies, assistants, committees, counsel, and staff as are needed to manage the operations for the Democratic Party of Virginia, subject to ratification by the Steering Committee. The State chair shall oversee the work of the vice chairs and other officers.

Section 4.12 Vice Chairs of Central Committee

The vice-chair for organization (first vice-chair) shall preside at meetings when the State chair is absent and shall serve as “acting” State chair in the event of a vacancy in the position of State chair, or in an extended vacancy of the State chair, pending election by the central committee of a new State chair. In addition, the vice-chair for organization shall be responsible for strengthening county and city democratic committees, increasing their membership and activities, perfecting their organization, providing necessary training, and acting as a liaison to congressional district and county and city democratic committees regarding statewide coordinated campaign activities.

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The vice-chair for rules (second vice-chair) shall preside over meetings in the absence of the State chair and first vice- chair, shall be responsible for preparing the Party Plan and other rules, and shall be responsible for drafting amendments to the Plan, delegate selection plans and calls to convention and advising the State chair and other appropriate entities as to their implementation. The vice-chair for rules shall also serve as the chair of the standing committee on resolutions (or, in conjunction with the State chair, appoint such a chair for the committee) as provided in Section 4.17.

The vice-chair for technology and communications shall be responsible for, and shall assist congressional district, county and city committees with, implementation of technologies for identifying and mobilizing voters, maintaining records, and communications within party organizations and to the public.

The vice-chair for finance shall be responsible for raising those funds necessary for meeting the annual budget needs of the Party, and, in conjunction with the treasurer, shall work with the finance director to implement a fundraising plan. The vice-chair for finance shall also work with congressional district, county and city committees to assist in their fundraising efforts.

The vice-chair for outreach shall serve as chair of the standing outreach committee, as provided in Section 4.21, shall work with the congressional district, county and city committees to develop outreach plans and strategies for their jurisdictions, shall be responsible for outreach to the various constituencies of the Democratic Party and shall serve as liaison with statewide organizations supportive of the Democratic Party. The vice-chair for outreach shall also be responsible for overseeing the Party's voter registration activities.

All vice chairs may be assigned duties and projects by the State chair.

Regular reports of the activities of the vice chairs shall be made to the Steering and Central Committees.

Section 4.13 Secretary of Central Committee

The secretary shall keep and make available to members the minutes of the Central Committee and Steering Committee meetings and shall formally certify actions and resolutions of the Central Committee.

Section 4.14 Treasurer of the Central Committee

The treasurer shall safely keep all funds of the committee and shall keep a detailed account of all contributions, other receipts and disbursements. The treasurer shall submit to the members of the Central Committee an oral financial report at each meeting of the Central Committee and an audited report annually. The treasurer shall work with the vice-chair for finance to prepare the annual budget and to conduct quarterly budget reviews. The Democratic Party of Virginia fiscal year will run concurrent with the calendar year. The budget for the ensuing fiscal year must be approved by the Steering and Central Committees prior to the start of the fiscal year, that is, January 1. The Executive Director shall provide to the Steering Committee a proposed draft budget seven days in advance of consideration by the Steering Committee. The treasurer shall be the signatory on Federal Election Commission and State Board of Elections required financial reports.

Section 4.15 Dues

As a part of the annual budget adopted by the Central Committee, dues shall be collected from each county and city committee. Such assessment of dues shall be made by the treasurer of the Central Committee and based on a formula that uses the number of delegates apportioned to each county and city in the most recent State Democratic Convention. Should a state convention not be held in any year, then the treasurer, using the apportionment formula for the most recent such convention, but inserting updated voting statistics, shall prepare an apportionment of delegates for each county and city. Such apportionment shall then be used to determine dues for the current calendar year. Notice of dues shall be forwarded to county and city chairs on or before December 15 of each year. The chair of each county and city shall have the responsibility of insuring that dues are paid in a timely manner between January 1 and March 15 following notice from the Central Committee treasurer. Congressional District Committee Chairs shall assist in the collection of such dues.

Section 4.16 Amendments to Party Plan

This Party Plan may be amended by an absolute majority of the Central Committee at any time or may be amended by a majority of the Central Committee members present and voting if notice is given and if the proposed

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amendment is mailed to the membership at least fifteen (15) days before the vote on the amendment. Proposed party plan amendments shall be clearly so designated in the mailing to the State Central Committee. For informational purposes, proposed party plan amendments shall at the same time be mailed to the chairs of the Democratic county and city committees.

Section 4.17 Standing Committee on Resolutions

The Central Committee shall have a standing committee on resolutions which shall be appointed every four years following the election by the state convention of new Central Committee officers and members. The State chair shall designate the resolutions committee members who shall be elected as outlined herein.

The committee's membership shall be fifteen (15), including its chair who shall be the vice-chair for rules (or the designee of the State chair and the vice-chair for rules) of the Central Committee as a part of the duties set forth in Section 4.12; eleven (11) members with one (1) elected by each congressional district committee; three (3) at-large members nominated by the Central Committee chair, and elected by the Committee, one of whom shall be a county or city chair, and one (1) of whom shall be a Steering Committee member. At-large members shall serve one-year terms.

The resolutions committee shall establish rules and procedures that clearly define its operations, including the regular conduct of any needed meetings or hearings to receive information on any subject or resolution. The committee's chair shall plan and coordinate its work. Any member of the Central Committee may offer a resolution. All resolutions, except those of strictly memorial or commendatory nature, shall be presented to the committee at least thirty (30) days prior to a scheduled meeting of the Central Committee. Resolutions approved for the Central Committee shall be mailed to all its members at least ten (10) days before such scheduled meeting. The Resolutions Committee shall submit its report, including identification of all resolutions considered, for consideration by the Central Committee.

The Resolutions, Central and Steering Committees may approve resolutions by a majority of those members present and voting. Only the Steering Committee may send any resolution to the Central Committee for consideration without prior approval by the Resolutions Committee.

Section 4.18 State Central Committee Elections in the Absence of a State Convention

In gubernatorial election years in which a State Convention will not be held, the provisions of this Section shall supersede any conflicting provisions in the Party Plan pertaining to the reorganization of the Central Committee.

In a gubernatorial election year in which the Democratic Party of Virginia chooses nominees for statewide offices in a primary election, the State Central Committee may decide not to conduct a state convention. Whenever the State Central Committee decides not to conduct such a convention, the twenty (20) members of the State Central Committee representing each congressional district shall be elected in congressional district conventions. The State Central Committee, at its first meeting in the gubernatorial year, shall adopt a method of allocation for delegates to congressional district conventions, as set forth in Section 15.2 of this Plan.

The Congressional District Committee shall issue a call to its district convention, as specified in Section 15.2 of this Plan. The notice provisions of Article 9 shall apply.

Delegates to a Congressional District Convention may be elected at caucuses held within a jurisdiction that is part of the Congressional District or immediately prior to the Congressional District Convention at the same location as the Congressional District Convention. Each caucus electing delegates to a congressional district convention shall certify the roll of delegates so elected to the Chair of the Congressional District Committee in the manner provided in Section 15.4.

The newly elected congressional district committees shall meet to elect officers and additional members (as provided in Section 6.2) prior to the first meeting of the newly elected State Central Committee. The newly elected State Central Committee shall meet within sixty (60) days after the primary election to elect the Party officers enumerated in section 4.4 of the Plan.

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Section 4.19 Central Committee Caucuses

Members of the Central Committee may form caucuses. Such caucuses may provide an organizational focus for members of a constituency group; present issues and act as an advocate for members of the group within the Virginia Democratic Party; provide contacts to members of the public who are not yet active in party affairs; assist in the Democratic Party's commitment to outreach to members of the group and encourage them to participate in party affairs at the local, state and national levels; assist in the Democratic Party's commitment to encourage persons who are members of the group to register to vote and become informed about public issues; assist in the Democratic Party's efforts to energize and mobilize members of the group to vote for and support Democratic candidates; encourage the development of group members who may be candidates for public office; raise money to be used for outreach, party building and election activities; and provide a state contact for the Democratic National Committee and other national and state organizations.

Members of the Central Committee may form recognized caucuses that shall:

1. be comprised of Democrats who are registered voters;
2. include Central Committee members who represent a minimum of three percent of the Central Committee general membership and represent at least four Congressional Districts;
3. adopt bylaws that are consistent with the party plan, and that shall include:
 - a. a statement of the purpose of the caucus;
 - b. membership qualifications that include an affirmative act by the Democrat join the caucus;
 - c. procedure for the regular election of officers;
4. be approved by a majority of Steering and Central Committee membership;
5. represents an historically underrepresented constituency that shares an inherent and/or immutable traits, not a concern about an issue or a cause;

Notice of a vote to approve a caucus shall be mailed to Central Committee members 10 days prior to the meeting at which a vote occurs.

Caucuses who do not have a representative on the Steering Committee pursuant to Section 5.1 shall have one representative on the Central Committee.

The Outreach Committee shall review the caucuses' applications, subject to final review by the Steering and Central Committee. Applications must be received at least 30 days prior to a Central Committee meeting to be reviewed by the Outreach Committee for that meeting.

Every Caucus that has been approved by the Steering and Central Committees shall:

1. maintain and submit to the Democratic Party of Virginia by June 30th of every year, its current bylaws, membership list, officers list, and an action plan for mobilizing its constituency for elections, which must include evidence of recent past activity in Democratic organizations or campaigns; and
2. provide to the Democratic Party of Virginia a list of current outreach events, organizations, and events within Virginia related to its constituency.

Caucuses that have been approved by the Central Committee shall notify the State Party of their intent to reorganize 30 days prior to reorganizing.

The Virginia Young Democrats, the Association of Democratic Chairs and the Association of Elected Democratic Officials shall submit to the Democratic Party of Virginia their current bylaws, membership list, and officers list, and an action plan by June 30th of each even numbered year.

Section 4.20 Outreach Committee

The Central Committee shall have a standing committee on outreach, which shall be appointed every four years following the election by the state convention of new Central Committee officers and members. The committee's membership shall be comprised of the following:

- Its chair who shall be the vice-chair for outreach;
- eleven members with one elected by each congressional district committee;
- five at-large members nominated by the Central Committee chair, and elected by the Central Committee, one of whom shall be a county or city chair; and

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- one member designated by each officially recognized caucus of the Democratic Party of Virginia.

At-large, caucus representative members shall serve one-year terms.

The Outreach Committee's duties including the following: (1) Develop and implement an outreach plan for the Democratic Party. After each Central Committee election, the committee shall review and update the plan after consultation with candidates and local committees. (2) Receive and act on all applications by caucuses for official recognition by the Democratic Party, and shall present its recommendation for approval or denial to the Steering and Central Committees. (3) Perform any other outreach activities designated by the Committee.

The Outreach Committee shall establish rules and procedures that clearly define its operations, including the regular conduct of any needed meetings or hearings to receive information on any subject. The committee's chair shall plan and coordinate its work and seek to insure that any Democratic Party member has opportunity to present information or comments.

ARTICLE 5. STEERING COMMITTEE

Section 5.1 Members of the Steering Committee

There shall be a Steering Committee of the Democratic State Central Committee composed of:

- the State chair;
- vice chair for organization (first vice-chair);
- vice chair for rules (second vice-chair);
- vice-chair for technology and communications;
- vice-chair for finance;
- vice-chair for outreach;
- secretary;
- treasurer;
- immediate past chair of the State Central Committee;
- the Virginia members of the Democratic National Committee elected by the State Convention, and any other member of the National Committee or Executive Committee elected under the National Charter and rules who resides and is a registered voter in Virginia and so requests in writing to the State Party Chair;
- the Congressional District chairs;
- the President of the Virginia Young Democrats;
- the President of the Virginia Democratic Women's Caucus;
- the chair of the Association of Democratic Chairs;
- *the chair of the Democratic Black Caucus;*
- *the chair of the Democratic Latino Organization of Virginia Caucus;*
- *the chair of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Caucus;*
- *the chair of the Veterans and Military Families Caucus;*
- *the chair of the Democratic Labor Caucus of the Central Committee;*
- *the chair of the DisAbility Caucus; and*
- *the chair of the Democratic Asian Americans of Virginia Caucus; and*
- *the chair of the Democratic Rural Caucus; and*
- *the chair of the Small Business Caucus.*

The officers of the Central Committee shall be the officers of the Steering Committee. All members of the Steering Committee shall be members of the Central Committee and members of their respective district committees.

Section 5.2 Duties of Steering Committee

The Steering Committee shall have entire charge and full control of all party matters arising throughout the Commonwealth between meetings of the Central Committee. All powers that inhere in the Central Committee shall be vested in the Steering Committee at such times as the Central Committee is not in session and its actions shall be final unless overruled by the Central Committee or a Democratic Convention, with the following exceptions:

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1. the Steering Committee may not amend the Party Plan,
2. the Steering Committee may not change the assessments upon county or city committees,
3. the Steering Committee may not determine the method of nominating Democratic candidates for any public office, except in cases when the nominated candidate dies, withdraws, refuses candidacy or if the nomination is set aside for any reason,
4. the Steering Committee may pass resolutions by a two-thirds majority of all of its members,
5. when vacancies occur among the elected officers of the State Party, the chair may recommend and the Steering Committee may elect "Acting" officers; the Central Committee shall be convened within 120 days of the occurrence of a vacancy to elect permanent replacements unless a state convention occurs within that period, and
6. the Steering Committee may not fill vacancies to the Democratic National Committee.

Notices of Steering Committee meetings, including specific agenda, shall be mailed to all members of the State Central Committee at least ten (10) days prior to all Steering Committee meetings, except in cases of emergency when the Steering Committee has to be notified by telephone. When a meeting of the Steering Committee is not followed within eight (8) days by a meeting of the Central Committee, the minutes of Steering Committee meeting, including details of all actions taken, but not necessarily of the discussions, shall be mailed to all Central Committee members within thirty (30) days after the Steering Committee meeting.

At each State Central Committee meeting, the actions taken by the Steering Committee since the previous Central Committee meeting shall be reported, questions shall be taken about any such actions, and the chair shall ask if there are any motions to alter or overrule any action taken by the Steering Committee.

Section 5.3 Steering Committee Meetings

Meetings of the Steering Committee may be called as follows:

- a) By the State chair
- b) By any five (5) members of the Steering Committee if the signed call is filed with the secretary of the Steering Committee at least ten (10) days before the proposed meeting date; or
- c) By a vote of the Steering Committee at a properly convened meeting of the Committee.

All meetings shall be open unless the Steering Committee specifically votes otherwise.

A majority of the members of the Steering Committee shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5.4 Designation of Substitutes

If the chair of a district committee or caucus cannot attend a meeting of the Steering Committee, he or she may designate another member of their respective organization to attend the meeting in his or her place. The chair shall inform the chair of the Central Committee of the designation. Such designees shall be counted in determining a quorum and shall be a full voting member of the Steering Committee for that meeting.

Section 5.5 Appeals

The Steering Committee shall constitute an appeals committee for appeals provided in this plan from constitutional officer committees, legislative district committees, senatorial district committees and congressional district committees. The decision of the Steering Committee acting as an appeals committee shall be final unless overruled by the Central Committee or a Democratic State Convention. Appeal procedure shall be as provided in Article 11.

Section 5.6 Complaints

The Steering Committee shall receive and investigate complaints relating to alleged discrimination in party affairs on the grounds of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, economic status, or disability. Any Democrat aggrieved by such alleged discrimination may file a complaint with the secretary of the Steering Committee. Upon filing of a complaint, the State chair shall appoint a subcommittee of the Steering Committee to review the complaint. If the subcommittee determines that there is a reasonable basis for the complaint, it shall immediately begin an investigation of the complaint in accordance with Article 11. The subcommittee shall complete its investigation and file a written report within thirty (30) days of the filing of the

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complaint. Within (30) days of receiving the subcommittee report, the Steering Committee shall act on the complaint and provide such remedies, as it deems appropriate.

Section 5.7 Executive Committee

The Central Committee or the Steering Committee may by resolution or bylaw establish an Executive Committee to be composed of the chair and such other persons as the resolution or bylaw may direct, in any event, the Executive Committee to be composed of not more than seven (7) persons, a majority of whom shall be district chairs. The Executive Committee shall exercise such powers as may be allocated to it from time to time by resolution or bylaw and may exercise all the powers of the Steering Committee between meetings of the Steering Committee with its actions to be final unless overruled by the Steering Committee or the Central Committee. The resolution or bylaw shall set forth the method of selection of members of the Executive Committee, which method shall provide for reasonable geographical balance among the members who are district chairs.

Section 5.8 Steering Committee Caucus Representation

The Central Committee may amend the Party Plan (pursuant to Section 4.16) to add a representative to the Steering Committee of a Caucus recognized under Section 4.19 that reflects inherent and/or immutable traits. In evaluating whether to provide representation to such a Caucus, the Central Committee may consider the following criteria: The caucus represents a constituency which constitutes a significant part of Virginia's population; the constituency has a proven record of supporting Democrats; the constituency is historically underrepresented in the party structure; the caucus is a longstanding group with a proven record of working hard to elect Democrats and build the Party; and the Caucus is represented on the DNC Executive Committee. If a Caucus with Steering Committee representation fails to maintain its status as a Caucus (under Section 4.19), its representative shall no longer be considered a voting member of the Steering Committee.

ARTICLE 6. DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT COMMITTEES

Section 6.1 Membership

The members of the Democratic State Central Committee or their successors, who are residents of a congressional district, shall comprise the Democratic congressional district committee for that district.

Section 6.2 Additional Members

The district committee, upon its organization and two years thereafter, shall elect one Democratic member of the General Assembly and three county or city representatives. A "county or city representative" shall be a resident of the congressional district who is (a) a county or city committee chair or vice chair, (b) a magisterial district chair, (c) a ward chair or (d) a county or city committee member proposed by his or her county or city committee to the district committee. The additional members identified in this section shall be members of the Central Committee. Members so chosen shall be counted in determining a quorum and shall be voting members of the district committee as soon as elected by the district committee. Confirmation of the election of the General Assembly member and the county or city representatives shall be made by the Central Committee. If for any reason a Democratic member of the General Assembly or a county or city representative cannot fill these positions, they shall be filled by the district committee. If for any reason such additional members vacate the office(s) they hold which entitle them to this membership, then the seat(s) shall become vacant. In selecting these additional members, any district committee may choose to use these positions to insure that the equal division requirement of Section 4.3 is met. If such procedure is utilized, the secretary of the Central Committee shall be so advised when the district's complete list of members is submitted. The total number of the district committee members elected pursuant to section 4.2 and this section shall be equally divided pursuant to Section 4.3.

Section 6.3 Officers

Each district committee shall organize by electing from its membership a chair, a secretary and such officers, as it deems appropriate.

Section 6.4 Congressional District Committee Meetings

District committees shall hold periodic meetings at publicized locations and times. Notice of such meetings shall be provided to all Democratic city and county committees within the Congressional District. Notice shall also be provided to the Virginia Young Democrats District Chair and the Virginia Democratic Women's Caucus District

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Representative and other Democratic groups within the district. Meetings of the congressional district committee may be called as follows:

- a) By the chair; or
- b) By any five (5) members of the congressional district committee, if a signed call is filed with the secretary of the district committee at least ten (10) days before the proposed meeting date; or
- c) By a vote of the district committee as a properly convened meeting of the committee.

Section 6.5 Vacancies

Vacancies in any district committee shall be filled by the remaining members of the committee, subject to confirmation by the Central Committee at its next meeting. Members so chosen shall be voting members of the district committee as soon as elected by the district committee. The district chair shall make reasonable efforts to notify each county and city committee chair of any existing vacancy.

Section 6.6 Duties

Each district committee shall have entire charge and full control of all matters relating to congressional nominations and elections within its district. It shall be the duty of each district committee to perfect the Democratic organization within its district, and see to the proper discharge of their duties by county and city committees or other constituent committees within the congressional district. Committee members should know and understand their responsibility under Section 10.8 and the exception stated in Section 10.9.

Section 6.7 Removal from District Committee

Each district committee may remove from office and membership on the Central Committee and the district committee any member who shall miss three (3) consecutive meetings without cause or who shall be guilty of neglect of any duty imposed upon such members.

Before making a recommendation of removal, however, the district committee shall provide the member with ten (10) days written notice of the charges and an opportunity for a hearing before the district committee. The decision of the district committee may be appealed to the Steering Committee.

Section 6.8 Nomination of Candidates for House of Representatives

It shall be the duty of each district committee to fix the time, place and method of nominating in its congressional district a Democratic candidate for the United States House of Representatives. Such nomination shall be made by primary, convention or caucus. Whenever a district committee determines that such nomination shall be by the primary method, the primary shall be held in conformity with the Party Plan of the Democratic Party and applicable Virginia election laws. Whenever such nomination is to be made by convention, the district committee shall fix the basis of representation for such convention, consistent with the requirements of Article 15, Section 15.1.

Section 6.9 Oversight Duties

By January 15 of every even numbered year, each district committee shall ascertain that all Democratic county and city committees within its jurisdiction have reorganized as required in Section 8.1. If a county or city committee has not properly reorganized, the district committee shall immediately cause an election to be held in each non-complying county or city to select a new committee and to have officers elected in the manner provided in this Plan.

Section 6.10 New County and City Committee Elections

When a county or city committee fails to carry out its duties as specified in the Party Plan, the district committee acting upon an appeal of any member of the county or city committee or of any ten (10) Democratic voters of the county or city may cause an election of a new county or city committee to be held; provided, however, no such election shall be held without an opportunity for a hearing by the Steering Committee or any appeal under Article 11 from the action of the district committee.

Section 6.11 Supervisory Authority

Whenever a district committee orders the election of a county or city committee pursuant to the provisions of the Party Plan the district committee shall be charged with the authority and responsibility for supervising such election as provided in the Party Plan.

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Section 6.12 Appeals

Any member of a district committee may appeal any decision, deadlock, or the failure of the district committee to act, to the Steering Committee.

Section 6.13 District Committees and Reapportionment

Whenever redistricting occurs or on January 1 of the year following any reapportionment of the congressional districts, and until the next Democratic State Convention at which a new Central Committee is elected, all members of the Central Committee shall become members of the district committee for the congressional district in which they reside. Where, as a result of such reapportionment, a district committee contains more resident members than the specified number to which it is entitled, each such member's vote on the Central Committee shall be the fraction that is obtained by dividing the specified number by the numbers of members of the new district committee. Where, as a result of such reapportionment, fewer than the specified number of the Central Committee reside in a congressional district, the difference in number specified shall be deemed vacancies on the Central Committee and shall be filled as provided for in the Party Plan.

Section 6.14 Special Elections - House of Representatives

Whenever a special election is called to fill a vacancy in the United States House of Representatives, the members of the Central Committee residing in the congressional district as defined for purposes of that election shall be deemed the district committee for that election.

ARTICLE 7. DEMOCRATIC CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICER AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY DISTRICT NOMINATING COMMITTEES

Section 7.1 Definition of Committees

For the purpose of prescribing the method of nominating candidates, there shall be Constitutional Officer and General Assembly (House of Delegates and State Senate) District Nominating Committees (herein the nominating committee) for every such election district in the Commonwealth, provided, however, when such district lies wholly within the boundaries of one county or city, the county or city committee shall exercise all authority relating to the method of nomination.

Section 7.2 Nominating Process

Nominations shall be made by primary, convention or caucus. Whenever any nominating committee determines that such nominations shall be by primary, then such primary shall be held in conformity with this Plan and applicable Virginia election laws. Whenever such nominations are to be made by convention, the appropriate nominating committee shall fix the basis of representation for such convention. The nominating committee shall advise State headquarters in writing of the method of nomination for any office within seven (7) days of the decision.

Section 7.3 Composition of Nominating Committees

Except as provided in Section 7.1, the General Assembly District Committees shall consist of the chairs of the county or city committees in whose counties or cities the district lies. In the event any chair does not reside within the General Assembly district, such chair shall designate a member of his or her county or city committee who does reside within the district to serve on the district committee. In the event no member of such county or city committee resides within the district, the county or city chair shall designate a Democrat residing within the district to serve.

Section 7.4 Voting

The weight of each member's vote on such nominating committee from each county or city shall bear the same relation to the total vote of the nominating committee as the combined vote in such member's county or city, or part thereof, which is contained in said district for the Democratic candidate who was a candidate in all precincts of the district and who received the highest number of votes in the most recent general election bears to the total vote cast for such candidate in the entire district.

Section 7.5 Officers and Organization

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Each nominating committee shall organize by the election of a chair and secretary and such other officers, as it deems necessary. The committee shall meet between January 1 and January 15 of each appropriate election year, and upon the election of a chair and secretary, shall advise the State Party headquarters by February 1 of each year of the names and addresses, and phone numbers of the committee members and officers. Any two (2) members of such district committee may call a meeting of such committee. Any member of such committee may call a meeting if there are less than three (3) members of such committee.

Section 7.6 Appeals

Any member of a nominating committee may appeal any decision, action or failure to act by the committee to the district committee in which such Constitutional Officer or General Assembly District is located. In the case of a Constitutional Officer or General Assembly District that is located in more than one congressional district, the appeal provided in this paragraph shall be made to the Steering Committee.

ARTICLE 8. DEMOCRATIC COUNTY AND CITY COMMITTEES

Section 8.1 Time of Election

A Democratic Committee shall be elected for each county and city by the Democratic voters during the period between December 1st in odd numbered years and the 15th of the following January. City and county Democratic Committees must determine the date of their reorganization meeting and communicate that information to the State Party by November 15th of each odd numbered year.

Section 8.2 Caucuses

Caucuses for the purpose of the election of such committees shall be held on Saturday or, if provided by county or city committee bylaws, on any other weekday evening. Any waiver of this requirement as to the time for elections must be granted by the State Party Chair or the Steering Committee.

Section 8.3 Committee Membership

The existing committee shall in each case determine the basis of representation of the committee; however, each precinct shall be represented by at least one full voting member of the committee who shall be at the time of his or her election a resident of that precinct.

Section 8.4 County and City Committee Elections

County and city committees shall elect their members by caucus. Any candidate for election to the county or city committee who has duly filed and who is unopposed shall be declared elected. A caucus shall be held to vote on the candidates in contested elections for the remaining positions on the county or city committee.

Section 8.5 Appeals

Any ten (10) Democratic voters of a county or city who feel that the Democratic committee for that county or city has been elected in a manner inconsistent with the Party Plan may, within fifteen (15) days after such election, appeal in writing to the chair of the congressional district committee for the district in which the county or city is situated. If the county or city is divided into two or more congressional districts, the chairs of these district committees shall meet and establish a procedure for considering such appeal. The district committees may jointly hear the appeal, establish a subcommittee composed of equal members from each committee to conduct a hearing and make recommendations to the full committees, or designate one district committee to hear the appeal. The district committee(s) may sustain the election of the county or city committee, or order a new election in which case said election shall be held under the direction of the district committees. The decision of the district committee(s) may be appealed to the Steering Committee.

Any person aggrieved by any decision, action or failure to act by a county or city committee may appeal to the district committee for the congressional district in which the county or city is situated, disposition of such appeal shall follow the procedure outlined in the previous paragraph when the county or city is divided between two or more districts. The decision of the congressional district committee(s) may be appealed to the Steering Committee.

Section 8.6 Officers

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Following the election of its members as provided herein, each new county or city committee shall elect a chair, secretary, treasurer, and such other officers as it deems necessary no later than January 15th. The date, time and place of the meeting where the election of officers will occur shall be made known to committee members in advance following the notice requirements in Section 9.5. Should the meeting take place immediately following adjournment of the caucus to elect committee members, or within 7 days thereafter, notice of the meeting shall be included in the public advertisement for the caucus. All officers elected by the committee shall be residents of and registered to vote in the jurisdiction of the committee holding the election. The secretary shall submit to State Party headquarters within five (5) days of his or her election the names, addresses, emails and telephone numbers of the officers and members of the committee. The secretary shall submit a list of any changes to the committee list every 6 months thereafter until the next committee election.

Section 8.7 Bylaws

Each county or city committee shall have a set of bylaws available for its membership upon request. Such bylaws shall be submitted to State Party headquarters for review as to form and consistency with this Plan. It shall be the responsibility of the county or city committee chair to submit such bylaws to State Headquarters within ninety (90) days of his or her election as chair.

Section 8.8 Responsibilities

It shall be the duty of every county and city committee, as well as each officer and member thereof, to seek the registration of voters, to perfect the Democratic organization within the county or city, and to do all within their power to aid in the victory of the Democratic Party's nominees in all elections. Committee members should know and understand their responsibility under Section 10.8 and the exception stated in Section 10.9.

Section 8.9 Removal

A county or city committee may remove from both office and membership any person found guilty of neglect of any duty imposed upon him or her. Such action shall not be taken without at least ten (10) days written notice to the accused member and an opportunity for him or her to refute such charges in a hearing before a subcommittee of the county or city committee. The decision of the county or city committee may be appealed to the district committee.

Section 8.10 Vacancies

Each county and city committee shall fill any vacancy occurring in its membership.

Section 8.11 Meetings

All meetings of the county or city committee shall be open to the public. Such meetings may be called as follows:

- a) upon call of the chair of the committee; or
- b) by at least ten percent (10%) of the members of the county or city committee if the signed call is filed with the chair at least fifteen (15) days before the proposed meeting date; or
- c) by a vote of the county or city committee at a properly convened meeting of the committee.

Section 8.12 Nomination

Each county or city committee shall prescribe the methods to be used within such county or city to nominate candidates for county, city and local offices, and to elect members of said committee and delegates and alternates to party conventions. Such nominations and elections shall be made by primary, convention or caucus. Except, when an incumbent candidate for an office in a city or county was nominated by a primary, a primary shall be held for that office unless all incumbents of that party for that office consents to a different method. Whenever a county or city committee determines that such nominations or elections shall be by primary, the primary shall be held in conformity with this Plan and applicable Virginia election laws.

Section 8.13 Nomination Conventions

In the election of delegates and alternates to any county, city, district or state convention, it shall be the duty of the county or city committee to prescribe whether such election shall be by precinct, magisterial or equivalent district, ward, county or city caucus or convention. The county or city committees shall also determine the number of delegates and alternates to which each precinct, magisterial or equivalent district, or ward shall be entitled pursuant to the Call to Convention and Delegate Selection Plan issued for said Convention.

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Section 8.14 Dues

Every county and city committee shall be responsible for paying to the treasurer of the Central Committee in a timely manner the annual dues provided for under Section 4.15 under this Plan. Congressional District Chairs shall assist in the collection of such dues.

Section 8.15 Ex-Officio Members

Each member of the Central Committee shall, upon election, become a voting ex-officio member of the Democratic committee of the county or city in which he or she resides. Such members shall pay any required filing or membership fees unless waived by the county or city committee.

Section 8.16 Combination of County and City Committees

Any county or city committee may be joined with any contiguous county or city committee and operated jointly under the following conditions and the following procedures:

- a) each committee to be joined must vote for the combination by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting; or
- b) the proposed combination must be ratified by a two-thirds vote in a duly announced caucus to be held in each of the counties or cities to be combined; and
- c) the county or city desiring to combine must present to the Steering Committee a petition requesting approval of the combination.

If the required two-thirds majority is obtained in each of the committees to be combined or in each of the caucuses for the counties or cities to be combined, upon approval by the State Steering Committee, the functions of such county and city committees shall be combined in one joint committee. However, the combination of committee functions shall not include the nominating process for candidates for city, county, and local offices. For such nominations, only the representatives of the counties or cities served by the office in question shall participate in setting the method of nomination or in nominating such candidates.

Upon the petition of any ten (10) Democrats from any county or city served by a combined committee, the Steering Committee, after consideration, may dissolve the combined committee and order separate reorganization of the committees.

ARTICLE 9. NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

Section 9.1 Notice Requirements

Whenever any Democratic committee shall determine that committee members, delegates and alternates to any convention, or Democratic nominees for any office, are to be selected by any method other than primary, notice of the time, place and method of selection shall be given at least seven (7) days prior to the date of such selection. Where a caucus/convention process is used and the initial notice provides information as to the time and place of the convention, a second notice is not required.

Committees shall post this notification using channels of communication typically used by the committee, and which shall provide the widest possible dissemination within its jurisdiction. Committees are required to post this notification on either their own committee web site, congressional district web site, or the DPVA web site and provide a press release to all relevant newspapers of general circulation.

Committees are encouraged, but not required, to use other opportunities to disseminate this information to all interested parties, as they are able, including a variety of social media, e-mail databases and distribution to relevant television and radio outlets.

Section 9.2 Declaration of Candidacy

Notice of the need to file a declaration of candidacy for selection as a committeeperson, delegate or alternate shall be given at least seven (7) days, but not more than two (2) weeks, prior to the deadline for filing such declaration. Such notice shall include the substance of the declaration and the time and place and declaration must be filed. Filing declaration of candidacy by mail or messenger shall be permitted as long as such declaration is

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received before the filing deadline and is signed personally by the prospective candidate. The deadline for filing declaration of candidacy shall not be set for more than ten (10) days prior to the first day of the start of any selection process for the office sought.

Section 9.3 Full Participation

Notice requirements as provided in this article shall be construed as minimum requirements to encourage full participation by all Democrats in all phases of convention, committee and nominating procedures. Comprehensive affirmative action programs such as informational fliers for general distribution, radio or television public announcements, print and electronic media news stories, press releases, newsletters, efforts to contact interested individuals and organizations, and any other means deemed appropriate to achieve full participation are strongly encouraged. The appropriate enforcement committee (i.e., credentials, steering or full committee), established by the convention calling such a meeting shall consider all affirmative action taken to encourage such participation when deliberating as to the validity of meeting notice requirements.

Section 9.4 Filing Notice

A copy of the required notice shall be mailed to the Secretary of the Central Committee on or before the day it is to be published or distributed. Such notice shall be kept on file for at least one year thereafter at State Party headquarters and shall be made available at reasonable times to any Democrat.

Section 9.5 Meetings

The time and place of all meetings of the Democratic Party of Virginia at all levels shall be publicized fully and in such manner as to assure timely notice (at least seven (7) days before said meeting date) to all interested persons. Notice may be given through paid advertisements, press releases, web site notice or other reasonable method. Such meetings shall be open to all members of the Democratic Party, shall be held in places easily accessible to all Democrats and large enough to accommodate all interested persons. The public may attend all such meetings as observers.

Section 9.6 Special Election Waivers

The chair of any committee responsible for the nomination of a candidate in a special election may apply to the chair of the State Central Committee for a waiver of the notice requirements and declarations of candidacy set forth in Sections 9.1 and 9.2 above. The application shall be in writing and shall state the type of notice that will be given and the reasons that notice complying with the provisions of Sections 9.1 and 9.2 cannot be given. If the chair of the State Central Committee finds that compliance with Sections 9.1 and 9.2 is impractical, then the chair may issue a waiver excusing noncompliance with the notice provisions of these sections, and requiring such notices as are practical under the circumstances.

ARTICLE 10. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 10.1 Proxy Voting

In no committee, convention or other representative body of the party shall any person be permitted to vote by proxy.

Section 10.2 Bylaws

All Democratic committees shall adopt bylaws, rules or regulations deemed necessary for the proper operation of such committee. Such bylaws, rules or regulations when not in conflict with law or this Plan, shall be considered valid and binding. Such bylaws, rules or regulations shall be mailed to State headquarters within fourteen (14) days of approval by any Democratic committee and shall be kept on permanent file and made available for public viewing.

Section 10.3 Unit Rule

Use of the unit rule, or any rule or practice whereby all members of a Party unit or delegation may be required to cast their votes in accordance with the will of a majority of the body, is prohibited in all stages and levels of Democratic proceedings. This provision does not prohibit slates authorized elsewhere in this Plan.

Section 10.4 Binding Delegates

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Except as provided in this section no caucus, convention, or party rule may bind any delegate selected by such caucus or convention to vote in a particular way on any matter or for or against any candidate. This section shall not alter the binding obligation of Democratic electors when elected to vote for the Democratic candidates for President and Vice President. In addition, this section shall not prohibit a committee, caucus or convention from requiring delegates and alternates elected to such caucuses or convention to be bound to vote for the candidate to whom they have pledged or are elected to vote for in a committee, caucus or convention.

Section 10.5 Quorum

A quorum of thirty percent (30%) of the members of any Democratic committee or convention shall be required to take any action, except to adjourn a meeting to another time or place, unless a committee votes to set a higher quorum requirement, which shall not exceed forty percent (40%).

Section 10.6 Failure to Nominate a Candidate

Whenever an authorized convention or caucus shall fail to nominate a candidate for elective office, the committee that convened the convention or called the caucus may thereafter nominate a candidate who shall be the Democratic nominee for such office.

Section 10.7 Special Election

In the event of a special election called to fill a vacancy, the Steering Committee may provide reasonable deadlines with respect to any requirement of this Party Plan and may waive those herein provided.

Section 10.8 Party Support

No Democratic committee member or officer of any Democratic committee shall publicly support, endorse, or assist any candidate opposed to a Democratic nominee. If a Democratic committee member is accused of undertaking such public activity, the appropriate Democratic committee shall vote on whether the member has undertaken such public activity. The member's removal from the committee shall be automatic if the committee finds that the member has engaged in such public activity. Such action shall not be taken without at least ten (10) days written notice to the accused member and an opportunity for him or her to refute such charges.

Section 10.9 Candidate Support

The obligations and duties imposed on any county, city or district committee or the Central Committee and their members in this Plan shall not be deemed to require support of any candidate who is publicly supporting a nominee on the ticket of any other political party in any general election where Democratic candidates for office appear on the ballot, or who publicly supports any other candidate opposed to a Democratic nominee.

Section 10.10 Public Information

The procedures governing caucuses, county or city conventions, district conventions and state conventions, shall be furnished to all members of the Central Committee and each county and city chair, and shall be furnished, or otherwise made available, to any other Democrat requesting such information. Copies of this Plan and the rules or bylaws of every county and city committee shall be furnished without charge to any Democratic requesting such documents.

Section 10.11 Party Endorsements

The Democratic Party of Virginia, and any of its components, including county and city Democratic committees, Congressional district committees, the State Central Committee, the State Steering Committee, and State Party caucuses, may not formally endorse contested candidates for office prior to their nominations. The aforementioned groups also may not endorse during the reorganization process or officer elections at any level of the Democratic Party of Virginia.

ARTICLE 11. APPEALS

Section 11.1 Appellant Filing

The Appellant shall file with the chair of the appellant committee (Steering or congressional district committee) the following information:

- a) a statement of the decision, action or failure to act from which the appeal is taken;

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- b) the points on which the appeal is based;
- c) the individual(s) for whom the appeal is taken;
- d) what provisions of the Party Plan have been violated or disregarded; and
- e) what relief, correction or other action is sought by the appellant.

Section 11.2 Notice

The chair of the appellant committee shall determine to whom notice of the appeal and copies of the petition shall be furnished by the appellant. At least ten (10) days written notice shall be given to all persons affected by such appeal.

Section 11.3 Hearings

The persons thus notified shall answer the petition within a reasonable time, to be fixed by the chair of the appellant committee. The chair of the appellant committee shall fix a time and place for a hearing within at least ten (10) days written notice on said appeal, at which time the appellant committee shall determine the validity of the appeal, either upon the petition and answer, or after the taking of evidence as in its discretion it may see fit. Appellants and other interested parties may be represented by counsel in the appellant process.

ARTICLE 12. METHODS OF NOMINATION

Section 12.1 Nominations of Statewide Candidates

Democratic party candidates for United States Senator, Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General may be nominated by primary or convention, as determined by the Central Committee.

Section 12.2 Nominations of Congressional Candidates

Democratic party candidates for the United States House of Representatives may be nominated by primary, convention or caucus in the congressional districts, as determined by each district committee.

Section 12.3 Nominations of General Assembly Candidates

Democratic party candidates for the State Senate and House of Delegates may be nominated by primary, convention or caucus. A Democratic incumbent shall have the right to designate the method of nomination for the office held by that incumbent if he or she is a candidate for the nomination. If there is no Democratic incumbent, or if the incumbent fails to designate the method of nomination, the nominating committee for the General Assembly district in which the election will occur, shall determine the method of nomination unless one or more candidates are to be elected by voters in a single county or city, in which case the appropriate county or city committee shall determine the method of nomination. In General Assembly districts that include more than one county or city, the nominating committee may, by unanimous vote, determine that caucuses need not be held in each county or city, but may be held in one or more convenient location(s).

Section 12.4 Nominations for City and County Constitutional Officers and Other Local Elected Officials

Democratic party candidates for county or city offices may be nominated by primary, convention or caucus, as determined by the county or city committee. Except, when an incumbent candidate for an office in a city or county was nominated by a primary, a primary shall be held for that office unless all incumbents of that party for that office consent to a different method.

Section 12.5 No Democratic Nominee

Nothing in the foregoing sections shall preclude any Democratic Committee at a meeting to determine the method of nomination for any office from deciding that a Democratic Party nominee will not be selected in a particular election and that no Party nominating procedure will be scheduled, or from including a provision in the Call to Convention or Caucus that the option of selecting "No Candidate" will appear on the convention or caucus ballot.

Section 12.6 Supervisory Authority

Each Democratic party committee responsible for determining the method of nomination of a Democratic Party candidate pursuant to this article shall be responsible for directing the conduct of the convention or caucus.

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Section 12.7 Vacancies

If a nominated candidate dies, withdraws, or refuses candidacy or if the nomination is set aside for any reason, or if no candidate qualifies as such for a primary, convention or caucus, then the committee having responsibility of determining method of nomination shall determine the manner by which a new candidate shall be nominated.

Section 12.8 Unopposed Nominees

If the number of persons qualifying as candidates in a primary, convention or caucus does not exceed the number of nominations to be made for a particular office, then the qualified candidate or candidates may be declared the nominees of the Democratic Party.

ARTICLE 13. DEMOCRATIC PARTY PRIMARIES

Section 13.1 Procedures for Primaries

Primaries held under this Plan shall be governed by those provisions of the state's election laws, as detailed in the Code of Virginia, as to requirements, procedures, and notice applicable to Party primaries. The appropriate committee chair shall carry out the duties outlined in both this Plan and the law whenever a primary is selected as the method of nomination.

Each nominating committee chair shall receive the required notice of candidacy, petitions and receipts for filing fees in a timely manner, and shall insure that all Democratic candidates know where such filings shall occur. If only one candidate for a particular office shall file by the deadline, he or she shall be declared the nominee and no primary will be conducted.

Nothing herein shall be construed to diminish the Party's control over the process of selecting candidates of the Party.

Section 13.2 Encouraging Voters

It shall be the affirmative duty of each officer and member of county or city, district and state Democratic Committees to encourage Democrats and voters who may favor Democratic nominees in general elections to participate in primary elections used to select such nominees.

ARTICLE 14. CONVENTIONS AND CAUCUSES GENERALLY

Section 14.1 Nominating Procedures

The Central Committee, district committees, nominating committees and county and city committees established pursuant to this Plan may call a convention or caucus within their respective jurisdiction for any purpose which is not inconsistent with this Plan. Any such committee calling for nominations or delegate selection by a caucus may utilize the unassembled caucus.

Section 14.2 Call to Convention

The Central Committee shall meet and issue a timely call in any year a state convention is approved by the Committee or required by this Plan.

Any committee issuing a Call to Convention or to a caucus:

- a) shall specify the time, place, and purpose of the convention or caucus;
- b) may restrict the convention or caucus to the purpose stated in the call notice;
- c) shall make all convention and caucus arrangements; and
- d) shall state the conditions for cancellation of the caucus or convention, if so desired;
- e) shall state that all conventions or caucuses shall be held in a location that is ADA accessible; and
- f) shall ensure that the convention or caucus is held in accordance with the Plan

Section 14.3 Selection of Delegates

Delegates to any Democratic convention shall be elected at a convention or caucus called by the county or city committee. If a county or city committee decides to hold a convention for election of delegates to a state

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convention, then the delegates to the county or city convention shall be elected at caucuses within the county or city. In addition, the committee calling any convention may designate as ex-officio delegates Democrats holding elective office in that county or city provided such ex-officio delegates will not exceed ten percent (10%) of the total number of delegates to the convention.

Section 14.4 Fees

No fee of any kind may be charged for the right to attend and vote at a caucus. A voluntary administrative fee may be requested for participation in any convention. However, no party member shall be excluded from participation in a convention because of not paying a fee. Any Democrat who desires to participate in a convention but who chooses not to pay the requested fee shall be permitted to participate.

Section 14.5 Slates

In any convention or caucus, any individual or group of Democrats may sponsor or endorse a slate of candidates for delegates to any convention. However, no slate may receive preferential treatment or a preferential place on a delegate selection ballot, nor may any slate be publicly identified on the ballot or otherwise as the "official slate." A committee calling a convention or caucus may allow voting by slate, but participants must also be permitted to vote for individual delegate candidates. All individuals and slates must meet identical qualifying requirements for appearing on a ballot at all levels of the delegate selection process. Any committee choosing to permit slate voting shall provide in their Call to Convention or Caucus detailed information on when to file slates, how the names are to be listed, how each slate will be designated on the ballot, and anything required to make the procedure clear to all participants.

Section 14.6 Caucus Cancellation

Caucuses in which alternates are selected as the "next-highest-vote-getters after the delegates" may only be cancelled provided the number of individuals filed by the deadline does not exceed the number of delegates to be elected. Caucuses in which delegates and alternates are to be elected on separate ballots may only be cancelled provided the number of individuals filed for delegate does not exceed the number of delegates to be elected and the number filed for alternate does not exceed the number of alternates to be elected. Should the condition(s) for cancellation occur, the chair of the nominating committee shall be responsible for deciding whether to cancel or conduct the caucus, making public notice of such decision, and advising those individuals who filed of their election.

ARTICLE 15. DELEGATE SELECTION AND DELEGATE ALLOCATION

Section 15.1 Allocation of Delegates

Delegates to any state Democratic convention may be allocated by one of the following methods:

- a) a formula giving equal weight to population and to the average of the Democratic vote in the most recent elections for Governor, United States Senator, and United States President;
- b) a formula giving equal weight to population and to the average of the Democratic vote in the most recent elections for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Attorney General;
- c) a formula giving equal weight to the Democratic vote in the most recent elections for Governor, United States Senator and United States President;
- d) a formula giving equal weight to the Democratic vote in the most recent elections for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Attorney General.

However, in a presidential election year a different allocation formula shall be followed if required by the National Democratic Party. Delegates to any congressional district, General Assembly district (Senate and House of Delegates) or county or city convention may be allocated by the committee issuing the Call by using the Democratic vote in the most recent election held for the offices for which the nominating process is being established.

Section 15.2 Filing of Delegates

If candidates for delegate or alternate are required to file as candidates before a convention or caucus, then the committee calling the convention or caucus shall prepare sufficient copies of a written ballot listing the names of all candidates who have filed as required. In conventions and caucuses for which filing is required, voting for delegate candidates shall be by written ballot unless the convention or caucus votes to conduct the election of delegates in a

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different manner. The deadline for filing as a delegate candidate shall not exceed ten (10) days prior to the convention or caucus. The Committee may establish a final deadline for filing consistent with the need to prepare ballots for such convention or caucus.

Section 15.3 Declaration of Candidate Preference

The committee calling a convention or caucus may determine whether candidates for delegate and alternate are required to make known their preference with respect to candidates for nomination by the Party. If disclosure of candidate preference is required, the delegate candidates may alternatively declare themselves to be uncommitted. If a delegate candidate fails to indicate preference for all offices to be nominated on a filing form, the committee shall list such persons as “uncommitted” rather than declaring the filing as invalid. For state conventions, the Central Committee may determine whether delegates to a state convention will be bound to vote in accordance with their announced candidate preference on one or more ballots. Candidate preferences or uncommitted status shall be indicated for each delegate candidate on the written ballots used in the convention or caucus.

Section 15.4 Certification of Delegates

Within five (5) days of the election of delegates and alternates to a convention, the chair of the Democratic committee responsible for the election shall certify a list of the delegates and alternates to the secretary of the committee that called the convention. The list shall include names, addresses and telephone numbers, and candidate preference where applicable, of each duly elected and accredited delegate and alternate.

Section 15.5 Disclosure of Filing

Any Democrat may inspect, at reasonable times and in a reasonable manner, lists of filed candidates for delegate or alternate and lists of duly elected and accredited delegates and alternates to any convention.

Section 15.6 Delegate Selection

Unless a caucus is cancelled pursuant to Section 14.6 and except for ex-officio delegates provided under Section 14.3 of this Plan, all delegates and alternates for any convention shall be elected on the basis of the number of votes received. The committee calling a convention or caucus shall provide procedures governing the votes at any stage in the election process.

Section 15.7 Alternates

The committee calling the convention shall determine whether alternates will be elected separately from delegates or whether the alternates shall be those persons receiving the next highest number of votes after the persons elected as delegate.

Section 15.8 Succession of Delegates and Alternates

If a delegate is unable to undertake or continue in his or her duties as delegate, he or she shall select an alternate to succeed to delegate status or may designate the chair to select the alternate; failing either, the delegation may select the alternate. Whenever the number of alternates is less than the allowable number, the delegation may elect alternates to fill the vacant positions from persons within the congressional district.

Election of delegates and alternates under this section may occur after reasonable notice to the delegation if a quorum of forty percent (40%) assembles for the election. If the convention call requires announcement of candidate preference, new delegates and alternates shall have the same candidate preference as the delegate or alternate they replace.

Section 15.9 Filling Vacancies

Any vacancy occurring in the delegation after the caucus election shall be filled by the delegation. Such action may be done prior to the district or state convention at a scheduled and publicized meeting. Alternatively, it may be done by a majority of the delegation at the district or state convention. Alternates should first be moved to the position of delegate and additional alternates elected. The newly elected alternates should be of the same gender and candidate preference as the delegates they replace.

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ARTICLE 16. ROLL OF THE CONVENTION AND CHALLENGES TO CREDENTIALS

Section 16.1 Challenges to Credentials

Any participant in a Democratic caucus may challenge any delegate or alternate elected in the county or city in which he or she resides by written notification to the chair of the committee calling the caucus for election to a convention. Any such challenge must be filed within ten (10) days of the election and shall contain the information required in Section 16.3. Any challenge not timely filed and lacking such information shall not be considered by the Temporary and/or Permanent Credentials committee established for any convention.

Section 16.2 Temporary Credentials Committee

The committee calling the convention shall establish a temporary credentials committee for such convention. For state conventions, the Temporary Credentials Committee shall meet at least six (6) weeks before the convention to hear timely filed challenges, but the Call to Convention may provide for a different schedule to insure that fair consideration of all challenges may be accomplished.

Section 16.3 Content of Challenge

A challenge to a delegate or alternate must include at least the following:

- a) the names of the specific delegate(s) and alternate(s) being challenged;
- b) the precise nature of the challenge including a factual statement justifying the challenge;
- c) the provision(s) of the Party Plan, Call to Caucus or Convention, Delegate Selection Plan, or rules being relied upon as the basis for such challenge; and
- d) the specific relief requested with respect to the challenge, including the exact number of delegates or alternates to be awarded and, unless a new caucus or convention is requested, their identities.

Section 16.4 Powers of Temporary Credentials Committee

If the temporary credentials committee sustains a challenge to a delegate or alternate, the committee may take any of the following actions:

- a) include the challenged delegate or alternate on the temporary roll;
- b) strike the challenged delegate or alternate from the temporary roll;
- c) recommend that the committee calling the convention order a new election with respect to the challenged delegate or alternate position;
- d) substitute the name of another candidate in the position of delegate or alternate on the temporary roll; or
- e) such other action not inconsistent with this Plan as the committee determines to be appropriate.

Section 16.5 New Caucuses or Conventions

Upon the recommendation of the temporary credentials committee, the Steering Committee or any other committee calling a convention may order a new convention or caucus for election of delegates or alternates to replace challenged delegates or alternates.

Section 16.6 Temporary Roll

The secretary of the committee calling a convention shall make a temporary roll of the convention including names certified to the secretary as amended by the temporary credentials committee of the convention.

Section 16.7 Report of the Temporary Credentials Committee

For state conventions the temporary credentials committee shall report to the temporary credentials committees of congressional district conventions affecting any challenges for their conventions, and to the permanent committee of the state convention. Any minority report of the committee must be supported by at least twenty-five percent (25%) of its members present.

ARTICLE 17. RULES, RESOLUTIONS, AND OTHER CONVENTION COMMITTEES

Section 17.1 Selection

The local or Congressional District committee calling a convention shall select a temporary rules committee and such other temporary committees as are determined to be appropriate.

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For state conventions, a Resolutions Committee, a Rules Committee, an Arrangements Committee, and Credentials Committee shall be selected. These committees, Rules, Arrangements, Credentials and Resolutions shall be named at the 1st quarterly meeting of the year in which the Convention is to be held. Each committee, with the exception of Arrangements, shall be composed of one member from each Congressional District, with that individual named by the Congressional District chair, and two members for each committee named by the Party Chair. The Arrangements Committee, consisting of five individuals, shall have a majority from the Congressional District where the Convention shall be held, and shall be chosen by the Congressional District chair. The remaining Committee members shall be chosen from the Central Committee and shall be appointed by the Party Chair.

The chairs of the Rules Committee, the Credentials Committee, the Resolutions Committee, and the Arrangements Committee shall be appointed by the Party Chair from among the members of the Committees, and they shall serve as Chair of both the temporary Committees and the permanent Committees.

Section 17.2 Reports

For state conventions, the temporary resolutions committee shall hold hearings in various areas of the Commonwealth at least thirty (30) days prior to any convention to receive views and ideas for resolutions that might be considered by the convention. Proposed resolutions must be submitted to the committee at least twenty (20) days in advance of the convention unless the committee, by vote of sixty-seven percent (67%) of its members, agrees to receive a proposed resolution at a later time, except that all resolutions adopted by district conventions shall be considered if presented to the committee prior to its final meeting which shall be not later than one (1) week before the State Convention. The committee shall report to the convention and no other resolutions shall be considered by the convention. No floor amendments or substitutes shall be allowed, and floor notes shall be only on the majority or minority reports of the committee. Minority reports of the committee must have the support of at twenty-five percent (25%) of its members present and voting.

The State chair may appoint a Drafting Committee composed of the Chair of the Temporary Resolutions Committee (who shall chair the Drafting Committee), a representative of each statewide campaign, two members at-large, and the State Chair (as an ex-officio member). The Drafting Committee will be responsible for preparing a draft majority report to be considered by the full Temporary Resolutions Committee at its meeting prior to the State Convention. State Party staff shall provide support to the Drafting Committee and the full Committee.

The report of the Temporary Resolutions Committee shall be distributed in advance of the State Convention to all congressional district chairs, preferably at least 48 hours prior to the Convention but not later than 24 hours prior to the Convention's convening.

The report of the committee shall be distributed to all delegates when they register for the convention and shall be presented to the convention at the time specified in the agenda by the convention rules committee which shall be no later than 2 p.m. on the second day of any convention. The rules committee shall prescribe the procedure for consideration of the report on the convention floor, including the consideration of any minority reports.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Plan, the temporary resolutions committee shall also serve as the permanent resolutions committee of any state convention, (regardless) of whether its members are convention delegates. Adoption of resolutions by the convention shall require a sixty percent (60%) vote of the delegates present and voting, a quorum being present.

Section 17.3 Additional Committees

If temporary committees other than the credentials, rules and resolutions committees are established, such committees shall report to any corresponding permanent committees of the convention, or to the Steering Committee for state conventions.

Section 17.4 Temporary Rules

The temporary rules committee shall meet and issue its report as soon as possible after the issuance of the Call to Convention. The temporary rules adopted pursuant to this section shall govern conduct of the convention until adoption of permanent rules by the convention. The Rules Committee may be available to provide counsel regarding the execution of those Rules through the Convention that will govern the process of the Convention and

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be available to assist the Convention Chair in making rulings and determinations in the instance of any Rules questions or challenges that are raised.

Matters of a procedural nature that arise during a convention shall be governed by the most recent edition of Roberts' Rules of Order.

ARTICLE 18. COUNTY AND CITY CONVENTIONS AND CAUCUSES

Section 18.1 Caucus

The first step in selection of delegates for any convention shall be a caucus in a convenient public place accessible to the Democrats in such county or city. The date for caucuses to be held shall be established by the committee calling the convention.

Section 18.2 Notice of Caucuses

Notice of any caucus shall satisfy all notice requirements of this Plan. In addition, the notice shall clearly identify the purpose of the caucus and any convention for which the caucus directly or indirectly elects delegates.

Section 18.3 Participation in Caucuses

Each person participating in a caucus must provide written certification that he or she:

- a) is a Democrat;
- b) is a registered voter within the county or city for which the caucus is held;
- c) believes in the principles of the Democratic Party; and
- d) does not intend to support any candidate who is opposed to a Democratic nominee in the next ensuing election.

All such persons present at the caucus at the time stated in the notice are entitled to participate in the caucus if they sign the required certification. The permanent chair of the caucus shall not be elected until all persons entitled to participate have had a reasonable opportunity to complete their written certification.

Section 18.4 Temporary Rules for Caucuses

The chair of the committee calling the caucus shall prepare the temporary rules of the caucus. The temporary rules of the caucus shall be available at least one (1) week before the caucus for inspection and copying by any interested Democrat. The temporary rules shall govern the caucus until adoption of permanent rules, which shall be the first order of business following the election of the permanent chair and appointment of the permanent secretary. The foregoing applies to assembled caucuses. If a committee decides to use an unassembled caucus, it shall provide in its call to convention for establishment of permanent committees on credentials, rules, and other such committees as may be required.

ARTICLE 19. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

Section 19.1 Generally

Before each state convention, separate district conventions may be held. The delegates to these district conventions shall be the delegates to the State Convention from that congressional district.

Section 19.2 Time of Convention

If the Central Committee does not determine the time and place for holding district conventions, each district committee shall determine a convenient and accessible time and place for the district conventions.

Section 19.3 Temporary Officers

The chair of each district committee shall choose the temporary chair and temporary secretary of the district convention.

Section 19.4 Roll of the Convention

The permanent roll of each district convention shall consist of the delegates from that congressional district on the temporary roll of the State Convention. The chair of each congressional district shall prepare the temporary

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rules for the convention. Other than as provided in this Article, district conventions shall be governed by the provisions of this Plan applicable to other conventions.

Section 19.5 Permanent Committees for State Convention

Each district convention preceding a state convention shall nominate three (3) members to each of the permanent committees established for the State Convention; with the exception of the resolutions committee where members selected for the temporary committee shall serve as permanent committee members.

ARTICLE 20. CONVENTIONS FOR NOMINATING A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

Section 20.1 Priority of Calls

In cases where any procedures delineated in this Plan are inconsistent with the call to a national convention issued by the Democratic National Committee, the call of the National Committee shall prevail. All rules of the Democratic National Committee regarding candidate eligibility and all decisions, directions, or instructions of the Democratic National Committee or its officers shall be binding on the Party.

Section 20.2 District Conventions and Presidential Elections

Where the call notice directs, each district convention held before a state convention shall elect the number of delegates and alternates to a Democratic National Convention allocated by the Central Committee. Each district convention shall elect at least one (1) Democratic presidential elector. All disputes or contests regarding elections by the district convention shall be resolved by the state convention. The presidential electors shall be deemed to be nominees and candidates of the Democratic Party of Virginia. Should they be elected in the general election following, they shall cast their votes in the Electoral College for the presidential nominee of the National Democratic Party.

Section 20.3 State Convention

The State Convention may elect such national delegates and national alternates, "at-large", to a Democratic National Convention as Virginia is entitled to by decision of the Democratic National Committee, over and above those delegates and alternates allocated to the district conventions. National at-large Delegates and national at-large alternates are to be elected by the State Convention at large and shall be nominated from the floor of the convention. The State Convention in a presidential year shall also elect the members of the Democratic National Committee, divided evenly by gender as prescribed by the national Party. Those individuals will be elected by plurality vote, unless the Convention adopts rules that provide otherwise. Any person choosing to run for Democratic National Committee shall obtain the signatures of fifty registered voters in Virginia representing at least six Congressional Districts.

Section 20.4 Limitations

No person shall participate and/or vote in the nominating process for the Democratic presidential candidate who also participates in the nominating processes of any other party for the corresponding election year.

Section 20.5 Presidential Preference

All candidates for delegate or alternate in caucuses, conventions, committees and/or primary ballots during the presidential nomination process shall be identified as to presidential preference, uncommitted or unpledged status.

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BYLAWS

Approved by Prince William County Democratic Committee
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ARTICLE I – AUTHORITY

This Committee is created under the authority of and in accordance with the Virginia Democratic Party Plan as adopted now or hereinafter amended by the Virginia Democratic State Central Committee. For purposes of these bylaws the County Committee operates as a Deliberative Assembly as defined in Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised.

ARTICLE II – NAME

This Committee shall be known as the Prince William County Democratic Committee, hereinafter “County "Committee” or "PWCDC”. Also, hereinafter the Democratic Party of Virginia shall be known as the “DPVA”; the Prince William County Democratic Committee’s Steering Committee shall be known as the “Steering Committee”; and the Magisterial District Democratic Committee (s) shall be known as the “MDDC” or MDDCs”.

ARTICLE III – PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

Section 3.1 Purpose

To promote the Democratic Party and its principles as contained in the Charter of the Democratic Party of the U.S.A. and in the DPVA Plan.

Section 3.2 Objectives

It shall be the duty of each officer and each member of the County Committee to seek the registration of voters, to perfect the Democratic organization within the county, and to do all within their power to aid in the victory of the Democratic Party’s nominees and endorsers in all elections except as provided in Section 10.9 of the DPVA Party Plan: “The obligations and duties imposed on any county, city or district committee or the Central Committee and their members in this Plan shall not be deemed to require support of any candidate who is publicly supporting a nominee on the ticket of any other political party in any general election where Democratic candidates for office appear on the ballot, or who publicly supports any other candidate opposed to a Democratic nominee.”

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

Section 4.1 Who May Join

The Democratic Committee in Prince William County is a Committee open to all persons residing in Prince William County who are willing to affirm their belief in the principles of the Democratic Party.

Section 4.2 Election of Members

Election to the County Committee and to MDDCs shall be by caucus and both consistent and in compliance with Article 8 of the DPVA Party Plan. These caucuses occur between the first and third Saturday in December of each odd numbered year as part of the required two-year reorganization of the County Committee and the MDDCs. At each caucus the members of each existing MDDC shall elect the members of the respective reorganized MDDC.

Section 4.3 Membership of the Committee

The County Committee shall consist of no more than 35 seated members, no more than 15 alternate members, and an unlimited number of associate and ex officio members from each MDDC as stipulated in Section 4.6. Among the 35 seated members, each precinct shall be represented by at least one seated member. The maximum of 35 seated members for each Magisterial District Committee shall be reduced by the number of precincts without any seated member and will be restored up to 35 as the vacancies are addressed. Membership is for a two-year period commencing with the organizational meeting. Otherwise, membership on the County Committee is by election of the MDDC in which the individual resides for the remaining portion of the two-year period in which they join.

Section 4.4 Vacancies

Vacancies on the County Committee shall be filled by the election of new members by the MDDC in which the vacancies occur subject to the conditions outlined in Section 4.3.

Section 4.5 Relocation of Member

Any member elected from one MDDC who changes residence from that district to another Prince William County MDDC shall have 30 days to officially transfer to the new MDDC or resign from the County Committee. Members transferring to a new MDDC will not be liable for dues to the new MDDC for the remainder of the calendar year.

Section 4.6 Ex officio Members

All Democrats publicly elected to partisan or non-partisan offices, all members of Congressional District Democratic Committees who reside within Prince William County, and all elected officers of the County Committee shall automatically become ex officio seated members of the MDDC in which they reside and of the County Committee. Their number shall not count against the 35 seated and 15 alternate members allowable to each MDDC, notwithstanding that they may have filed application to be a member of a MDDC. Ex officio members of the County Committee and MDDCs do not count in determining if a quorum is present at any County or MDDC meeting.

Section 4.7 Denial of Membership

Membership on the County Committee or MDDC may be denied on the grounds the applicant:

- i) does not reside in Prince William County;
- ii) does not reside in the Magisterial District;
- iii) does not subscribe and fully support candidates of the Democratic Party and candidates of the County Committee or endorsed by the County Committee; or
- iv) has demonstrated a history of actions and activities that were detrimental to the Democratic Party, the County Committee, the MDDC, candidates of the Democratic Party, or candidates endorsed by the County Committee.

Section 4.8 Removal from Office and Membership

Section 4.8.1 – The County Committee may remove from both office and membership any person who shall be guilty of willful neglect, as defined in the glossary, of any duty imposed upon them, or because of the member's actions which would provide such grounds for a denial of membership under Section 4.7. Such action shall not be taken without notice to the offending member, and an opportunity be given for that member to refute any charges.

Section 4.8.2 – Removal action shall be taken only on the recommendation of the Steering Committee. Before making a recommendation of removal, the Steering Committee shall provide the member with at least ten calendar (10) days written notice of the charges and with an opportunity for a hearing before the voting members only of the Steering Committee meeting in executive session. The Steering Committee shall provide a written report of its recommendation of removal to the County Committee. A vote to remove a member shall require a majority of the County Committee members present and voting at a meeting where a quorum is present.

Section 4.8.3 – Written records of removal proceedings shall be kept by the PWCDC Recording Secretary.

Section 4.9 Assessment / Dues

Section 4.9.1 – Each MDDC shall be responsible for an annual assessment to the County Committee, the assessment shall be established by the Steering Committee no later than its September meeting and shall be effective beginning in January of the year immediately following the Steering Committee decision. Should the Steering Committee determine that an increase in the annual assessment is needed, that increase may not exceed ten (10) percent of the total assessment of the previous year rounded down to the nearest multiple of \$5.00.

Section 4.9.2 - MDDCs shall give each member the opportunity to pay dues of up to \$50.00 for each calendar year. Such requests shall be made with the clear understanding that any such payment is voluntary. Each MDDC may elect to reduce the \$50.00 upper limit in their requests for dues contributions. Each MDDC shall collect from each dues-contributing member the information required by state and federal laws for political contributions and provide this information within ten (10) workdays to the County Committee Treasurer for use in preparing and submitting the reports required for political contributions.

Section 4.10 Voting at County Committee Meetings

Only seated members of the County Committee, duly advanced alternate members, and ex officio members, as defined in Section 4.6 of these bylaws, are entitled to vote at a County Committee meeting. In accordance with the DPVA Party Plan, in no case shall the use of secret written ballots be allowed in County Committee votes. Any County Committee voting member present may request and shall be permitted to review ballots used in any vote. When paper ballots are used, each ballot must be signed by the member for it to be counted. Officer elections, when a vote is required, shall be conducted via a signed, written ballot. When preprinted ballots are prepared for use, they must always include a blank line for write-in candidates. Voting by voice, by show of hands, or standing, whenever the Chair is in doubt, or when requested by any member present and voting, is in order.

Section 4.11 Seated Member Vacancies

The Magisterial District Committee Chair or their substitute as defined in Section 7.2.1, shall inform the County Committee Chair in the event a seated member vacancy is available during a County Committee meeting allowing an alternate member to be advanced. A duly advanced alternate member is an alternate member from a MDDC who is selected by the MDDC Chair to fill the seat of an absent seated member from the same MDDC, without regard to precinct. The seated status of the duly advanced alternate reverts to alternate upon adjournment of the County Committee meeting. Associate members are not eligible to be advanced to seated status.

Section 4.12 No Proxy or Multiple Votes

In no committee, convention or other representative body of the County Committee shall any person have multiple votes or be permitted to vote by proxy.

Section 4.13 No Fees to Vote

No fee of any kind may be charged for the right to attend and vote at a caucus. A voluntary fee may be requested for participation in any convention; however, no party member shall be excluded from participation in a convention because of not paying a fee.

ARTICLE V – ORGANIZATION AND OFFICERS

Section 5.1 Organization

Section 5.1.1. – Each MDDC shall elect seated and alternate members to the County Committee from their respective reorganized MDDCs at caucuses to be held on or between the first and third Saturday in December of each odd numbered year. These caucuses shall follow the reorganization meeting that elected the new Chair, Vice-chair, Secretary, and Treasurer for each respective reorganized MDDC in accordance with Section 5.1.2. Voting for County Committee seated members and alternate members shall be limited to the newly elected members of each respective reorganized MDDC. As a result of these caucuses, those members of each respective reorganized MDDC who were not elected seated or alternate members shall be designated associate members of each respective reorganized MDDC.

Section 5.1.2 – Each MDDC shall have convened a reorganization meeting prior to the date of the County Committee reorganization meeting. This reorganization meeting shall follow the caucuses that elected the members of each respective reorganized MDDC in accordance with Section 4.2. At its meeting, each MDDC shall elect a Chair, Vice-chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. Voting at each meeting shall be limited to the newly elected members of each respective reorganized MDDC.

Section 5.1.3 – Each MDDC shall have a set of bylaws available for its membership upon request. Approved bylaws shall be posted on the County Committee and respective MDDC web sites. Each MDDC shall review its bylaws within ninety (90) days after approval of the County Committee bylaws. As a result of this review each MDDC shall modify its bylaws, if necessary, to conform to the approved County Committee bylaws.

The resulting MDDC revised bylaws shall be submitted to the Steering Committee for review and approval as to form and consistency with the then current County Committee bylaws. It shall be the responsibility of the MDDC Chair to submit such bylaws to the Steering Committee.

Section 5.2 Organizational Meeting

Pursuant to Article 8 of the DPVA Party Plan the organizational meeting of the County Committee shall be held between December 1st in odd numbered years and the 15th of the following January, unless an extension is granted by the DPVA. This extension is routinely granted due to the County Committee's Meeting occurring on the fourth Thursday of the month. This organizational meeting shall follow the caucuses that elect the members of each reorganized MDDC conducted in accordance with section 4.2. The organizational meeting shall be recorded by the current County Committee Recording Secretary. The first order of business of said organizational meeting, presided over by the current County

Committee Chair, shall be the seating of alternates and the election of a Temporary Chair after which the Temporary Chair shall preside. The sole duties of the Temporary Chair shall be to preside over the election of officers of the County Committee which shall be carried out immediately. The organizational meeting of the newly constituted County Committee shall be governed under the rules of the established bylaws that shall remain the bylaws of the new County Committee unless and until amended according to the procedure of Article X of these bylaws. Following the election of officers, the newly elected Chair may call a special meeting of the County Committee.

Section 5.3 Eligibility to Vote in Organizational Elections

Only seated members of the County Committee, duly advanced alternate members, and ex officio members as defined in Section 4.6 of these bylaws may vote in the County Committee organizational elections.

Section 5.4 Election Process

At the organizational meeting, each office shall be voted on separately. The opportunity shall be afforded the seated members, duly advanced alternate members, and ex officio members as defined in Section 4.6 of these bylaws of the new County Committee to make nominations for each office from the floor at the organizational meeting. To be elected, a nominee must receive a majority vote of seated members, duly advanced alternate members and ex officio members as defined in Section 4.6 of these bylaws present and voting. If there is only one nominee for an office, the Recording Secretary shall be directed to cast a unanimous vote for the nominee. If, in a contested election of more than two nominees for an office, one nominee does not receive a majority vote, additional elections shall be held and the nominee receiving the lowest number of votes in each election shall be removed thereafter from the ballot. Any voting required will be conducted by signed written ballots which include blank lines for write in candidates or those nominated from the floor. A majority vote (50% plus one of members voting) is required for any officer election.

Section 5.5 Officers

At its organizational meeting, the County Committee shall elect the following officers: Chair; Senior Vice-Chair; Recording Secretary; Corresponding Secretary; and Treasurer, the said officers being seated members of the County Committee. Vice-Chairs for each Congressional District shall be elected by members present from each Congressional District. Additionally, the Chair, Senior Vice-Chair, and Congressional District Vice-Chairs must reside in Prince William County.

Section 5.5.1 – Roles and Responsibilities of Chair

The Chair shall preside at meetings of the County Committee and the Steering Committee; shall delegate responsibility for management of committee affairs as required; shall be the Chief Executive Officer and shall have supervisory authority over the County Committee's

activities under the policies and procedures as determined by the County Committee. The Chair shall be an ex officio member of all Standing and Special Committees or Caucuses except the nominating committee. The Chair shall be an ex officio, non-voting member of each MDDC, except the Chair's home MDDC where the Chair shall be a seated member with all responsibilities as any member of the MDDC. In accordance with the DPVA Party Plan, it shall be the responsibility of the County Committee chair to submit committee bylaws to the State Party Headquarters within ninety (90) days of election as Chair. The Chair may appoint Chairs and/or Co-Chairs to Standing, Special, and Temporary Committees or Caucuses.

The Chair is authorized to spend or to obligate the County Committee to spend a maximum of \$400.00, which shall only be for off budget items deemed necessary by the Chair, between meetings of the County Committee without approval of the County Committee. A written report of such expenditures or obligations must be made available to both the County Committee and the Steering Committee at their next meetings. Expenditures in excess of \$400.00 shall require the approval of the Steering Committee, which may be in person, by telephone or electronically.

Section 5.5.2 – Roles and Responsibilities of Senior Vice-Chair

The Senior Vice-Chair shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the Chair, and in the absence, resignation or inability of the Chair to perform their duties, shall serve as acting Chair until the return or replacement of the Chair. Refer to Section 5.5.6. for additional information on the process. The Senior Vice-Chair shall be an ex officio member of all standing and special committees except the nominating committee. The Senior Vice-Chair shall be an ex officio, non-voting member of each MDDC, except the Senior Vice-Chair's home MDDC where the Senior Vice-Chair shall be a seated member with all responsibilities as any member of the MDDC.

Section 5.5.3 – Roles and Responsibilities of Recording Secretary

The Recording Secretary shall be responsible for the taking and maintaining of the minutes of the County Committee meetings and the Steering Committee meetings. The Recording Secretary shall be custodian of all records of the County Committee unless otherwise directed by the Steering or County Committee. It shall be the responsibility of the Recording Secretary to ensure that, on a monthly basis, each MDDC Chair has provided the most up to date roster of all MDDC members. The outgoing Recording Secretary shall be responsible for ensuring all records of the County Committee are appropriately transferred to the new Recording Secretary upon the election of new County Committee officers.

Section 5.5.4 – Roles and Responsibilities of Corresponding Secretary

The Corresponding Secretary shall be responsible for internal communications of the County Committee, including: notification of events, meetings, and other gatherings;

transmission of meeting agenda and minutes; and other communications to the membership including, but not limited to, social media.

Section 5.5.5 – Roles and Responsibilities of Treasurer

The Treasurer shall: receive and be responsible for all money; the maintenance of all financial records; the reporting of any inconsistent transactions to the Steering Committee; report in writing at each meeting to the County Committee; file all campaign disclosure statements, including Federal Election Commission (FEC) and state reports, in a complete and timely manner; and perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Chair.

The Treasurer shall be a member of the Fundraising Committee. The outgoing Treasurer shall be responsible for ensuring all financial records, and all campaign disclosure statements, including FEC and state reports are appropriately transferred to the new Treasurer upon the election of new County Committee officers.

Section 5.5.6- Unplanned Vacancy of County Committee Chair and Senior Vice-Chair

Unplanned vacancies for the County Committee Chair and Senior Vice-chair that occur during the two -year membership period may be filled at such time, place or manner as directed by the Steering Committee. In such instances a Nominating Committee may be established, with size, composition and length determined by the Steering Committee, to ensure a thorough and transparent search of the County Committee membership for suitable candidates. The selection decision of the Steering Committee shall be announced to the County Committee as soon after as practical, and no later than in the notice and agenda for the next County Committee monthly meeting.

Section 5.5.7 – Roles and responsibilities of Immediate Past Chair

The Immediate Past Chair shall remain a non-voting member of the Steering Committee for one year following their completed term as Chair. The duties and responsibilities expected of all Steering Committee members are also expected of the Immediate Past Chair. This includes preparing for and attending all Steering Committee meetings.

Section 5.5.8 – Roles and Responsibilities of the Vice-Chairs for the Congressional Districts

Each Vice-Chair for a Congressional District shall be responsible for informing the members of the County Committee and the MDDCs who reside within the respective Congressional District of the activities of the Democratic Committee for that Congressional District and of any other activities within the Congressional District that are relevant to the Democratic Party. In those years in which there is a Democratic convention for that Congressional District, they will organize and manage the process of selecting Prince William County delegates to that convention, attending the convention, and leading the Prince William County delegation at the convention.

Each Vice-chair may, at their discretion, delegate these roles and responsibilities to other members of the County Committee who reside within their respective Congressional Districts.

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS

Section 6.1 County Committee Meetings

Regular meetings of the County Committee shall be held on the fourth Thursday of the months of January through November unless a different time of the month is ordered by the County Committee. The reorganization meeting held in January of even numbered years shall be counted as the January meeting for that year. The County Chair may order December meetings as necessary no later than the date of the regular November meeting. Special meetings may be called as follows:

- i) By the Chair of the County Committee;
- ii) By written call signed by four (4) MDDC Chairs provided that the signed call is filed with the Recording Secretary of the County Committee at least fifteen (15) days before the proposed meeting date;
- iii) By written call signed by ten percent (10%) of the County Committee membership provided the signed call is filed with the Recording Secretary of the County Committee at least fifteen (15) days before the proposed meeting date; or
- iv) By a vote of the County Committee at a properly convened meeting of the County Committee.

Section 6.2 Notice Requirements

Written or electronic notice of all County Committee meetings shall be sent to members at least seven (7) days prior to each meeting by the Corresponding Secretary.

Section 6.3 Quorum

Thirty percent (30%) of the seated members of the County Committee shall constitute a quorum. For the purpose of determining if a quorum is present those alternate members who have been duly advanced to voting status in the absence of seated members shall count as seated members.

Section 6.4 Roster Availability

The Recording Secretary shall have available at County Committee meetings an updated list of seated alternate and ex officio members in a standard format the Recording Secretary has provided to the MDDC Chairs. It is the responsibility of the MDDC Chairs to provide the current roster to the Recording Secretary no later than the time prescribed in Section 7.1.3.

Section 6.5 Electronic Meetings

Electronic meetings are permitted for County, Steering, Standing, Special and Temporary Committee meetings. Meetings may take place via “audio conference” or “teleconference”. The person calling the electronic meeting will determine the method and provide connection instructions in the meeting notice. Individuals not in possession of the necessary technology may collocate with other meeting participants able to connect. This section also permits business to be conducted briefly via email to clean up any unfinished business missed in Steering, Standing, Special and Temporary Committee meetings. All notification, record keeping, quorum, and voting requirements are the same as for in-person meetings. In unusual circumstances the County and Steering Committees may agree to waive a regularly scheduled Committee Meeting or to have the meeting held via current teleconference or audio conference technology. All requirements provided for in Section 6 above apply in any such meeting.

ARTICLE VII – STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES OR CAUCUSES

Section 7.1 Magisterial District Committees

Section 7.1.1 – A MDDC is a sub-division of the County Committee and functions in a similar manner. While MDDCs can have an unlimited number of members, each member must be identified as defined in Section 4.3 (35 seated members, 15 alternate members, an unlimited number of associate members, and ex officio members as stipulated in Section 4.6). Membership on individual MDDCs shall be open to anyone who wishes to become a member, provided they meet the requirements as set forth in Article IV, Sections 4.1 and 4.7 of these bylaws; however, only seated members, duly advanced alternate members of the County Committee and ex officio members as defined in Section 4.6 and the DPVA Party Plan will be entitled to vote at County Committee meetings.

Section 7.1.2 – The Chair and the Vice-Chair of the MDDCs must be seated members of the County Committee.

Section 7.1.3 – The Chair of each MDDC shall provide by electronic means a roster of seated, alternate, and ex officio members to the County Committee Recording Secretary in a standardized format provided by the Recording Secretary and shall provide roster updates monthly no later than seven (7) days before each County Committee meeting, unless requested otherwise by the County Committee Chair.

Section 7.2 Steering Committee

Section 7.2.1 – The Steering Committee shall consist of the elected officers of the County Committee, non-voting Immediate Past Chair (for one year after the end of their completed term as Chair), Chairs of each MDDC – or in their absence, by (in order of precedence) the Vice-Chair, Treasurer, or Secretary of said MDDC, provided that they are seated members

of the County Committee – the Chair of the Young Democrats, provided they are a seated member of the County Committee, and the non-voting Executive Director of the County Committee. Standing and Special Committee and Caucus Chairs designated as members of the Steering Committee in other sections of these bylaws shall be full voting members of the Steering Committee provided all provisions of those other sections are met.

Section 7.2.2 – The Steering Committee shall function as the operational governing body of the County Committee. It will be the controlling authority in instances where compensated (such as Executive Director) or uncompensated positions require broad communication within the County Committee, with the DPVA and with various sources such as elected officials, applicable media sites, to ensure a transparent process and a thorough search to identify highly qualified candidates. The process to be followed will be determined by the Steering Committee and communicated to the County Committee.

Section 7.2.3 – The Steering Committee shall meet between regular meetings of the County Committee with written or electronic notice and agenda to be provided to each member at least seven (7) days in advance by the Corresponding Secretary. Special or emergency meetings of the Steering Committee may be held at the “Call of the Chair” on at least three (3) days’ notice unless the necessity for the meeting dictates a shorter notice.

Section 7.2.4 – The Chair of the County Committee shall be the Chair of the Steering Committee.

Section 7.2.5 – A quorum for the conduct of business of the Steering Committee shall be the presence of the County Committee Chair or Vice-Chair as defined in Section 5.5.2 and the Chairs of at least four (4) MDDCs or their designee.

Section 7.3 Outreach Committee

Section 7.3.1 – The Outreach Committee shall be responsible for building the Democratic Party in Prince William County. Party building shall include outreach to the various community interest groups; the collection of and dissemination of volunteers to the various MDDCs; and other activities that are deemed to constitute party building as identified by the Steering Committee and Outreach Committee membership.

Section 7.3.2 – The Outreach Committee shall be composed of the Chair, selected by the elected members of the Steering Committee, and of one member appointed from each of the MDDCs. Upon selection the Chair shall be a voting member of the Steering Committee if the Outreach Committee has members from at least five (5) of the MDDCs.

Section 7.3.3 – The Chair of the Outreach Committee shall present a marketing plan to the Steering Committee within 45 days of their selection as chair. The Chair shall present updates and reports to the Steering Committee every other month.

Section 7.3.4 – The Chair of the Outreach Committee may establish subcommittees subject to the approval of the Steering Committee. The outgoing Chair of the Outreach Committee shall be responsible for transferring all records, documents, communications, and other items to the new Chair of the Outreach Committee upon vacating the Chair position.

Section 7.3.5 – A quorum for the conduct of business of the Outreach Committee shall be the presence of the Outreach Committee Chair, or their designee, and the Chairs of at least four (4) MDDCs or their designee(s).

Section 7.4 Precinct Operations Committee

Section 7.4.1 – The Precinct Operations Committee shall be responsible for the precinct operations of the County Committee, including update of the Precinct Operations Manual, development of Election Day and absentee-in-person volunteer coverage, Get- Out-The-Vote operations, and the utilization of technology to improve efficiencies.

Section 7.4.2 – The Precinct Operations Committee shall be composed of the Chair, selected by the elected members of the Steering Committee, and of one member appointed from each of the MDDCs. Upon selection the Chair shall be a voting member of the Steering Committee if the Precinct Operations Committee has members from at least four (4) of the MDDCs.

Section 7.4.3 – The Chair of the Precinct Operations Committee shall present an operations plan to the Steering Committee within 45 days after their selection as Chair. The Chair shall present updates and reports to the Steering Committee every other month. The outgoing Chair of the Precinct Committee shall be responsible for transferring all records, documents, communications, and other items to the new Chair of the Precinct Operations Committee upon vacating the Chair position.

Section 7.4.4 – A quorum of the Precinct Operations Committee shall be the presence of five (5) members of the Precinct Operations Committee consisting of representatives of four (4) MDDCs and the Precinct Operations Committee Chair or designee

Section 7.5 Fundraising Committee

Section 7.5.1 – The Fundraising Committee shall be responsible for all fundraising activities of the County Committee and shall support MDDC fund raising efforts when requested.

Section 7.5.2 – The Fundraising Committee shall be composed of the Chair or Co-Chairs who are appointed by the PWCDC Chair, the PWCDC Senior Vice-Chair, the PWCDC Treasurer, and one member appointed from each of the MDDCs. All members shall be voting members. The Chair or Co-Chairs of the Fundraising Committee shall be a voting member(s) of the Steering Committee with one vote.

Section 7.5.3 – The Chair of the Fundraising Committee shall present a business plan to the Steering Committee within forty-five (45) days of their appointment as Chair. The Chair of the Fundraising Committee shall present updates and reports, to include a prioritized budget, to the Steering Committee every other month.

Section 7.5.4 – The Chair of the Fundraising Committee may establish subcommittees as needed. The outgoing Chair of the Fundraising Committee shall be responsible for transferring all records, documents, communications, and other items to the new Chair of the Fundraising Committee upon vacating the Chair position.

Section 7.5.5 – A quorum of the Fundraising Committee shall be the presence of six (6) members of the Fundraising Committee consisting of representatives of four (4) MDDCs, the County Treasurer, or designee, and the Fundraising Committee Chair or designee.

Section 7.6 Voter Rights and Protection Committee

Section 7.6.1 - The Voter Rights and Protection Committee shall be responsible for providing guidance to the Committee and MDDCs regarding current efforts to make voter registration more difficult and ongoing efforts to suppress the act of voting through legislation, insufficient voting locations, voting by mail, and other tactics to influence elections.

Section 7.6.2 – The Voter Rights and Protection Committee shall be composed the Chair, appointed by the Chair of the County Committee, one member from each MDDC, the County Committee Voter Protection Liaison with the DPVA, and other resources that assist in its activities. It will work closely with the Precinct Operations Committee to ensure effective external and internal coverage where appropriate. The Chair shall be a voting member of the Steering Committee if the Voter Rights and Protection Committee has representatives from at least five (5) MDDCs.

Section 7.6.3 – The Chair of the Voter Rights and Protection Committee shall present an operations plan that addresses primary concerns for the current year, long term concerns and action plan to address those concerns within 45 days after appointment as Chair. The Chair will provide reports and plan updates to the Steering Committee every other month and recommend topics or speakers for the County Committee monthly meeting. The

outgoing Chair of the Voter Rights and Protection Committee shall be responsible for transferring all records, documents, communications and other items to the incoming Chair when vacating the position.

Section 7.6.4 - A quorum of the Voter Rights and Protection Committee shall be the presence of four (4) MDDC representatives, the Chair and the County Committee Voter Protection Liaison or their designees.

Section 7.7 Special Committees/Caucuses

Section 7.7.1 - Special Committees or Caucuses focus on the needs, development and membership of specific communities. Additional information regarding these organizations is provided in Article VII, Sections 7.7.2 through 7.7.5. Current examples include the Black Democratic Caucus and the Democratic Women's Caucus. These Democratic Committees or Caucuses shall be made up of members of the County Committee and are charged with recruiting and developing new members of the County Committee as well as identifying potential candidates for elected or appointed office within Prince William County and the Commonwealth of Virginia, and bringing to the County Committee issues that impact the community the specific Committee represents. They may partner with local and national organizations, businesses, candidates, and individuals having common concerns and objectives consistent with Democratic values. Such organizations, businesses, candidates, and individuals may participate in the activities of the Committee as necessary to facilitate meeting the Committee objectives.

Section 7.7.2 - Voting rights within these Committees shall be restricted to members of the County Committee, including associate members.

Section 7.7.3 - The Chair of the County Committee will be an ex officio non-voting member of each Committee. A temporary Chair shall be appointed by the County Committee Chair. Each Committee shall then elect its leadership. Upon election the Chair of each Committee shall be a voting member of the Steering Committee when they have presented a Committee Roster to the County Committee Chair indicating at least 20 County Committee members are active participants of the Committee or Caucus.

Section 7.7.4 - The Committee or Caucus Chair is expected to provide the Recording Secretary with a list of current members as provided in Section 7.1.3.

Section 7.7.5 - Standing and Special Committees or Caucuses may elect a Vice-Chair and/or Secretary from among their members, unless otherwise prescribed in these bylaws. Each Standing and Special Committee or Caucus Chair shall provide a current membership roster to County Committee Chair each calendar quarter in the format referenced in Section 6.6.4.

ARTICLE VIII – TEMPORARY COMMITTEES

Section 8.1 Bylaws Committee

Section 8.1.1 – The Bylaws Committee shall be composed of the Chair of the County Committee or the Senior Vice-Chair and the Chairs of each of the MDDCs or their designated representatives. The Bylaws Committee shall be responsible for changes to the bylaws and will review and approve MDDC bylaws as to form and consistency with the County Committee bylaws before they are posted.

Section 8.1.2 – A quorum shall be constituted of a representative from four (4) MDDCs in addition to the Chair or Senior Vice-Chair.

Section 8.2 Audit Committee

Section 8.2.1 – Annually, at the February meeting of the Steering Committee, the Chair shall appoint a three-member team to audit the Treasurer’s accounts and ledgers for the calendar year ending the previous December 31st and shall determine whether all campaign disclosure statements including FEC and state filings were filed as required. The Audit Committee shall provide the results of its audit at the May Steering Committee and County Committee meetings and disband thereafter. The Spokesperson of the Audit Committee shall be selected by the three team members.

Section 8.2.2 – A quorum shall be constituted of the Spokesperson and one other member.

Section 8.3 Nominating Committee

Section 8.3.1 – The Nominating Committee shall consist of one seated member – who is not seeking election as a County Committee officer – from each MDDC. Each MDDC shall select their representative, and notify the Chair, no later than the October meeting.

Section 8.3.2 – The Chair of the Nominating Committee shall be selected from those seated members of the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall report to the County Committee at least 30 days prior to the reorganization meeting.

Section 8.3.3 – A quorum of the Nominating Committee shall be the presence of five (5) members of the Nominating Committee consisting of a representative from four (4) MDDCs in addition to the Chair of the Nominating Committee.

Article IX – OTHER COMMITTEES

Section 9.1 Appointment of Other Committees

Other Special Committees shall be appointed from time to time by the Chair of the County Committee or the Steering Committee as deemed necessary to carry on the work of the

County Committee.

Section 9.2 Quorum Requirements

A quorum of any such Special Committee shall be the presence of five (5) members consisting of a representative from four (4) MDDCs in addition to the Chair of said Special Committee, unless otherwise directed by the Chair of the County Committee or Steering Committee.

Article X – ENDORSEMENTS, PUBLIC STATEMENTS AND RELEASES

Section 10.1 Endorsements - The County Committee, as a Committee, and those entities defined in Articles VII and VIII shall not endorse any candidate prior to a primary, convention, caucus, or the filing deadline for the submission of petitions applicable to the office being sought. Any County Committee or MDDC resources made available to any candidate seeking the County Committee's or a MDDC's endorsement shall be made available to all candidates seeking the same office and the County Committee's or a MDDC's endorsement on a non-discriminatory basis.

Section 10.2 Endorsements in Non-Partisan Elections

The County Committee, the MDDCs, and those other entities defined in Articles VII, VIII, and IX shall not endorse any candidate prior to the filing deadline.

Section 10.2.1 Magisterial District PWC School Board Members

Each MDDC shall have the option of endorsing a candidate for the Magisterial District's position on the PWC School Board in those years in which there is an election for that position. Each MDDC shall plan, schedule, organize, and conduct the process for arriving at such an endorsement when the MDDC elects to exercise the option. Each MDDC shall endorse no more than one candidate for the PWC School Board with no endorsement being an option. Each MDDC's endorsement for the Magisterial District's PWC School Board position shall be binding on the County Committee.

Section 10.2.2 PWC School Board Chair

The County Committee shall have the option of endorsing a candidate for the PWC School Board Chair in those years in which there is an election for that position. The County Committee shall plan, schedule, organize, and conduct the process for arriving at such an endorsement when the County Committee elects to exercise the option. The County Committee shall endorse no more than one candidate for the PWC School Board Chair with no endorsement being an option.

Section 10.2.3 PWC Soil and Water Conservation Board Members

The County Committee shall have the option of endorsing candidates for the PWC Soil and Water Conservation Board in those years in which there is an election for any of the three

positions on that board. The County Committee shall plan, schedule, organize, and conduct the process for arriving at such endorsements when the County Committee elects to exercise the option. The County Committee shall endorse no more candidates than the number of PWC Soil and Water Conservation Board members to be elected that year with no endorsement being an option.

Section 10.2.4 – The County Committee reserves the right to rescind endorsements for any candidate at any time who – through words or deeds – indicates that:

- i) They do not support Democratic Party positions; and/or
- ii) They publicly support a candidate running against a candidate endorsed by the County Committee, following the same process outlined in Section 4.8.1 – 4.8.3 in these bylaws.

Section 10.3 – Individual Endorsements

Section 10.3.1 – Individuals who are not Magisterial District or County Committee elected officials may endorse any Democratic candidate they wish. However, they shall not imply, state or convey in print or media that their individual endorsement is also an endorsement by their MDDC or the County Committee.

Section 10.3.2 – Officials who are members of either a MDDC or the County Committee may endorse any Democratic candidate prior to a primary, convention, caucus, or filing deadline. However, they shall not imply, state or convey in print or media that their individual endorsement is also an endorsement by their MDDC or the County Committee.

Section 10.3.3 – The Executive Director for County Committee shall support all candidates prior to a primary, convention, caucus, or filing deadline in a non-partisan manner. Any resources, advice, or services made available by the Executive Director to any candidate seeking the Party’s nomination shall be made available to all candidates on a non-discriminatory basis. I.E., the Executive Director may inform all candidates that it is not in the Party’s best interest to split the ticket but in doing so they are now obligated to communicate this information to all candidates in that race and avoid putting actual or perceived pressure on any of the candidates.

Section 10.3.4 – Elected Officials and Candidates above the County Committee level may endorse or support whomever they wish. However, they are not allowed to obligate either the County Committee or any MDDC to support or endorse their choice.

Any member may introduce resolutions proposing or endorsing matters of public or Party policy, adoption of which shall be by a majority of members present and voting. No person other than the Chair of the County Committee shall make releases or public statements in the name of or on behalf of the County Committee setting forth Party policy, nor shall any person disclose to the public actions taken by the County Committee in executive session,

or of any Committee of the County Committee, except by approval of the Steering Committee.

Article XI – AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

These bylaws can be amended at any regular meeting of the County Committee by a majority vote where a quorum is present provided that the amendments have been submitted electronically or in writing by the previous regular meeting.

Article XII – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert’s Rules of order Newly Revised, Da Capo Press, Boston, MA, shall govern the County Committee in all cases to which they are applicable and when not inconsistent with the DPVA Party Plan, these bylaws, and any special rules of order the County Committee may adopt.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Alternate Member – An alternate member to the County Committee is one who was duly elected to membership pursuant to Article IV, Section 4.3 of these bylaws, and whose term of membership is for a two-year period commencing with the organizational meeting. Each magisterial district is represented by up to a maximum of 15 alternate members.

Associate Member – An associate member of a MDDC is a voting member of the MDDC who was duly elected to membership pursuant to Article IV, Section 4.3 of these bylaws, and whose term of membership is for a two-year period commencing with the organizational meeting. There is no limit on the number of Associate members in each MDDC . Associate Members may attend the County Committee meeting but are not eligible to be advanced for voting purposes.

Caucus – A caucus is a meeting of members of the Democratic Party whose purpose is to select or elect members or delegates. It is also a group of Democrats united to promote an agreed- upon cause. A caucus is used in these bylaws referring to a meeting that may be held by MDDCs for the purpose of election of seated members and alternate members to the County Committee and associate members to the MDDC. It can also be used in the name of specific groups, such as the Prince William County Democratic Women’s Caucus (PWCDWC) or Progressive Caucus.

Duly Advanced Alternate Member – A duly advanced alternate member is an alternate member from a MDDC who is selected by the MDDC Chair to fill the seat of an absent seated member from the same MDDC without regard to precinct.

Deliberative Assembly – A deliberative assembly is an organization consisting of a defined membership that uses a parliamentary procedure for making decisions. It may have various classes of membership such a regular (voting), ex officio, and honorary members. It may have subordinate committees that use a less stringent parliamentary procedure. It is, in most instances, a representative assembly. The County Committee is a representative assembly with three classes of members comprising seated (voting) members, alternate members (non-voting except in the absence of a seated member), and ex officio members (voting). The MDDC, a sub-division of the County Committee, is a deliberative assembly as defined above that has four (4) classes of voting members: seated, alternate, associate, and ex officio members. It uses the same parliamentary procedures as the County Committee.

Ex officio Member – Ex officio members of their respective MDDCs and of the County Committee are elected democratic officials and elected members of Congressional District committees. Ex officio members are voting members of the MDDC in which they reside and

are seated members of the county committee. Additionally, the Chair and Senior Vice Chair of the County Committee shall be ex officio members of each MDDC and each Standing and Special Committee of the County Committee unless otherwise stated in these bylaws.

Leadership Team – The Leadership Team is made up of the Officers, MDDC Chairs, Standing Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs and all Special Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs of the County Committee.

Magisterial District – A Magisterial District is a sub-division of Prince William County that defines the jurisdictional and voting boundary from which certain elected officials are chosen. The County Committee is organized by MDDCs.

Majority Vote – A majority vote is at least 50% plus one(!) voting member present. In case of more than two (2) candidates, the voting continues if no candidate obtains the required majority, with the candidate receiving the fewest votes dropping off the ballot each time until a majority is achieved.

Organizational Meeting – The Organizational Meeting of the County Committee is the first meeting of the reconstituted Committee, whose principal purpose is to elect officers of the Committee (See Article V). The organizational meeting occurs once every two years in January following the election of members to the County Committee by each MDDC.

Precinct – A precinct is the smallest defined voting sub-unit within the County. Each Magisterial District is made up of (approximately) equal numbers of precincts. Each precinct is expected to be represented by at least one seated member on the County Committee.

Quorum – A quorum of the County Committee is such a number as is sufficient to conduct business at its meetings. The established County Committee meeting quorum is 30 percent of the established membership of the County Committee, as referenced in Section 6.3 of these bylaws. A quorum may be identified for particular Standing and Special Committees based on the representation of those committees.

Robert's Rules of Order – The parliamentary authority governing the conduct of meetings at all levels of the County Committee and its existing committees. It is the reference to be used, along with DPVA and DNC relevant guiding documents, when there is a question as to whether an action not specifically referenced in these bylaws may be appropriate. See Article XII

Roll Call Ballot – A roll call ballot is one voting method used in electing Officers of the PWCDC. In this method of voting, the PWCDC Chair will direct the Recording Secretary to call the roll of the members present and each member shall respond with their vote. When

the roll call is finished, the tellers will proceed to count the votes and report the results to the PWCDC Chair who then announces it to the County Committee.

Alternately, the PWCDC Chair may direct the tellers to distribute ballots, upon which each member signs their name and marks their vote. The Chair will then direct the Recording Secretary to call the roll of members and each member, as their name is called, will proceed to a balloting area designated by the PWCDC Chair. When the roll call is finished, the tellers will proceed to count the votes and report the results to the Chair who then announces it to the County Committee. Ballots shall then be available to any member present who wishes to review them.

Seated Member – A seated member to the County Committee is one who was duly elected to membership pursuant to Article IV, Section 4.3 of these bylaws, and whose term of membership is for a two-year period commencing with the organizational meeting. Each MDDC is represented by up to the maximum of 35 seated members, that maximum reduced by the number of precincts who are not represented on that MDDC.

Special Committees/Caucuses – Special Committees and Caucuses focus on the interest, needs, development, and membership recruitment of specific communities. Additional information is provided in Article VII, Sections 7.7.1 – 7.7.5. Current examples include the Democratic Black Caucus and Democratic Women's Caucus. A Special Committee may be established by the County Committee Chair or the Steering Committee as needed to address a particular need.

Standing Committee – A Standing Committee is an ongoing committee with established duties or focus as referenced in these bylaws. The process for selecting a Chair, membership, and quorum requirements of each Standing Committee is defined in each individual listing in Section VII of the bylaws.

Steering Committee – The Steering Committee is the basic governing body of the County Committee and meets monthly between County Committee meetings. (See Article VII, Section 7.2 of these bylaws for the membership of the Steering Committee and its duties and responsibilities.) Chairs of Standing and Special Committees are members if they meet the requirements listed in these bylaws for their Committee or Caucus.

Temporary Committees - The Bylaws, Financial Audit and Nominating Committees are current Temporary Committees that are defined in Article VIII of these bylaws. Other Temporary Committees may be appointed by the County Committee Chair or Steering Committee for a specific purpose. Upon the completion of its duties the committee is disbanded.

Willful Neglect – This is a specific term used in various legal or disciplinary settings. Within the context that it might apply to matters of the County Committee the following guidance is provided to its reference in Article IV, Section 8.1

- i) Malfesance, misfesance, or nonfesance of duties;
 - ii) Conduct injurious to the good name of the Democratic Party or the County Committee;
 - iii) Use or implication of the name or resources of the County Committee to promote a contested candidate for public office who is not a Democratic nominee or endorser; or
 - iv) Public recruitment, endorsement, support, assistance or contribution of or to an endorsed or nominated candidate for another political party or an independent, who is opposed to and endorsed or nominated Democratic candidate.
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Exhibit D

https://www.insidenova.com/headlines/woodbridge-native-launches-democratic-house-bid/article_4ba44568-b226-11ec-9fb7-cb5222824678.html

Woodbridge native launches Democratic House bid

By Nolan Stout
Apr 2, 2022



Rozia Henson
Facebook

Democrats will have a contested local nomination in one of the new districts for the Virginia House of Delegates.

Woodbridge native Rozia Henson, 29, is seeking the party's nomination in the new 19th District.

The revised 19th District covers mostly northeastern Prince William and southeastern Fairfax County. Its southern limit is primarily along Rippon Boulevard, although a small area near Leesylvania State Park is included. Its western edge follows Interstate 95 from Northern Virginia Community College to the Occoquan River.

In Fairfax, the district includes Lorton and Mason Neck, with its northern border encompassing Fort Belvoir.

The area is currently represented by Democratic Dels. Candi King (2nd), Kathy Tran (42nd), Paul Krizek (44th) and Luke Torian (52nd).




Woodbridge community advocate Makya Little is [also seeking the party nomination](#).

Henson, who commutes to an information technology job outside Joint Base Andrews, is vice president of the Prince William County Young Democrats. He has a bachelor's in political science from Virginia State University and master's in business administration from the University of Maryland Global Campus.

Henson ran for the party nomination in the 2nd District in 2020 when former Del. Jennifer Carroll Foy stepped down to run for the Democratic nomination for governor. He came fifth in a five-way race.

Henson said he felt ready to run for office because he lives and grew up in the district and "was in the best position to make a difference for this community."




He wants to advocate for investments in affordable housing, adequate funding for state parks and investment in transportation initiatives.

On transportation, Henson wants to find ways to ease the financial burden on commuters who use express lanes to reach work on time.

He said it's important for Democrats to take back control of the House of Delegates.

"We know what is at stake," he said. "We have seen what is at stake."



The Virginia Supreme Court approved final maps for congressional and General Assembly districts in December. The court took over the redistricting, required after the 2020 Census, because the state's redistricting commission could not reach agreement on new maps.

The new maps took Prince William County from eight delegate districts and four Senate seats to seven delegates and three senators. However, those seats are more centered on Prince William County than the existing seats.

The House seats more closely mirror the districts on the Board of County Supervisors, with Manassas and adjacent areas contained in one district. The Senate districts cover the western, southeastern and northeastern parts of the county.

The new districts will be effective for the 2023 election, although some lawsuits are trying to force elections under the revised maps for 2022.

MORE INFORMATION



It's Election Day; here's what you need to know

Department of Justice monitoring polling places in Prince William, Manassas, Manassas Park

Nolan Stout

Exhibit E

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PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY
REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE



Who is Shantell?

Rick

Rock

My opponent's mother

Ahh, that explains it!

Exactly

Ben Baldwin also wants to chat with you on behalf of the Republican Committee...

What contact information are you ok with me sharing with him?

Email and cell is fine. We have to make sure we do no create a problem with anyone, just move swiftly

I agree.

I think the sooner the messaging and public support comes from you, the better. So I will make the connections and fall back.

I have a Northern Virginia press contacts list, but you let me know what all you need from me and I will support you as much as I can behind the scenes.

Sun, Oct 2 at 1:00 PM

Makya, I ha no experience with this, I'm sorry it is this way, but I'll need your help and guidance to pull this through!!

I've got you on whatever support you need.

I just can't be the "face" of it.

Does that make sense?

Yes

I've got you on whatever support you need.

I just can't be the "face" of it.

Does that make sense?

Yes

We can accomplish anything as long as we don't care who gets the credit. And I genuinely don't care. 😊

Thank you!! That's leadership!!

You can lead this, and I will help you.

This is what Elijah Cummings taught me:



Tue, Oct 4 at 1:41 PM

Hola, Carlos! Just checking on you. You good?

Tue, Oct 4 at 4:50 PM

We have cancelled the event for now!

No worries. I understand.

But are YOU ok?



Yes, no problem! I only heard of Ben, no one else!

Tue, Oct 4 at 6:51 PM

Good to know. I think the Sigmas want to talk to you about a separate event.

I TOTALLY appreciate your willingness to partner although it didn't work out.

Exhibit F


https://www.insidenova.com/headlines/shantell-rock-running-for-prince-william-school-board-s-woodbridge-district-seat/article_0939dc10-676b-11ed-ac53-8fbef75c7bed.html

Shantell Rock running for Prince William school board's Woodbridge District seat

By Jared Foretek
Nov 18, 2022



Shantell Rock is chair of Prince William County's Racial and Social Justice Commission, appointed in October 2020 by the Board of County Supervisors.

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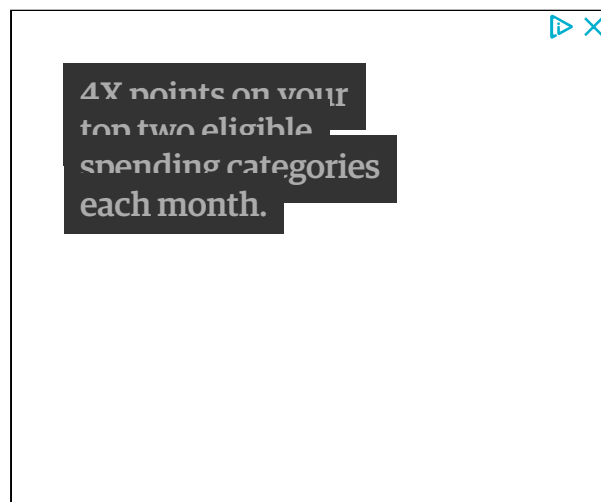
Another challenger has thrown their hat in the ring for the Woodbridge District seat on the Prince William County School Board.

Shantell Rock, the chair of the county's Racial and Social Justice Commission, the lead for the county's Moms Demand Action chapter and a parent to four current Prince William County Public School students, announced Friday that she'll challenge incumbent Loree Williams for the post.

A Democrat, Rock told InsideNoVa that increasing safety concerns at Freedom High School and Rippon Middle School – where her children attend – and a lack of responsiveness from the school board ultimately drove her to run.

“My final straw was the gun at Freedom. ... They lacked compassion, they lacked empathy and sympathy for the parents that were out there. No one called us,” she said, referring to a September incident in which a student brought a gun to school, sending the campus into a three-hour lockdown.

She and other parents showed up at the building over the course of the lockdown because, she says, they were only hearing from their students inside and weren't getting updates from the school or the division.



“The [security] issue at Freedom kind of solidified my decision. There needs to be a voice on the dais that speaks on behalf of the community, that's fighting for the community, that has the community voice, and I'm that person,” Rock said.

Later in September, Rock and a group of other parents confronted school officials over what they said was a lack of communication on school safety.

Rock, whose son Rozia Henson serves as the vice chair for the county's Democratic party chapter and is running for the House of Delegates in the 19th District next year, is also a product of Prince William County Schools. She attended both Rippon Middle School and Potomac High School before spending seven years in the army and then becoming a paralegal.

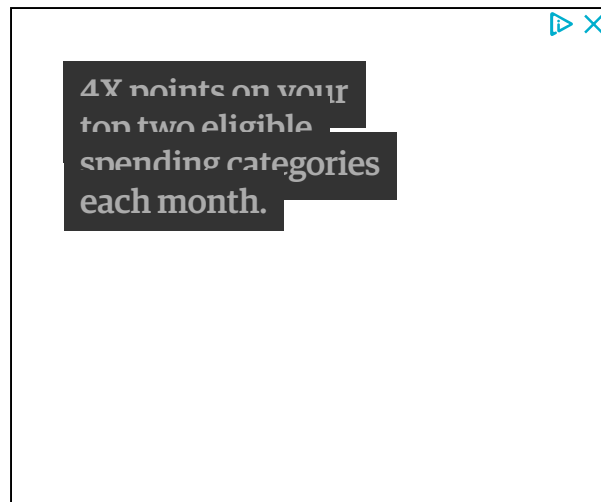
She told InsideNoVa that she didn't necessarily have the answer for keeping violence that's occurring in the community from making its way into Woodbridge district schools. But, she said, the schools can play a bigger role in stemming violence in and outside their buildings. She said that she wants to see more security at Freedom and other area schools, but wanted to hear more from the community on issues like increasing police presence or metal detector usage in schools.

Students in the Woodbridge district also face more economic challenges than many of their peers. Freedom, the district's only high school, has 2,309 students. According to its most recent school profile, 56% of students were considered economically disadvantaged and 35.6% of students were English-language learners.

According to a presentation by county Police Chief Peter Newsham at Tuesday's school board meeting, police have recovered five guns in all county schools so far during the 2022-23 school year. Nine were confiscated last year.

Rock said that administrators hands are tied when trying to deal with gangs and the minority of students cause the bulk of the problems.

"We can't curb the issues within our community if we can't deal with it in the schools ... Administrators can't really do anything about it because of how the system is set up," she said. "So my issue is against the system. And right now we have people on dais who are representing the system, not the community and not the kids."



Rock also said that she strongly favors collective bargaining rights for school employees, calling the issue a "personal" one for her and saying that the collective bargaining resolution that was recently passed by the school board was unfair and didn't give employees enough to bargain on.

Rock's mother-in-law works in the bus dispatching department for county schools.

"This is personal for our family. They have a right to have a voice," Rock said. "And these teachers have a right to want a good collective bargaining resolution."

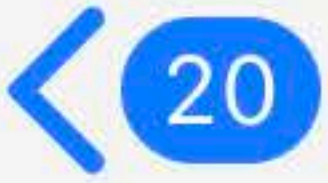
Williams has not publicly said whether or no she plans to run for a third term on the board. She ran unopposed in both her 2015 and 2019 elections for the board. All eight board seats will be up for election next year, as they are every four years.

Back in August, 18-year-old Jaylen Custis, a recent graduate of Forest Park High School, announced that he planned to run for the school board.

Jared Foretek

Reporter

Exhibit G



Tonya >



iMessage
Sun, Sep 25 at 7:58 PM

Hey Tonya. Fairfax's Black Caucus is partnering on the Hispanic voter outreach event...

I wanted to verify that we no longer have a Black caucus, so if PWCDC as a whole would like to support, I'm happy to add as well

We do have Caucus

Nichi is the chair

Oh my. Do you happen to have her contact information handy?

Nichii Namaha-Ono NN >

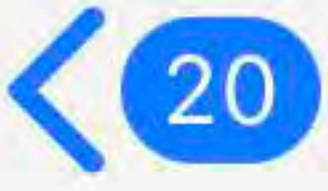
Thank you, ma'am!

You're welcome!



iMessage





Tonya >



FYSA, this is who we've got supporting so far.

Awesome

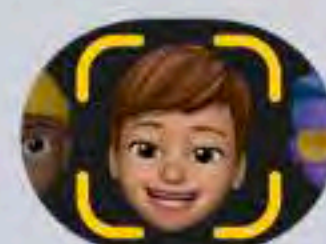


Tue, Sep 27 at 3:39 PM

No response from Nichii 🤪



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Updated draft still waiting for the Republicans to send their logo and official word from the AKAs.

Ok

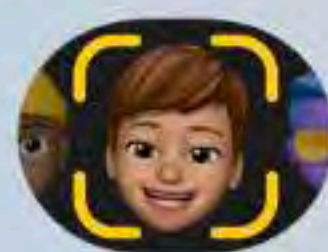
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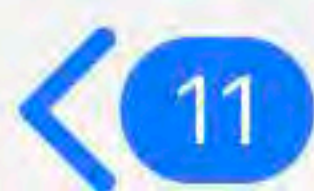


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iMessage





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Mon, Oct 3 at 7:10 PM

Good evening, PWC BDC:

We look forward to seeing you at tonight's meeting. See attached zoom link 7:00 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

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V/r



Thanks! I don't get these invitations for some reason. 🙄

Send email to be added
chair.pwcbdc@gmail.com



Thanks.

Have "we" been meeting on a regular basis? 🙄



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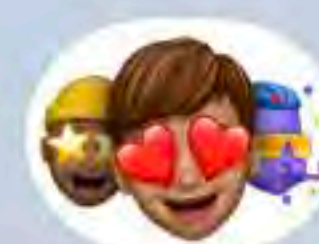
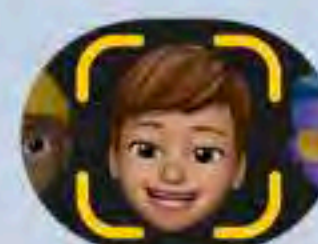


Exhibit H

I Believe You Will Win!

1 message

LT Carson <ltcarson@icloud.com>

Wed, Jun 21, 2023 at 11:32 AM

To: Info for Makya Little <info@makyalittle.com>

Hello Makya:

I see that your election in this campaign is very close. Just wanted you to know I voted early for you and am praying really hard that you win this primary election! I believe you will win! Keep the faith!🙏

Min. L.T.

Sent from my iPad

On Jun 3, 2023, at 4:15 PM, LT Carson <ltcarson@icloud.com> wrote:

Good afternoon Makya:

Thanks for your quick response. Unfortunately, the map doesn't really show specific boundaries where I can see a zip code or an address to the north so I can know who's in the new 19th.

Anyway, thanks for the invite on the 19th. I'm definitely going and will share this with those at my church tomorrow so that they may have an opportunity to participate. I was also wondering if my Pastor would invite you to come to our church one Sunday morning and speak about what's happening with this new 19th. I'll ask him tomorrow what he thinks about it and then get back to you to see whether you would be available to come and speak.

Thanks again for sharing this event! I'm looking forward to it!

Min. L.T.

Sent from my iPad

On Jun 3, 2023, at 4:02 PM, Info for Makya Little <info@makyalittle.com> wrote:

Good afternoon Minister Carson,
Thank you for the feedback and for your vote of confidence.

Please know that I do not take it lightly and understand that trust (especially in this space) has to be earned.

I had this map of our district custom made last year, and I pray it helps by serving as a resource for our community.

I'd also love to invite you to our final fundraiser on Juneteenth featuring El DeBarge. My goal is to ensure we increase opportunities for members of our District, to two bands from our community will be opening for him as well.

You can purchase tickets here:

<https://secure.actblue.com/donate/juneteenth19th>

Looking forward to meeting you soon!

+ Makya

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On Sat, Jun 3, 2023 at 3:55 PM LT Carson <lrcarson@icloud.com> wrote:

Hello Makya:

You are a phenomenal woman! I did not expect you to respond because we have been ignored for many years. I prayed this time we would not be. God has answered my prayers. I am a retired widow and an associate minister at Bethlehem Baptist Church, Rev. Dr. Darrell K. White is our Pastor, [7836 Fordson Road, Alexandria, VA 22306](https://www.bethlehemchurch.org/). I'm not sure if our church has been redistricted.

Right now, I'm interested in knowing where the boundaries are to the north. So far, a lot of residents don't know we've been redistricted and I'd like to get the word out.

At present, I'm in agreement with you that we should wait until after the primaries to talk further. Until then, I'm going to make sure those at my church, and my community, where we have many active duty military and veterans, as well as a lot of senior citizens, are informed.

Meanwhile, I'm going out to vote early in the primaries for you because I really do believe that you're going to win! Just needed some confirmation. Until then, you're in my prayers and I'll keep in touch. Thank you so much for responding to my inquiry.

Min. L.T. Carson, M.A.C.M


LTC211@aol.com

Sent from my iPad

On May 31, 2023, at 6:02 PM, Info for Makya Little <info@makyalittle.com> wrote:

Good evening L.T.,

Thank you so much for reaching out to me. I sincerely appreciate your level of involvement and engagement, especially as a member of the military community.

Although many residents of the Fort Belvoir area also have connections to the military community, I recognize that many do not. I, myself, am an Army Brat who has spent the majority of my life moving in both Prince William and Fairfax County (graduate of TJHSST) circles. I also understand there is no one lived experience that can encompass or speak for all.

Based on the conversations I have had with constituents in the Fort Belvoir area, besides transportation/traffic concerns, housing affordability seems to be 2nd highest concern. Beyond that, many share the same concerns with regard to education equity and access to opportunities (for both youth and adults) in addition to women's equity and securing constitutional rights.

I am happy to set-up a time to connect with you if you are open to sharing more details regarding your concerns. Furthermore, the new 19th House District is the 2nd most diverse house district in Virginia and the issues are just as diverse. So we plan on holding a series of listening sessions on the other side of the primary election (entitled "19 in The New 19th") so that we can co-create a platform in which everyone can see themselves reflected.

Please advise of a few dates and times you're available to connect either virtually or in-person. Thanks again for your outreach and inquiry.

+ Makya
+ 703.786.7987

On Wed, May 31, 2023 at 5:28 PM LT Carson <lrcarson@icloud.com> wrote:

Hello Makya:

My name is L.T. Carson and I'm in the new redistributed 19th district. You have a very impressive resume. However I'm wondering where your interests really lie.

You often talk about Mason Neck, Woodbridge, Lorton, & Rt. #1, in your interviews. However, you never mention Fort Belvoir, which is the area where I live off Route #1. What are you planning to do for the people living in the Fort Belvoir and Sacramento communities? Or do you even know what our needs are? You seem to know much about Mason Neck and what that community demands.

My late husband Robert, who was a disabled Vietnam Marine Veteran, and I have been living here for over 30 years and have seen some changes. But once again, as African Americans, we're being overlooked and underrepresented.

I was the first person in the Sacramento Community to be Coordinator of our new Sacramento Community Center in the year 2000. Retired Board of Supervisors, Gerry Hyland served in the Mount Vernon District at that time and Jim Moran, was our Congressman in the 8th district.

Because I was involved with the youth in the Sacramento Community, and actively registering people to vote, I was concerned there was no place for kids to go after school. Gerry Hyland asked if I would work as coordinator and experiment to see if this Sacramento Center could thrive. Subsequently, the South County Government Center was built. We had nothing in this area for the kids before that and now the Sacramento Center and the South County Government Centers are thriving. Nothing else has happened since then. Route #1 has widened at Lorton, but stops right where I live, where mostly African Americans and Latinos live.

What I'm trying to say is, African Americans have been overlooked for many years and I thought maybe, just maybe your election might be different. I'm not sure who we in the Sacramento Community will be voting for now that we've been redistricted with Prince William County. But I do know that no one has come to talk to us about who we are and what you'll be doing for our community. You only come out for the primaries and the general. There are 2 other candidates who are also qualified and one is a lifelong Virginian. If you've read this email to this point, that's a start. If I see no reply, I know you're no different. Nevertheless, I wish you the best!

L.T. Carson


LTC211@aol.com

Sent from my iPad



www.MakyaLittle.com | info@MakyaLittle.com

Inquiry from Campaign Website

1 message

Shawn Gee <shawng98@gmail.com>

Sat, May 13, 2023 at 1:37 PM

To: info@makyalittle.com

Cc: nathan@makyalittle.com

Good afternoon,

I am so thankful that you are bringing attention to Mateo/Matt Dunne being unfit for public office. He is my neighbor and has relentlessly harassed many of us. I have screenshots of an interaction on Nextdoor that I am passing along.

I don't know how to stop him, but sadly, it is clear that the Fairfax Democrats did zero due diligence.

Regards,

Shawn Gee

m: [REDACTED]

3 attachments



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Hey Shawn, I thought you were a decent guy. Turns out you're just a common asshole. I don't remember asking you for your opinion, and there's good reason. I haven't heard you say a word except it's all the time I've known you. You're just some fuck who deserves to be a scumbag. Thanks to a lawyer, five other people, and dozens of us into other people's lives. You...

Oh, your two crew are unimpressive assholes. But you didn't bother to ask for my side. You just stood in a position. I'm not coming. I'm not coming. I'm not coming.

You could have come to my door and had a civil talk to me. I would have been more than open to a conversation. But instead, like a common asshole, you did all the usual shit. What a piece of common garbage you are, spewing bile through a NextDoor fake diary. What a common asshole. I'm so disappointed in you. I really thought better of you.

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people's business. You married a good woman. Fortunately your kids get her DNA rather than yours. Have a good life, shitebag.

As for amends, you could start by taking your thumbs out of your own ass and sucking on it.

Next time, before you go sticking your nose where it doesn't belong and standing in self-righteous judgment of other people, maybe get the whole story. You are no better than the assholes watching the One America Network and believing all the conspiracy bills. Vito has been an unimpressive asshole. But you didn't bother to ask for my side. You just stood in

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Not cool Matt. Your tree crew used spikes to climb the tree and you pruned a healthy tree at the worst time- it needs to be dormant or you can do a lot of harm. It's obvious that your solar panels are impacted by the location of the tree. You need to make amends with your neighbors.

Hey Shawn, I thought you were a decent guy. Turns out you're just a common asshole. I don't remember asking you for your opinion, and there's good reason. I haven't heard you say a smart word in all the time I've known you. You're just a dumb fuck who dresses like a schlub, thinks he's smarter than other people, and sticks his nose into other people's business. You

people's business. You married a good woman. Fortunately your kids got her DNA rather than yours. Have a good life, shitbag.

As for amends, you could start by taking your thumb out of your own ass and sucking on it

Next time, before you go sticking your nose where it doesn't belong and standing in self-righteous judgment if other people, maybe get the whole story. You are no better than the assholes watching the One America Network and believing all the conspiracy bile. Vate has been an unreasonable asshole. But you didn't bother to ask for my side. You just stood in

bile. Vate has been an unreasonable asshole. But you didn't bother to ask for my side. You just stood in ignorant, uninformed judgment, like a common asshole.

M You could have come to my door and had a chat like a man. I would have been more than open to a conversation, as I always am. But instead like a common asshole, like an internet troll. What a piece of human garbage you are, spewing bile through NextDoor like every other common asshole. I am so disappointed in you. I really thought better of you.

Fwd: "Mateo" Dunne

H. Jay Spiegel <jayspiegel@aol.com>
Reply-To: "H. Jay Spiegel" <jayspiegel@aol.com>
To: info@makyalittle.com

Sat, May 13, 2023 at 2:01 PM

From: jayspiegel@aol.com
To: info@makyalittle.com, nathan@makyalittle.com
Sent: 5/13/2023 1:24:34 PM Eastern Standard Time
Subject: Fwd: "Mateo" Dunne

I saw your article about "Mateo" Dunne who is running for office using a manufactured Hispanic name. I thought you'd be interested in this letter & its links & attachments. It provides info of which I don't think you are aware. Please acknowledge receipt.

H. Jay Spiegel

From: jayspiegel@aol.com
To: kcorbettsan@fcps.edu, district36@senate.virginia.gov
Cc: jayspiegel@aol.com, delpkrizek@house.virginia.gov, gerryatthefarm@gmail.com, dan.storck@fairfaxcounty.gov, christine.morin@fairfaxcounty.gov, mkimm@connectionnewspapers.com, chair@fairfaxdems.org, queenecox@aol.com
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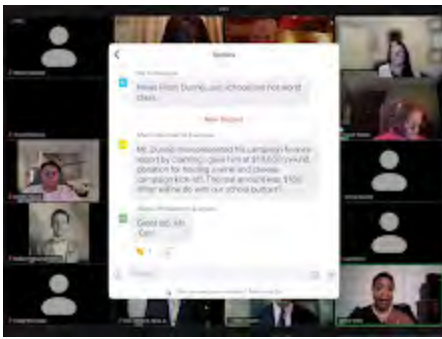
Dear Ms. Corbett Sanders & Senator Surovell:

I've attached a letter with attachments and replete with links concerning the candidacy of Mateo Oramas Reyes Dunne (formerly named Matthew Stanton Dunne III) for the Mount Vernon School Board seat. I've copied the Mount Vernon Gazette because the concerns expressed are in the public interest and the Chairman of the Fairfax County Democratic party because today is the deadline for Democratic Party voters to register to vote in the caucus that will decide which candidate, whether Mr. Dunne or Mr. Harold Sims will receive the Democratic Party endorsement. Others are copied as well.

Perhaps you will keep in mind your obligations to your constituents and do the right thing.

Very truly yours,

H. Jay Spiegel
P.O. Box 11
Mount Vernon, VA 22121




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Today I called Rev. Sims twice (and sent him a text) to apologize for any offense caused by a statement issued by my campaign aide. Once I had the opportunity to review the statement in full, I ensured corrective actions were implemented immediately. I am accountable for any mistakes made by my campaign, and I apologize for any offense caused to Rev. Sims and the community.

I am committed to running a positive campaign focused on the issues. Today I invited Rev. Sims to meet with me in person to resolve any differences and **restore civility to this campaign.** The only person who will benefit from mudslinging will be our Republican opponent. I hope Rev. Sims will accept my invitation, so we can elevate the political discourse.

Given the overwhelming interest in the recent candidate forum, **I propose that the candidates engage in a series of debates at each of the high schools attended by Mount Vernon District students,** to include South County HS, Mount Vernon HS, and West Potomac HS. (You can watch the debate by clicking [here.](#))

Let me be clear on the following points:

1. I am a proud Democrat, community leader, and lifelong advocate for children, families, and educators. My record is clear and unequivocal, and it is a matter of public record.

- 1. I am proud of my endorsements by Karen Corbett Sanders and Kris Amundson,** who have represented the Mount Vernon District on the School Board. They know that I have the experience and vision to effectively represent our community on the School Board.
- 2. Since 2016, I have donated over \$5,000 to Democrats at the Federal and State levels,** some of which include: Abigail Spanberger, Dalia Palchik, Democratic National Committee, Elaine Luria, Elizabeth Warren, Emily's List, Hillary Clinton, Jacky Rosen, Jahana Hayes, Jennifer Wexton, Joe Biden, Jon Ossoff, Lucy McBath, Mike Espy, Pete Buttigieg, Raphael Warnock, Tim Kaine, and Xochitl Torres Small.
3. I donated to two Republicans over a dozen years ago. One was a college friend who was the first Latino elected to the Virginia legislature, and the other was John McCain during the Republican primary because I had met him during an internship. My positive opinion was confirmed when he saved Obamacare in 2017.

2. **Rev. Sims has said many times that he will listen to everyone in the community, and I will do the same.** Whether I agree or disagree with groups or individuals, the job of a School Board Member is to hear from community members.

1. **I strongly oppose OpenFCPS and the Coalition for TJ, and I condemn their tactics.** The allegation that I am a card-carrying member of OpenFCPS or the Coalition for TJ is absurd.
2. **I have been a PTA dad** at Fort Hunt ES, Sandburg MS, and West Potomac HS. **I was the VP Advocacy for the Fairfax County Council PTA** for two years, representing 170+ PTAs and 40,000 members at the state and local levels. My testimony in support of Democratic priorities such as public education and workforce housing is a matter of public record, to include testimony on **Jan. 28, 2016; April 5 and 7, 2016; May 14, 2019; and Jan. 28, 2021.** When my advocacy for Democratic priorities has been challenged, I have consistently stood up for Democratic values. In 2021, I resigned from two associations that opposed my advocacy for workforce housing, and I joined Good Shepherd Housing's Community Leadership Council instead.
3. When I established a Facebook account several weeks ago, in an effort to quickly become abreast of the issues and different voices, I followed every organization that showed up in my initial search results for FCPS, including SEPTA, 4PublicEducation, and OpenFCPS. Some groups require a moderator to review potential followers to prevent trolls. Accepting a "friend request" on Facebook does not mean that you are "friends" in real life, and being a "follower" or "member" of a discussion group on Facebook does not mean that you agree with the positions espoused therein.
4. As I explained at the candidate forum, **I strongly support the School Board's changes to the TJ admissions process**, which has provided tangible benefits to the Mount Vernon District.

With that, **I will move forward, knocking on doors and focusing on the issues that are of highest priority to students and families.** I invite Rev. Sims to meet with me in person, so we can resolve any differences and restore civility to this campaign and the Mount Vernon District.

If you would like to learn more about me, please go to mateodunne.com. If you would like to reach out to me, please contact me at vote@mateodunne.com.

I look forward to meeting with you, and I ask for your support and vote.

Very respectfully,
Mateo Dunne

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My name is Matt Dunne and I live on Camden Street in the Mount Vernon District of Fairfax County. I am the first Vice-President of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens' Associations. I am secretary of the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations. I am the Vice-President of the Stratford Landing Citizens' Association and I am the Education Chair and former Vice-President of Advocacy for the Fairfax County Council of Parent Teachers' Associations. With all due respect to other speakers who have spoken tonight, I will be presenting a different perspective and that's for a simple reason. Tonight you have heard the perspective primarily of white residents of Fairfax County. With limited exceptions, all of the speakers tonight represented homeowner or civic associations. It is a sad fact that most homeowner or civic associations in Fairfax County represent majority white communities. Most black and brown communities are not as well organized or do not otherwise have much associations and much representation so their voices are often missing from important conversations like the one happening tonight. The same is true in public schools, majority white public schools usually have strong PTAs but majority black and brown schools may not have PTAs at all. Tonight you have also heard predominantly from existing homeowners with one exception, you have not heard the voices of potential homeowners such as younger generations who are burdened by student loan debt and cannot afford the sky high home prices in our County. Just the other day, I saw a townhouse development advertising starting prices in the low 700s. There are many current and potential residents who would gladly own a home here in Fairfax County if the affordable housing crisis which is an artificial crisis caused by different policies rather than a problem created by geography or market conditions which is actually resolved and remedied by County Government. The Commission should respectfully base its decisions on the interests of

every County resident. In addition, the Commission should consider the interests of potential County residents such as working class families who work here but do not live here because of the affordable housing crisis. When my wife and I moved to the DC area in 2004, it was no question about where we would live. We wanted our family to benefit from a quality of life for which Fairfax County is well known, safe neighborhoods, world class public schools, accessible public libraries and abundant recreational areas. My wife and I love Fairfax County. We have lived here for 17 years, first in the Lee District and now in the Mount Vernon District. And to be honest, we intend to live here for the rest of our lives. Because we are passionate about Fairfax County, we work hard to maintain the quality of life for our children and our community. My wife works at a local pre-school and I volunteer with many local and County organizations. Through my involvement with these organizations, I became familiar with the efforts undertaken by Fairfax County to update its Zoning Regulations, which in many respects undergirds the quality of life for which Fairfax County is known. But let's be honest, zMOD is not, contrary to what speakers have said today, zMOD is not at all about preserving the current quality of life in Fairfax County. Instead zMOD is about whether that quality of life will be available and accessible to everyone. It is indisputable and obvious to everyone who drives anywhere in our County that Fairfax County remains segregated by race and socioeconomic (word unintelligible). From Alexandria to Woodbridge, Richmond Highway divides the rich from the poor, the white from the black and brown, just like the oft-said expression of the wrong side of the railroad tracks. And the same is true throughout the County. With limited exceptions, white residents live in mostly white communities, and black and brown residents live in mostly black and brown communities. White residents generally benefit from safe neighborhoods, world class public

schools, accessible public libraries, and abundant recreation areas. Black and brown residents not so much. The continuing racial and socioeconomic segregation is not an accident of history. But instead the results of deliberate efforts by white elected officials decades ago to provide a high quality of life to white residents and a lesser or lower quality of life to black and brown residents. To quote Richard Rothstein's Color of Law which was recently published and it gains great acclaim, today's residential segregation in the North, South, Midwest and West is not the unintended consequence of individual choices and of otherwise well meaning law or regulation, but instead of deliberate public policies that explicitly segregated every metropolitan area in the United States. These policies are so systematically enforceable that their effects endure to the present day. To quote the Century Foundation, single family zoning policies have always had a disturbing origin. In 1917, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down policies that explicitly zoned separate residential areas for black and whites. So, many local governments shifted to a new form of exclusionary zoning, single family zoning. This policy delivered many of the same results by a different means. It kept out most black people and virtually all low income people. But the Supreme Court upheld this new practice as legal. A century later, single family zoning is widely considered both bad policy and pretty much unchangeable. On the one hand, researchers across the political spectrum, left and right, find that the exclusionary zoning laws built durable walls between racial and socioeconomic groups, and fueled a nation's housing affordability crisis by artificially increasing housing prices. Yet on the other hand, such policies are ubiquitous and have long been viewed as impossible to reform. It is long past time for Fairfax County to eliminate the government policies that created and perpetuated racial and socioeconomic segregation throughout the County. zMOD is a positive first step because the current zoning

regulations are put in place by racist and white supremacist officials that need to go. At the minimum, zMOD will increase the supply of affordable housing and provide black and brown residents with greater access to the safe neighborhoods, world class public schools, accessible public libraries, and abundant recreation areas that have been enjoyed by white residents for generations. In addition, increasing the supply of affordable housing will benefit working class residents such as police officers, fire fighters, teachers, school bus drivers, and grocery store workers. For decades, Fairfax County has done nothing but watch as these workers who have been labeled essential during the pandemic but often are treated as disposable and interchangeable in daily life are pushed out of the County further and further out from the places where they work. These workers deserve the same opportunity to live with their families in the same County where they work. For these reasons, I urge the Commission to move forward with zMOD. At a minimum, it will help to increase equity and remedy the affordable housing crisis in our County. I also urge the Commission to renew its outreach efforts. In particular, the black, brown and working class communities that were not adequately represented in the speaker lineup tonight. Some of the comments were made based on assumptions such as one car per new adult resident that may have been valid for older generations for example but are inaccurate, wildly inaccurate, for younger generations that don't like to drive or own a car or even have a driver's license. All of that being said, we cannot tear down the walls of racial and socioeconomic and class-based segregation without community support. Tonight you have heard many concerns expressed by communities across the County because zMOD includes substantial changes that were not discussed or explained during the many community briefings, several of which I personally attended. I have five suggestions. Although you have heard many objections tonight,

please continue to move forward with zMOD. It will help to increase equity and to remedy the affordable housing crisis in our County. Second, please don't base new regulations on old assumptions like younger people don't always have cars, car companies are building self-driving cars, Uber, etc. Third, please extend the opportunity for public input through at least June 2022. During this time it will build greater community input and produce better regulations with stronger community buy-in. Fourth, please establish a process by which the owners of residential, commercial or other properties that are out of compliance with current or future zoning regulations can come out of the shadows and into compliance with appropriate inspections but without onerous penalties. The goal should be compliance, not punishment. This is particularly important for rental properties where most of our working class, black and brown residents, live. If you force people to pay onerous penalties, they will never come into compliance. But if you provide a process for them to come into compliance, they will. Finally, please commit to physical infrastructure improvements in areas targeted for increased density. Most of the concerns expressed tonight by the community associations across the County arise from a single fact. Fairfax County established the policy of racial and socioeconomic segregation and private developers built in accordance with that policy. The physical infrastructure such as the width of roads, the number of parking spaces, and the capacity of water, sewer, electric and telecom lines were intended only for single family neighborhoods and might prove to be inadequate if there is a massive influx of new residents. Now Fairfax County is acting to modify those regulations, appropriately so, to remedy at least in part the continuing racial and socioeconomic segregation but it cannot simply change the words on paper. Racial and socioeconomic segregation was literally built into the physical infrastructure. Now that is time

(Chairman Pete Murphy) And it is incumbent on Fairfax County to not only updating the zoning regulations but also the physical infrastructure. Finally, I am speaking as a private citizen not as a representative of these organizations because they are blindsided by the draft that came on January 19th. So thank you very much for your time today.

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May 5, 2023

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Re: "Mateo" Dunne

Dear School Board Member Corbett Sanders and Senator Surovell:

When someone like both of you wins an election and assumes elected office, that status brings with it significant responsibilities. The elected official acts in the name of their constituents when taking decisions and in public pronouncements. The actions of an elected official while in office impact their prospect for re-election or, if they choose not to run for re-election, the legacy they leave behind as an office holder.

I am writing you because I find it nothing short of amazing that you, as elected officials, promote and embrace the candidacy of "Mateo" Dunne as a candidate for election to the Fairfax County School Board representing the Mount Vernon District. I believe that if you had in your possession all the facts about Mr. Dunne's various actions, not only could you not possibly support him, instead, you would actively seek his withdrawal from the campaign. If my opinion, in this regard, is incorrect, and you would still support Mr. Dunne regardless of what you know about him, the purpose for this letter is also to provide you much of the documentary evidence compiled to date demonstrating why Mr. Dunne should never hold an elected office, so that if you continue to speak out and take actions in support of his candidacy, you will be doing so with the full knowledge that your actions are inappropriate, and you will suffer the consequences to

your reputations and respective legacies.

On April 26, 2023, local resident Sherry Nachnani sent a remarkable email. I've attached the text of the email. Both of you know Ms. Nachnani - she hosted Mr. Dunne's campaign kickoff event and both of you were present. She initially supported Mr. Dunne's election but has withdrawn her support. The email speaks for itself but the lowlights include (1) her anger at Mr. Dunne falsifying his March 31, 2023 campaign finance report by claiming the campaign kickoff event as a \$10,000.00 in kind contribution to his campaign from her (according to her, the number should have been \$150.00) in what appears to have been an attempt to make it look like Mr. Dunne had raised almost \$13,000.00 when the truth was he had only raised less than \$3,000.00; (2) his membership in certain extremist groups; and (3) his playing of unspecified "dirty politics." Nothing could be more telling than the very person who hosted his campaign kickoff, at Sonny Jurgensen's former residence no less, now disavowing her former support. Also of note is Ms. Nachnani's chat comment (attached) during Queenie Cox's forum on April 25, 2023 pointing out Mr. Dunne's falsification of his campaign finance report regarding the \$10,000.00 issue. This, alone, should be enough for both of you to withdraw your support of Mr. Dunne. But we are just getting started.

At the end of Queenie's forum, viewable at the link at the end of this paragraph, the three candidates gave closing statements. The statements of Mr. Sims and Ms. Zimmerman occurred without controversy. Mr. Dunne went last (beginning at 1:43:30) and after he told lie after lie about his opponents, disparaging both of them, Queenie interrupted him at 1:44:45 of the video and dressed him down for almost 3 minutes for his lack of decorum and violation of the forum rules. This was embarrassing. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sNOBKh3UTGA>.

During Queenie's forum, of the three candidates, Mr. Dunne was the only one who lacked civility. So on April 28, 2023, Mr. Dunne issued a press release (attached) asking his opponent Harold Sims to "restore civility." Apparently, this was also in reaction to Mr. Sims having issued a press release of his own (attached), exposing numerous incidents of improprieties on the part of Mr. Dunne. Apparently, Mr. Dunne's definition of "civility" includes concealing the facts from voters.

Although I am not active on our local NextDoor page, Mr. Dunne has been one of its moderators for a long time. I understand prior to commencing his campaign, he was well known to use his position as moderator to belittle posters, call them names, employ sexual innuendo and the like. I'm told it appears Mr. Dunne has "scrubbed" the NextDoor page of this content, perhaps in anticipation of his campaign for the School Board position. This issue is worth checking into. I found a webpage at the following link where a poster makes reference to Mr. Dunne's inappropriate commentary on NextDoor: <https://www.durbanmom.com/jforum/posts/list/1129787.page>

Now, let's turn to Mr. Dunne's name. For the first 46 years of his life, his name was Matthew Stanton Dunne III. On September 22, 2022, the Fairfax County Circuit Court entered

an Order legally changing his name to “Mateo Oramas Reyes Dunne.” See attached Order. In an interview he recently gave to an online publication, he explained that he changed his name out of appreciation for his Cuban-American in-laws and his wife for the nice way they treated him during the recent pandemic (Were they treating him poorly previously?). He explained that “Oramas” is his mother-in-law’s maiden name and “Reyes” is his wife’s maiden name. Of course, according to him, he has been married to his wife for 23 years, making one wonder why it took him 23 years to change his name. People with whom I have spoken and I find it remarkable that his name change occurred just before he announced that he would be running for the School Board position. No matter what the reason for his name change, truth be told, his manufactured Hispanic name will be what appears on the ballot. Low information voters who typically make up a significant percentage of those who vote will think they are voting for a Hispanic man - the race and ethnicity of a candidate are something voters consider in reality. This assumption will be false. I have spoken to numerous Hispanic people from a housekeeper to those in high level positions and the verdict is unanimous: they all find this action on the part of Mr. Dunne, running for office using a manufactured Hispanic name, to be highly offensive and inappropriate. Cultural misappropriation should end a candidacy.

On January 28, 2021, Mr. Dunne testified before the Fairfax County Planning Commission concerning the proposed enactment of the zMOD Ordinance, replacing the previous Zoning Ordinance in totality. Mr. Dunne signed up for his testimony representing to the Clerk to the Planning Commission that he would be speaking on behalf of the Fairfax Federation of Citizens’ Associations (Fairfax Federation). As such, he was given 10 minutes to speak rather than the 5 minutes to which he would have been entitled had he been speaking as an individual. I’ve attached the display on the screen during the hearing as Mr. Dunne spoke by telephone, identifying Mr. Dunne as speaking for the Fairfax Federation. Planning Commission Chairman Pete Murphy introduced Mr. Dunne and told him he had 10 minutes to speak. Since it became apparent later (as explained below) that Mr. Dunne was speaking as an individual not on behalf of the Fairfax Federation, at that juncture, he could have so informed Chairman Murphy that he was speaking as an individual, whereupon the Chairman would have reduced his speaking time to 5 minutes. Mr. Dunne did not do so. Instead, he launched his prepared testimony which actually lasted 11 full minutes. After speaking for 11 minutes, Chairman Murphy interrupted him to ask him to wrap up his testimony. At that point, Mr. Dunne blurted out that he had been speaking only as an individual not on behalf of any organization. I have attached the full transcript of Mr. Dunne’s remarks. I have also provided below the link to the video of the Planning Commission testimony. You can scroll ahead to 4:36:00 to watch Mr. Dunne’s testimony for yourself. Lying to the Planning Commission to gain an extra 5 minutes of speaking time should be disqualifying for elective office in and of itself.

https://video.fairfaxcounty.gov/player/clip/1969?view_id=10&redirect=true&h=f6feec558a6c265012fd04e5d07688a6

But that is not all Mr. Dunne did on that evening. Mr. Dunne's testimony was among the most offensive I have ever heard in my almost five decades of residence in Northern Virginia. He started out by proclaiming that most of the prior speakers had been white. Since the majority of them were testifying by telephone, it is not possible for him to have credibly reached that conclusion. He went on to say that black and brown community associations "are not as well organized" as white community associations. This statement is as racist as it gets. If you don't believe me, ask African American Queenie Cox, longtime President of the New Gum Springs Civic Association. Ms. Cox has been a pillar of our community for decades. He then went on to speak as if he were speaking on behalf of "black and brown" people. Black and brown people have not appointed Mr. Dunne to speak for them. He also characterized prior elected officials as racists: "The continuing racial and socioeconomic segregation is not an accident of history, but instead the results of deliberate efforts by white elected officials decades ago to provide a high quality of life to white residents and a lesser or lower quality of life to black and brown residents." And this: "It is long past time for Fairfax County to eliminate the government policies that created and perpetuated racial and socioeconomic segregation throughout the County. Zmod is a positive first step because the current zoning regulations are put in place by racist and white supremacist officials that need to go." I showed the transcript to Gerry Hyland and he was particularly offended at the notion that he, of all people, by implication, is a white supremacist.

As a result of Mr. Dunne's testimony before the Planning Commission, the Fairfax Federation requested his resignation. At that time he was also on the Board of Directors of the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations (MVCCA). They requested his resignation as well. As a result, he resigned from the Boards of both organizations. This was also reported in the Fairfax Times at the following link: https://www.fairfaxtimes.com/articles/for-the-first-time-in-42-years-fairfax-county-is-seeking-to-modernize-zoning-ordinances/article_1e9467ca-7211-11eb-9354-f31dae5300be.html. Yet you, Senator Surovell, in your endorsement (attached), list Mr. Dunne's membership in the leadership of these organizations as laudatory without mentioning his resignation in disgrace from both of them.

Mr. Dunne has two opponents for the School Board position, Harold Sims and Stori Zimmerman. Mr. Sims registered the domain name SimsForSchoolBoard.com and has a website at that address. Stori Zimmerman registered the domain name Stori4Students.Org and has a website at that address. Either Mr. Dunne or one of his campaign officials (for whose actions Mr. Dunne is responsible) registered the domain names SimsForSchoolBoard.Org, SimsForSchoolBoard.Net, Stori4Students.Com, and Stori4Students.Net, and linked those four domain names to his campaign website so that anyone entering the wrong extension by mistake would be forwarded to Mr. Dunne's campaign website. This sort of disreputable campaign tactic is disqualifying in and of itself. When he was caught, he cut the links from those domain names to his website, but that does not change this window into Mr. Dunne's lack of character. The evidence of these actions has been preserved. It is also noteworthy that Mr. Dunne has never publicly apologized for this nefarious action.

Those of us who live in his neighborhood, Stratford Landing, know all too well about his disreputable activities. Last year, he lit a series of fires in his backyard to burn items including construction materials as well as setting fires in his front yard. The fires in his backyard emitted heavy noxious fumes that caused breathing difficulties to his neighbors. He was observed using an accelerant to start some of the fires and maintain them. Given the small size of his backyard on Camden Street, there is no location in his backyard where a fire can legally be set according to local fire regulations. Additionally, use of accelerants to start and maintain such a fire is illegal. As a result, the Fire Department was called to his house numerous times based upon complaints by his neighbors. On at least one such occasion, firemen had to pull a hose off their truck to douse the flames. One of his neighbors living behind him was a single woman. The smoke from the fires caused her severe throat irritation, so she collected evidence including photographs and videos. When Mr. Dunne observed her videoing his illegal fires, he drove over to her house on Bluedale Street to confront her and try to intimidate her, amazingly telling her that her videoing was illegal. Fortunately, other neighbors, a couple walking their dog, came up to Mr. Dunne as he was confronting his single female neighbor, to defend her in what they described as intimidating behavior, and he stormed off cursing all the way back to his car.

On another occasion last year, Mr. Dunne assaulted one of his neighbors unprovoked, pushing him twice and slugging him in the face in front of witnesses, some of whom were watching from inside their homes. When the victim made a police report, the police visited Mr. Dunne to question him. He denied that any such thing had occurred. People who lie to police officers, particularly those who are members of the Bar, are unfit to serve in an elected position. The same is true of those who willfully break the law such as by setting and maintaining illegal fires, at least one of which damaged electrical equipment attached to a telephone pole in front of his house. Those of us who live in Stratford Landing were particularly concerned that a fire truck had to douse a fire that should never have been set. Heaven forbid that fire truck could have been needed to actually douse a real fire in our neighborhood where lives were at stake.

Stori Zimmerman has served on the Stratford Landing Citizens' Association (SLCA) Executive Committee (EC) with Mr. Dunne for the past 5 years. During that period of time, Ms. Zimmerman has had zero interactions with Mr. Dunne outside SLCA EC meetings. So it came as quite a surprise when on April 2nd, Mr. Zimmerman answered a knock on the door of their home and opened the door to find Mr. Dunne standing there requesting to speak to Ms. Zimmerman. He had not phoned in advance or emailed before just showing up. He was asked to leave. This is an unfortunate habit of Mr. Dunne. A number of Stratford Landing residents have been subjected to the same behavior by Mr. Dunne, appearing uninvited at their front door and exhibiting intimidating behavior. It always comes off as extremely creepy and as an attempt to intimidate. This is not the behavior of a person fit for elective office.

I had a personal interaction with Mr. Dunne that I found particularly disturbing. During the controversy concerning the efforts of the Board of Supervisors to place road blocks in the way of the American Horticultural Society selling the River Farm property, a woman named Anna Farfara Wilson who does not live in Stratford Landing submitted information in favor of

the proposed action of the Board of Supervisors and her comments were distributed on the Stratford Landing list serve. When I received Ms. Wilson's comments, I immediately requested that the Stratford Landing Executive Committee distribute my comments in opposition to the proposed Board of Supervisors action which were thoughtful and replete with case citations. The Executive Committee refused to distribute my comments and it was Mr. Dunne who perfunctorily gave me the back of his hand as the Vice President of the SLCA stating that they would not distribute the comments and that was the end of the discussion. People who refuse to allow opposing views on an issue to be revealed to people of interest should not be serving our community in an elected position. Upon your request, I'll provide the email string.

While it is of concern that both of you endorse and promote Mr. Dunne's candidacy, it is even more noteworthy who doesn't. Paul Krizek initially endorsed Mr. Dunne but once he learned the truth, has withdrawn his endorsement. Neither Dan Storck nor Gerry Hyland has endorsed Mr. Dunne.

So I think you ought to revisit your thinking concerning what justification there could possibly be to support the candidacy of "Mateo" Dunne to represent us on the School Board. This has nothing to do with politics but everything to do with character, and in this case, utter lack of character. I urge you to re-think your positions and give serious thought toward urging Mr. Dunne to withdraw his candidacy. I guarantee you that if it hasn't yet occurred, your reputations in the community will soon be tarnished by your support of Mr. Dunne's candidacy.

Very truly yours,

H. Jay Spiegel

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Attachments

cc: Delegate Paul Krizek (DelPKrizek@house.virginia.gov)
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Supervisor Dan Storck (dan.storck@fairfaxcounty.gov)
Mount Vernon Gazette (mkimm@connectionnewspapers.com)
Bryan Graham, Chairman Fairfax Democratic Party (chair@fairfaxdems.org)
Ms. Queenie Cox (queenecox@aol.com)

VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF FAIRFAX COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE CHANGE OF NAME OF :
MATTHEW STANTON DUNNE III : CL No. 2022 12706
to MATEO ORAMAS REYES DUNNE :

FINAL ORDER

This day came the petitioner, seeking to change his name.

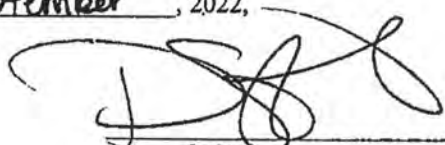
IT APPEARING to the Court that:

The current address of the petitioner is 8701 Camden St., Fort Hunt (Fairfax County), Virginia 22308 and the petitioner has never previously had a change of name.

ADJUDGED, ORDERED AND DECREED that the name of the petitioner is hereby changed from MATTHEW STANTON DUNNE III to MATEO ORAMAS REYES DUNNE, and further

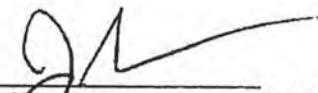
ADJUDGED, ORDERED AND DECREED that the Clerk of this Court, pursuant to the provisions of Virginia Code §8.01-217 shall spread this order upon the current deed book, index it in both the old and new names, and transmit a certified copy to both the State Registrar of Vital Statistics and the Criminal Records Exchange.

Entered this 22nd day of September, 2022,



Judge

I ASK FOR THIS:



Joseph Shannon, Esq., counsel for Petitioner
Matthew Stanton Dunne III

9/27/2022 cc: TNSP/vr/le

On the Phone

Matthew Dunne

Representing: Fairfax County

Federation of Citizens Associations



AGENDA: ZMod Updates.

**If you would like to testify as a part of
this Public Hearing, call 703-324-1020**

Email Text From Sherry Nachnani

My name is Sherry Nachnani, an education advocate, parent of a 2022 graduate from Mount Vernon High School, member of the FCPS School Health Advisory Committee (SHAC), and former PTSA President at Walt Whitman Middle School and Mount Vernon High School (MVHS). I have been recognized on numerous occasions by the Northern VA District PTA for many accomplishments that I brought to our students and families at MVHS (<https://mountvernonhsptsa.ptboard.com/school/cm?mid=3112>). I have advocated tirelessly to improve academic quality on behalf of the students at MVHS, in collaboration with current School Board Rep, Karen Corbett Sanders, whom I know well.

First, I'd like to make clear that I initially supported and hosted Matt Dunne's campaign kick-off, but have since changed my position after many, many concerning behaviors I began to witness, some of which I can discuss, and others I choose not to disclose. I am also emailing because I am still deeply connected to many students, families, and staff in the MV Pyramid, and believe you must understand some background information that I hope you will seriously consider when selecting our next School Board representative.

To begin, coordinated right wing extremists began fueling money, hate, and misinformation into school boards nationwide over the past three years; ours was not immune. One group that formed locally, and still exists, is OpenFCPS. This radical group and others began disrupting our school board meetings with outrageous tactics (you may already be familiar). Their issues are broad and wide: anti-science, anti-masks, anti-vaccines, anti-COVID, anti-LGBTQ rights, anti-sex education, anti-public schools, anti-Critical Race Theory (not taught in FCPS), anti-social emotional learning, pro-book banning, and on and on.

This group has caused anger and incitement which caused our school board to experience threats to their lives, including our teachers and parents who stood up to them across the county. They spread their hate and misinformation anywhere and everywhere they could, especially Fox News and other conservative media outlets. They doxxed (published identifying information-name, address, phone number- with malicious intent) FCPS teachers and LGBTQ students, including my own daughter on social media. They contacted employers of parents who tried to stand up to them, attempting to get them fired. They would take videos of license plate numbers on our vehicles when we attended school board meetings. They doxxed a former FCPS student, a freshman in college, for supporting FCPS LGBTQ high school students, and outed him to his parents. It was extremely terrifying. Unless you've experienced this personally, I fear you cannot understand the severity of this group's actions. These well-funded extremists and their misinformation is what elected Gov Youngkin. I have provided OpenFCPS Coalition's contributions to demonstrate their funding sources: <https://www.vpap.org/committees/374310/open-fcps-coalition/>. I have also included a document, for your background, that several parents began maintaining at the height of the right wing extremists agitation.

When Matt Dunne decided to run for SB, he asked for my support, and I agreed. I knew Matt from years ago through my PTA capacity, although I had not seen or heard from him in years. I hosted his campaign launch at my home on March 25, 2023, and began providing him with pertinent data relevant to improving our schools and shaping policies. I met with Mr. Dunne for hours, specifically, on March 1, 2023, where I had a very frank discussion with him on the needs of the MV pyramid, and extensively warned him about the OpenFCPS group and their tactics.

On March 27, 2023, Mr. Dunne, during a phone call, informed me that he was reaching out to OpenFCPS to "form an alliance." He continued to say that he knew I would not approve, but wanted to let me know because he now "has a republican opponent." I was floored and confused. A few days later, I found it in the best interest of my family to remove my support for Mr. Dunne. This was not the sole reason; however, Mr. Dunne also began to play dirty politics against his Democrat opponent, which, in some instances, was extremely unethical.

On April 20, 2023, a parent who has been endlessly threatened by this group (these people actually created a faux social media account under the name of her deceased child to torment her), confirmed that Mr. Dunne JOINED the OpenFCPS closed group on March 10, 2023. Please note, Mr. Dunne is trying to say that he innocently "followed" this and other "educational" groups; however, he had to request admission and obtain approval from their admins to gain entry into the OpenFCPS group. OpenFCPS is not an educational group either; a fact Mr. Dunne was well aware of. He was recently confronted by some parents and Dems regarding his affiliation with this group, and has since tried to spin his way out of the web he's weaved. In addition, Mr. Dunne met with this group on or around April 14, 2023, to request an endorsement and monetary donations towards his campaign; a member of this group outed him. Region 3 does not need this type of representation, one who colludes with anti-public school groups. This is not a "there are good people on both sides" argument. Where have we heard that before?

On April 19, 2023, it was brought to my attention that Mr. Dunne filed his campaign finance report, claiming that I provided a \$10,000 campaign contribution for hosting his campaign kick-off. My contribution was approximately \$150, for which I have receipts. Mr. Dunne never discussed such a large donation with me. I was blindsided. It appears this was an attempt to make his fundraising efforts appear much larger than his opponent, to misrepresent. I sent Mr. Dunne an email on April 19, 2023, asking him to amend his report. I heard nothing from him. On April 24, 2023, the report was still inaccurate, so I contacted the VA Dept of Elections requesting a correction, which has since been properly updated. These actions are concerning as a SB member is responsible for managing the \$3 billion+ school budget, what else could he attempt to misrepresent?

Finally, this group and other right wing activists launched a recall on three of our elected school board members. Their behavior has terrorized teachers and administrators and exacerbated a situation leading to the mass exodus of teachers, which has a direct effect on the quality of the education our children receive. So, I do not take the actions of Mr. Dunne lightly, nor do I accept

the numerous justifications his supporters are attempting to offer on his behalf, for I know better.

Many Dem leaders are aware of Mr. Dunne's actions (and more), and continue to publicly support him for which I have no explanation. Perhaps it's fear of losing credibility, or embarrassment, or being easily deceived, or investing so much of their personal time that they hope his conduct will change. For me, the stakes are too high, and we will have to agree to disagree. Our children should come first, not politics or blind loyalty.

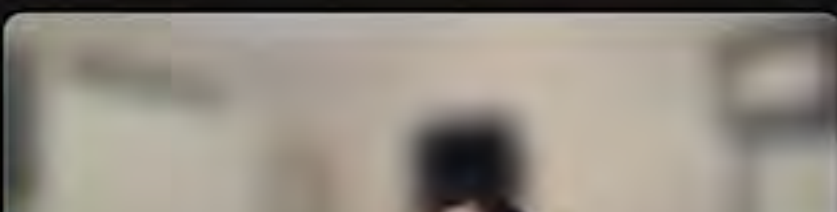
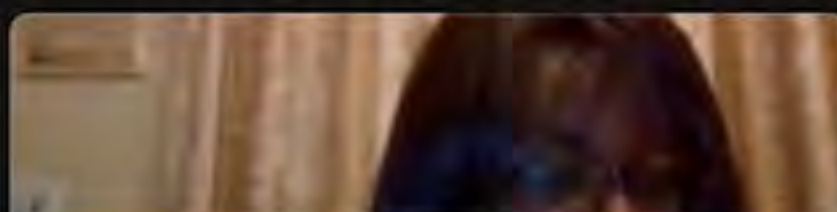
Sometimes a person's temperament, character and ethics have to supersede someone's perceived experience.

I appreciate your time, and am happy to speak to anyone individually if necessary.

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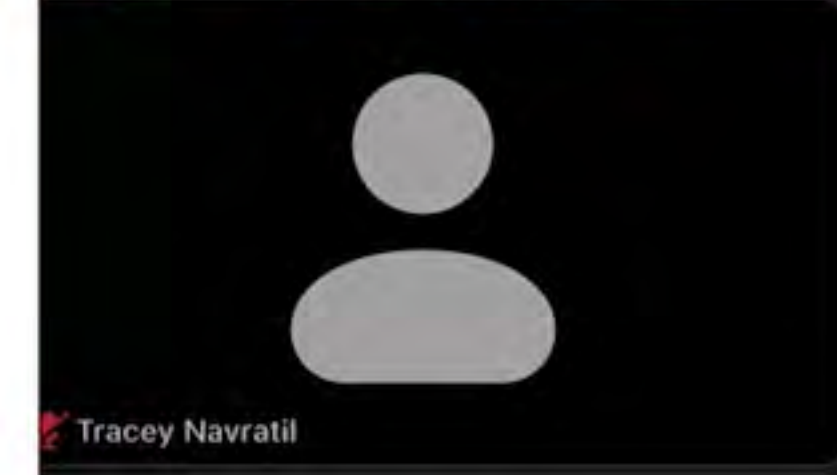
Steve Chaconas



Stori Zimmerman



David Temple



Tracey Navratil



Lee Kinzer



Jaffee White



Replies

Me to Everyone

SC

News Flash Dunne...our schools are not world class.

New Replies

Sherry Nachnani to Everyone

SN

Mr. Dunne misrepresented his campaign finance report by claiming I gave him at \$10,000 in-kind donation for hosting a wine and cheese campaign kick-off. The real amount was \$150. What will he do with our school budget?

Valerie Wohlleben to Everyone

VW

Great job, Ms. Cox!

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Reply...



Who can see your messages? Recording On

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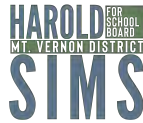
Karlee Renninger



Rev. Harold E. Sims Jr.



Mateo Dunne



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Phone Number: (202) 907-4457

Sims Raises Concerns about his Opponents Coordination with Extremist Groups, Inaccurate Financial Reports, and Donations to Republican Candidates; Responds to inaccurate statements from Dunne Campaign

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Mount Vernon, VA April 24, 2023 - Following a series of disturbing revelations related to Mount Vernon School Board candidate Mateo Dunne's membership in the extremist group OpenFCPS, who collaborates with Coalition for TJ, fellow candidate Harold Sims issued the following statement:

"I was disturbed to learn that Mr. Dunne is a member of this extremist group, especially in light of the fact that despite seeking the Democratic endorsement he is not a member of the Fairfax County Democratic Committee. These groups have attempted to recall elected Democrats, espoused racial division, denied science, and are actively suing our School Board (See attachment A).

These revelations, combined with the fact that Mr. Dunne falsified his campaign finance reports, donated thousands of dollars to Republican candidates for office in our Commonwealth, made multiple donations to Republican candidates for President, and has lead a campaign that has consistently issued false and misleading statements, make Mr. Dunne unqualified to continue to seek the Democratic endorsement.

I applaud those who have already withdrawn their support for Mr. Dunne and requested that their endorsements be removed from his platforms in light of these revelations."

Local education advocate and former Mount Vernon High School PTSA leader Sherry Nachnani, who hosted Mr. Dunne's campaign launch, shared the following statement after learning that Mr. Dunne had falsified his campaign finance report (**See attachment B**) to reflect a \$10,000 donation from her:

"I hosted Mr. Dunne's campaign launch, as I have done for many Democratic candidates in Mount Vernon. The total amount of funds expended on the event was less than \$150 dollars. I was shocked to see that contribution reported as a

\$10,000 donation. I requested that Mr. Dunne amend the report, but received no response. I have found his behavior over the course of this campaign to be alarming, and do not feel that he is temperamentally fit to serve on our School Board. I am now supporting Harold Sims in the Democratic endorsement process, and urge others to do the same.”

Despite his public claims to the contrary, Mr. Dunne joined the OpenFCPS community in March of 2023 (**see attachment C**), and has solicited both their financial support as well as their participation in the Democratic endorsement process. This is well after their recall efforts of elected Democrats, and litigation against the current School Board. Acceptance into the OpenFCPS community requires a voluntary application, and approval by a moderator, which Mr. Dunne sought and received. This is especially alarming considering Mr. Dunne chose to not seek out membership of FCDC or other mainstream FCPS online communities (**see attachment D**).

Mr. Dunne has donated thousands of dollars to Republican candidates in Virginia, including the former Chair of the Virginia Republican Party (**see attachment E**). Mr. Dunne has previously supported Republican candidates for President (**see attachment F**).

Additionally, in recent days Mr. Dunne and his campaign have issued multiple official statements that are both misleading, and reflective of the temperament and judgment that he would bring to the School Board; including alleging that his opponent does not support the rights of LGBTQIA+ individuals, and had previously made official endorsements of a Republican candidate in Prince William County. In response, Sims issues the following statement:

“Like many in our community, including many of our current elected democrats, I am a person of faith. I am an ordained Itinerant Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church and serve as an associate at First AME Church of Alexandria. I have always been an advocate for the acceptance of all people, regardless of gender or sexual identity. As a member of the School Board I will be a champion for LGBTQIA+ rights.” Sims continued, ***“Additionally, in response to Mr. Dunne’s allegations that I officially endorsed Prince William County Supervisor Yesli Vega, that is an extreme mischaracterization of my relationship with Supervisor Vega. While we are both employed at the Prince William County Sheriff’s Department, when she ran for Congress many of her views became extreme to the degree that I restricted our relationship to the professional collaboration required for each of us to do our jobs. I disavow the many indefensible statements that she has previously made, and will wholeheartedly endorse her Democratic opponent once the primaries have concluded.”***

These disqualifying actions are in addition to Mr. Dunne’s other numerous, well documented, and problematic policy positions and campaign activities that are directly opposed to the values of the Democratic Party. As a result, a number of those who had previously endorsed Mr. Dunne have withdrawn their support, and their endorsements have been removed from his platforms.

Attachment A.

https://pacificlegal.org/case/coalition_for_tj/

Attachment B.

Nachnani, Sherry 9326 Old Mansion Rd. Alexandria, VA 22309	1. Self-Employed 2. Nurse 3. Alexandria, Virginia 4. Event venue rental, catering, support services 5. Fair Market Value	03/12/2023	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Total This Period			\$10,000.00	

Attachment C.

← Mateo Dunne



Mateo Dunne
Member of Open Fairfax County Schools
#OpenFCPS (Fairfax County Parents
Association) since March 10, 2023



Attachment D.

Attachment E.

Contribution(s) Totalling \$2,800

Democratic	\$500
Republican	\$2,300
Other	\$0

Amount	Committee
\$2,100	Frederick for Delegate - Jeffrey
\$300	McKay for Fairfax County Supervisors Chair - Jeff
\$200	Frederick for Senate - Jeff

Donations Reported by Frederick for Delegate - Jeffrey
Total: \$2,100

Amount	Date
\$500	10/16/2007
\$500	4/11/2007
\$250	10/21/2006
\$250	9/11/2008
\$250	12/19/2006
\$250	9/17/2005
\$50	6/30/2002
\$50	10/27/2003

Attachment F.

DUNNE, MATTHEW S. MR.	<u>JOHN MCCAIN 2008 INC.</u>	01/08/2008	\$ 100.00	⊕
DUNNE, MATTHEW S. MR.	<u>JOHN MCCAIN 2008 INC.</u>	06/30/2007	\$ 150.00	⊕
DUNNE, MATTHEW S. MR.	<u>JOHN MCCAIN 2008 INC.</u>	05/31/2007	\$ 500.00	⊕

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Paid for and Authorized by "Friends of Harold Sims"

My Endorsement for Mt. Vernon School Board

From: Scott Surovell (scott@scottsurovell.org)

To: jayspiegel@aol.com

Date: Monday, May 1, 2023 at 11:00 AM EDT

Endorsement for Mt. Vernon District School Board

****If you wish to participate in picking the Democratic candidate for Mount Vernon School Board, you need to sign up on the link below by May 5th****

Jay:

In the last four years, Northern Virginia's teachers and students have become a political punching bag for Governor Youngkin and Attorney General Miyares. The Fairfax County School Board has been under siege with politically-motivated lawsuits and political investigations for the last four years. As a result, **only four incumbents are running for re-election** and our Mt. Vernon School Board Member Karen Corbett Sanders is not running for re-election.

Karen has done an amazing job fighting to ensure that students in our part of the county get the attention and share of resources that they deserve. I am exceptionally proud of her efforts to reform the admissions process at Thomas Jefferson H.S.S.T. which previously rarely admitted students from Carl Sandburg Middle School, Walt Whitman Middle School, Hayfield Secondary School, or Mark Twain Middle School. Before the reforms she led, two middle schools made up 20% of every class. She led the charge to obtain funds to renovate our schools. You can read more about her accomplishments in the Commending Resolution I passed this session:

[Senate Joint Resolution 409 Commending Karen Corbett Sanders](#)

Today, I join with Mt. Vernon District School Board Member Karen Corbett Sanders in endorsing Mateo Dunne to serve as the Democratic endorsed candidate for the Mt. Vernon District seat on the Fairfax County School Board. I join in my endorsement along with [Delegate Mark Sickles, Former Delegate and Fairfax County School Board Chair](#) and [Mt. Vernon Member Kristen Amundson, Fairfax County Board Chair](#) [Jeff McKay, and Former Fairfax County Board Chair Sharon Bulova.](#)



www.mateodunne.com/

Why do I support Mateo?

First, Mateo is prepared. Mateo is an attorney and litigator with the United States Government and has been involved in our community serving as Vice President of the Stafford Citizens' Association, Vice Chair of the Mt. Vernon Council of Citizens, and Vice-President of the Fairfax County Council of Citizens. His four children all either attend or attended Fairfax County Public Schools in the West Potomac H.S. Pyramid.

Second, we need people that are prepared to step into the ring and fight back when Governor Youngkin and Attorney General Miyares try to run our local school system.

- In 2016, Mateo co-led "Fully Fund Fairfax County Public Schools" - an unprecedented coalition of teachers unions, Parent Teacher Associations and advocacy groups to fight the Superintendent's proposal to eliminate high school sports, language immersion, and elementary school education from elimination due to budget pressures.
- In 2017, Mateo played a very public and leading role in the referendum to adopt a Fairfax County Meals Tax to diversify revenue sources for FCPS so funding is not as reliant on real estate taxes.
- In 2018, Mateo played a leading role in the negotiation of a new Memorandum of Understanding between FCPS and the Fairfax County Police Department to eliminate The School-to-Prison-Pipeline in Fairfax County to reduce the involvement of police in school discipline.
- He led numerous grassroots campaigns to support efforts to fund the construction and renovation of Mt. Vernon's schools and eliminate trailers.
- He served as the Chair of the Design & Construction Committee for West Potomac H.S.'s \$35 million renovation and expansion that added 71,000 SF of space, eliminated 18 trailers and relieved overcrowding.

Going forward, Mateo has made clear that he intends to fight for progress in FCPS by **increasing teachers salaries, implementing universal preschool education on U.S. 1, and fighting all efforts to divert public resources to private education.** If you would like to make your own judgment, you can watch the recent public forum where the candidates discussed the issues:

[Mt. Vernon School Board Gum Springs Forum](#)

My conclusion is that Mateo Dunne has been there to fight for Mt. Vernon's teachers and students in the past and he is the strongest candidate with the track record that demonstrates he will be there for us in the future.

How to Participate in Online Democratic Endorsement Process?

For the first time, the Fairfax County Democratic Committee (FCDC) is allowing non-members to participate in the FCDC endorsement caucus. **Voting is allowed in-person or electronically. However, in order to participate, you need to register by midnight on May 5, 2023.** You can sign up at this link:

[Register to Vote in FCDC School Board Endorsement Caucus](#)

Next, you need to vote **online between May 13 and May 20**, or **in person on May 20 only between 10 am and 4 p.m. at the South County Government Center, Room 221ABC.**

I have also endorsed three other candidates for the Democratic endorsement for the At-Large positions on the Fairfax County School Board.



Ilryong Moon



Lawrence Webb



Hamid Munir

Please sign up today to vote online.

Scott S.

Paid for and authorized by Surovell for State Senate

Surovell For State Senate
PO Box 289
Mt. Vernon, VA 22121
United States

If you believe you received this message in error or wish to no longer receive email from us,
please [unsubscribe](#).

Fwd: "Mateo" Dunne

H. Jay Spiegel <jayspiegel@aol.com>
Reply-To: "H. Jay Spiegel" <jayspiegel@aol.com>
To: info@makyalittle.com, nathan@makyalittle.com

Wed, May 17, 2023 at 7:11 AM

FYI

From: jayspiegel@aol.com
To: karen@karen4schools.com, district36@senate.virginia.gov, delpkrizek@house.virginia.gov, gerryatthefarm@gmail.com, dan.storck@fairfaxcounty.gov, christine.morin@fairfaxcounty.gov, mkimm@connectionnewspapers.com, chair@fairfaxdems.org, queenecox@aol.com, sbulova@gmail.com, friendsofjeffmckay@gmail.com
Cc: jayspiegel@aol.com
Sent: 5/16/2023 3:45:10 PM Eastern Standard Time
Subject: "Mateo" Dunne

Dear Karen:

I am writing you as your long time constituent to address with you the unfortunate inappropriate level of political discourse that has arisen in the Mount Vernon District.

You have recently received two e-mails from me, one on May 5th and the other last Sunday, going into detail as to why Matt Dunne should never be elected as a member of our local School Board replacing you in that position. I have not received a substantive response from you as of yet, but on your Karen 4 Schools Facebook page you have doubled down on your support of Mr. Dunne and have attacked those that have expressed their opposition to his candidacy. Apparently, you feel it is appropriate to just ignore what you can no longer deny knowing, about Mr. Dunne's lack of character or integrity, but you are wrong - you cannot ignore it. In your Facebook post dated May 13, 2023, you say: "I am saddened to see the politics of personal destruction has [sic] invaded my beloved Mount Vernon District." I agree but what you refuse to recognize is that it is your hand-picked recruited candidate, Mr. Dunne, who is the source of that unfortunate occurrence. The evidence is clear.

I understand you recruited Mr. Dunne to replace you, apparently because you agree with his political philosophy and policy positions, but now that the truth has come out concerning Mr. Dunne's lack of character and integrity, you are unable to swallow your pride and do the right thing. I have attached to this e-mail the same attachment I provided in my e-mail to you sent last Sunday which consists of comments made by Mr. Dunne on the NextDoor page for our community where he serves as a moderator. He has since scrubbed those comments but not before screen shots were obtained. His comments arose out of his action in trimming tree branches belonging to the property of his next door neighbor, Levator Norsworthy, Jr., Esquire, an African American gentleman, who is the highly regarded Deputy General Counsel for acquisitions in the Department of the Army. A neighbor named "Shawn" who lives across the street from Mr. Dunne politely criticized him for having trimmed the tree.

Mr. Dunne took offense at Shawn making his comments and proceeded to use the most vile language I have ever seen in print. It is one thing to think vile thoughts. It is worse to say them out loud. It is even worse to write them down. And, finally, publishing them on a public forum for all to see and read is nothing short of insane. But that's exactly what Mr. Dunne did as you can see for yourself on the screenshots I have attached. This is no time for diplomacy. Here are the offensive things Mr. Dunne said to his neighbor Shawn on the publicly accessible NextDoor page:

1. Several times, he called Shawn a "common asshole."
2. He called Shawn a "dumb fuck who dresses like a schlub, thinks he is smarter than other people, and sticks his nose into other people's business."
3. He then characterizes the DNA of Shawn's children: "You married a good woman. Fortunately your kids got her DNA rather than yours."
4. He then said this: "Have a good life, shitbag."
5. That was followed up by this: "As for amends, you could start by taking your thumb out of your own ass and sucking on it".
6. Mr. Dunne then characterized Shawn as being "... no better than the assholes watching the One America Network and believing all the conspiracy bile."
7. He then described Mr. Norsworthy whose nickname is "Vate" as "an unreasonable asshole."
8. He then described Shawn as a "... piece of human garbage."

Despite all the above comments by Mr. Dunne, of which you have been fully aware, you continue to support his candidacy rather than asking him to withdraw from the election. Are we living in crazy town? What are you going to say if Mr. Dunne gets elected because the Democratic Party gives him the blue check mark and a constituent, a parent of a child being educated in our public school system, expresses to Mr. Dunne his disagreement with a position Mr. Dunne is taking on an issue and Mr. Dunne calls his constituent a shitbag or a common asshole or a piece of human garbage or starts questioning the DNA of his child or tells him to take his thumb out of his ass and suck on it? What are you going to say if someone who disagrees with Mr. Dunne is accused of being an asshole watching a conservative cable news network? How would you feel if you were attending a closed session of the School Board with Mr. Dunne on the Board, and he used similar language directed at a Board colleague with whom he disagreed? You are the one who created this monster and you are going to be held responsible if you do nothing to prevent him from ascending to a position of authority in our school system.

Then there is Mr. Dunne's name change from his birth name Matthew Stanton Dunne III to Mateo Oramas Reyes Dunne. I have spoken to numerous Hispanic people and I can't find a single one who is not outraged and offended that a white man is running for office using a manufactured Hispanic name and misappropriating Hispanic culture in so doing. His explanation for why he legally changed his name in September 2022 shortly

before announcing his candidacy for office is irrelevant. What is relevant is the perception of voters who have not been educated about the name change, in that they will think they are voting for a minority person. Truth be told some people base their voting preferences on race and ethnicity. Mr. Dunne running for office using a manufactured Hispanic name is but additional evidence of his lack of character.

I promise you this: If Mr. Dunne is on the ballot for the November election with or without the Democratic party endorsement, before early voting begins, every member of the Mount Vernon community is going to know everything discussed above about Mr. Dunne. It is all incontrovertible. These are Mr. Dunne's words and Mr. Dunne's actions, and a person like that should never be permitted to be elected to a position of honor and authority. Period.

If you want your legacy to be judged by your unwavering support of Mr. Dunne, that is your decision to make. If that is what you decide to do, you will be the first politician I have ever heard of who served for a number of years in political office and then decided to willingly trash whatever legacy they might claim to have by supporting a person like Mr. Dunne to replace them in office.

Perhaps you will now re-think your position and do what is best for your constituents in your "beloved Mount Vernon District" as you put it. If you don't, you will no doubt pay the political price. Perhaps one or more of the politicians I've copied will encourage you to do the right thing. I know I'm not the only one who has contacted you in this regard. You need to listen to us & take action. Now.

Very truly yours,

H. Jay Spiegel



DunneNextDoorComments&VatInfo.pdf

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7/22/23, 7:07 PM

Subject: **Re: "Mateo" Dunne**
Date: 5/9/2023 7:16:06 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: jayspiegel@aol.com
To: chair@fairfaxdems.org

Dear Mr. Graham:

Thank you for your response. If you read my 6 page single spaced letter replete with documenting links and accompanied by numerous attached documents, you could not avoid being repulsed by the notion that "Mateo" Dunne could become a member of our School Board and might carry the Democratic Party endorsement to assist him in achieving that goal. My letter makes no mention of Mr. Dunne's views on the issues. It is all about his behavior which is abhorrent. Hopefully the voters will be educated to reject such a character-challenged person.

H. Jay Spiegel

In a message dated 5/9/2023 6:11:35 PM Eastern Standard Time, chair@fairfaxdems.org writes:

Mr. Spiegel,

I receive complaints and concerns about Democratic candidates of all types, real and perceived. I do not have individual controlling power on who is endorsed, but my responsibility is to the process through which we decide the endorsement. Of course we want candidates of quality to be our endorsees and nominees.

Bryan Graham
Chair, Fairfax County Democratic Committee
703-349-1433
fairfaxdemocrats.org

On Tue, May 9, 2023 at 4:58 PM H. Jay Spiegel <jayspiegel@aol.com> wrote:

Dear Mr. Graham:

I am surprised that none of the recipients of my letter sent last Friday has as yet responded on the merits. I am forwarding it to you again herewith. In my opinion, the honesty and integrity of a political candidate are always more important than their ideology or opinions on issues of importance to a community. I trust you agree with my view on this subject and will ensure that the Fairfax Democratic Party will not endorse a candidate for elective office who is so deficient in these categories.

H. Jay Spiegel

From: jayspiegel@aol.com
To: kcorbettsan@fcps.edu, district36@senate.virginia.gov
Cc: jayspiegel@aol.com, delpkrizek@house.virginia.gov, gerryatthefarm@gmail.com,
dan.storck@fairfaxcounty.gov, christine.morin@fairfaxcounty.gov, mkimm@connectionnewspapers.com,

7/22/23, 7:07 PM

chair@fairfaxdems.org, queenecox@aol.com

Sent: 5/5/2023 8:26:44 AM Eastern Standard Time

Subject: "Mateo" Dunne

Dear Ms. Corbett Sanders & Senator Surovell:

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Very truly yours,

H. Jay Spiegel
P.O. Box 11
Mount Vernon, VA 22121

7/22/23, 7:07 PM

Subject: Fw: "Mateo" Dunne
Date: 5/10/2023 8:29:47 AM Eastern Daylight Time
From: jayspiegel@aol.com
To: friendsofjeffmckay@gmail.com

Dear Jeff:

I find it disturbing that you have endorsed "Mateo" Dunne for the position of School Board representative from the Mount Vernon District. It appears you are familiar with his policy positions but are unfamiliar with him as a person. Integrity counts and I have no doubt that after you read my letter with its links and attachments which I'm forwarding herewith, you will be hard-pressed to find any integrity. This is an important election and since you represent me as Chairman at large, I thought it would be appropriate to educate you about Mr. Dunne. This has nothing to do with ideology and everything to do with integrity. I trust you will now reconsider your endorsement. Nether Dan Storck nor Gerry Hyland has endorsed Mr. Dunne & Paul Krizek withdrew his endorsement. Enough said.

H. Jay Spiegel

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: H. Jay Spiegel <jayspiegel@aol.com>
To: "klcorbettsan@fcps.edu" <klcorbettsan@fcps.edu>; "district36@senate.virginia.gov" <district36@senate.virginia.gov>
Cc: "jayspiegel@aol.com" <jayspiegel@aol.com>; "delpkrizek@house.virginia.gov" <delpkrizek@house.virginia.gov>; "gerryatthefarm@gmail.com" <gerryatthefarm@gmail.com>; "dan.storck@fairfaxcounty.gov" <dan.storck@fairfaxcounty.gov>; "christine.morin@fairfaxcounty.gov" <christine.morin@fairfaxcounty.gov>; "mkimm@connectionnewspapers.com" <mkimm@connectionnewspapers.com>; "chair@fairfaxdems.org" <chair@fairfaxdems.org>; "queenecox@aol.com" <queenecox@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, May 5, 2023 at 08:26:44 AM EDT
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7/22/23, 7:08 PM

Subject: **Fwd: "Mateo" Dunne**
Date: 5/11/2023 7:53:18 AM Eastern Daylight Time
From: jayspiegel@aol.com
To: sbulova@gmail.com, bulova_s@yahoo.com

Dear Sharon:

I'm writing to forward you a letter replete with links and attachments, demonstrating the unfitness of "Mateo" Dunne to hold any elective office. When I first saw that you had endorsed Mr. Dunne, I asked Gerry Hyland to meet with me so I could share with him what I knew about Mr. Dunne. We met in the conference room of Dan Storck's office. I won't speak for Gerry but my impression was that he shared my concerns after seeing the evidence. I asked him to share the info with you but don't know if he did so.

I testified before the Board many times during your tenure, and know you to be a person of great integrity. As such, I couldn't imagine you endorsing Mr. Dunne had you known the facts about him. I'd appreciate your reading my letter, clicking on the links and viewing the attachments. Once you do, I know you'll do the right thing re your endorsement. Integrity is always more important than ideology, at least that is my view.

Thanks for your service to Fairfax County.

Regards,

H. Jay Spiegel

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7/22/23, 7:09 PM

Subject: **Fwd: "Mateo" Dunne**
Date: 5/14/2023 6:51:20 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: jayspiegel@aol.com
To: karen@karen4schools.com
Cc: jayspiegel@aol.com

FYI

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queenecox@aol.com, sbulova@gmail.com
Sent: 5/14/2023 6:04:13 PM Eastern Standard Time
Subject: Re: "Mateo" Dunne

Dear All:

Following up on my email of May 5, 2023, I've attached a remarkable string of comments from Mr. Dunne which are, frankly, repulsive.

I've also included in the scan, professional information concerning Levator Norseworthy, Jr., Mr. Dunne's next door neighbor who is referred to in the comments by his nickname "Vate." Vate is an African American man, a highly respected attorney in the Defense Department, Army division, where he serves as Deputy General Counsel for Acquisitions. The info about Vate shows that he has won significant awards and honors. He is a low key, nice guy living in the Stratford Landing neighborhood.

Mr. Dunne asked Vate if Mr. Dunne could trim some branches of a tree in Vate's yard that were extending over Mr. Dunne's property line and blocking the sun from some solar panels on Mr. Dunne's roof. Vate would not give permission fearing for the health of the tree, so Mr. Dunne waited until Vate was away and hired a tree firm which did the trimming without permission. Note that Mr. Dunne refers to Vate as an "unreasonable asshole."

In the string of comments, "Shawn" is Mr. Dunne's across the street neighbor. The comments appeared in a local NextDoor page where Mr. Dunne is a moderator. A person whose identity is confidential, captured the screen shot images and posted them on their Twitter account page.

Anyone who would even think the things said by Mr. Dunne on the string is unfit for office. Anyone who would actually publish comments like those in a public forum has poor judgment and should never hold elective office.

If you haven't done so already, I strongly suggest you urge Mr. Dunne to withdraw his candidacy. I can assure you that everything I've provided you will be publicized which will not reflect well on the Democratic Party or anyone who has endorsed Mr. Dunne. Do the right thing, now. Integrity & honesty matter. And they matter more than ideology or policy positions.

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Deputy General Counsel - Acquisition



Mr. Levator Norsworthy, Jr. was appointed to the Senior Executive Service in January 1998 and currently serves as Deputy General Counsel (Acquisition) where he assists the General Counsel in providing advice and counsel to all Army Secretariat officials to include the Secretary of the Army, the Army Acquisition Executive, the Army Chief Information Officer, and their staffs.

The provision of legal advice encompasses a variety of functional areas such as federal procurement law, major weapon system acquisition, military construction, research and development, developmental and operational testing, logistics, international cooperative programs, security assistance, competitive sourcing, and contingency contracting.

Career Chronology

- Jun 1995 – Dec 1997: Chief Counsel, U.S. Army Communications and Electronics Command, Washington Operations Office, Alexandria, VA
- Aug 1991 – Jun 1995: Command Counsel, U.S. Army Contracting Command-Europe, Heidelberg, Germany
- Jul 1990 – Aug 1991: Senior Trial Attorney, Contract Appeals Division, Office of the Judge Advocate General, Washington DC
- Jul 1988 – Jul 1990: Gilbert A. Cuneo Professor of Contract Law & Chairman of the Contract Law Division, The Judge Advocate General's School, Charlottesville, VA
- Jun 1985 – Jul 1987: Staff Judge Advocate, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) and Fort Drum, Fort Drum, NY
- Oct 1973 – Jun 1985: Served in a variety of managerial and litigation-related assignments with the U.S. Army Trial Defense Service the 2d Infantry Division, the Office of the Judge Advocate General's Litigation Division, and Contract Appeals Division.

College

- J.D., University of Cincinnati, College of Law, Cincinnati, OH
- B.S., Business Administration – Economics, University of Dayton, Dayton OH

Certifications

- Admitted to Practice
 - District of Columbia
 - State of Ohio, (inactive)
 - United States Supreme Court
 - United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
 - United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
 - United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
 - United States Court of Federal Claims

Awards and Honors

- Presidential Rank Award – Distinguished Executive, 2010
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- DA Award for Exceptional Civilian Service, 2001

Professional Memberships and Associations

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7/22/23, 7:11 PM

Subject: **Matt Dunne**
Date: 5/20/2023 6:59:07 AM Eastern Daylight Time
From: jayspiegel@aol.com
To: gerryatthefarm@gmail.com

Gerry:

Matt Dunne claims you are endorsing him. See below. After what you saw at our meeting and subsequent revelations, could this possibly be true? You said to me there was no way you would endorse him after reading the transcript of his Planning Commission testimony in which he characterized gov't officials during your era on the Board as racists & white supremacists re administration of the former zoning ordinance.

Jay

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During the NAACP candidate forum today, I was asked about endorsements by Rep. Gerry Connolly and Del. Paul Krizek. Let me be clear that although I had positive conversations with both officials, they have both decided to remain neutral in this race. I apologize for any confusion that my impromptu response to an unexpected question may have caused. Neither are endorsing anyone in this School Board campaign.

I am proud to have the confidence and endorsements of the Fairfax County elected officials who have made Fairfax County a great place to live, work, play, and retire:

- Scott Surovell - State Senator (36th District);
- Mark Sickles - Delegate (43rd District);
- Gerry Hyland - Supervisor (Mt Vernon) (1987-2015);
- Jeff McKay - Chairman, Board of Supervisors;
- Sharon Bulova - former Chairman, Board of Supervisors;
- Karen Corbett Sanders - School Board Member (Mt Vernon);
- Kris Amundson - former Delegate (44th District), former School Board Member (Mt Vernon);
- Megan McLaughlin - School Board Member (Braddock); and
- Stella Pekarsky - School Board Member (Sully).

I am also proud to have the confidence of the community and education leaders with whom I have worked to strengthen our public schools and to sustain a high

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- Kathy Lehner (former President, Stratford Landing Citizens Association);
- Bill Barfield (former President, Fairfax Federation of Citizens Associations);
- Jane Miscavage (former President, Fairfax County Council DTA)



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7/22/23, 7:12 PM

Subject: **Mateo Dunne**
Date: 5/22/2023 4:32:08 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: jayspiegel@aol.com
To: gerryatthefarm@gmail.com

Dear Gerry:

I found the endorsement pasted below today on Mateo Dunne's website. To say I am astonished is an understatement. We met in Dan Storck's conference room & I gave you the info I had. You read it all in my presence. When you read the transcript of Dunne's testimony, you took note of his statements calling the government officials who had created, amended and administered the zoning ordinance racists & white supremacists. You looked up and said "I'm a white supremacist?" I asked you if you could possibly endorse a person like Dunne. You simply replied: "NO WAY." If Dunne's website is accurate, you've now endorsed him. If this is true, I find it amazing that the "Leader Who Listens" values ideology more than lack of character, honesty & integrity. Say it ain't so, Gerry.

Jay

Gerry Hyland
Fmr. Supervisor (Mt.
Vernon)

ENDORSEMENT

"While on the Board, I saw firsthand Mateo Dunne advocate effectively for our public schools. I am happy to join my colleagues endorsing Mateo Dunne to become the next Mount Vernon District representative on the School Board. He has consistently advocated for full funding for our public schools and to ensure a world-class education for all children."