



## Endorsement Questionnaire Preview

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*This document provides a preview of the questions contained in the LGBT+ Democrats of Virginia endorsement questionnaire. Questionnaires must be submitted using the form on our website at <https://lgbtvadem.org/endorsements/questionnaire>. Questionnaires submitted via other methods will not be accepted. This document is for planning purposes only and is provided as a courtesy to candidates and campaigns.*

### Candidate Information

First Name\*  
Last Name\*  
Phone\*  
Email\*  
Office Sought\*  
Locality\*  
District (Local or Legislative)\*

### Campaign Information

Address (Street, City, State, Zip)\*  
Campaign Website URL\*  
Contribution Page URL  
Mobilize URL  
Facebook Page URL  
Instagram URL  
Bluesky URL

### Campaign Manager Information

First Name  
Last Name  
Phone  
Email

### Race and Election Information

Type of Office (Partisan or Non-Partisan)\*  
Candidacy Type (Incumbent, Challenger, Open Seat)\*  
Primary/Endorsement Information (Nominee, Local Party Endorsement, In Primary, None)\*  
Primary Election Information\*

General Election Information\*

More Information (If “None” selected above)\*

Local Democratic Committee Endorsement Confirmation (Online Announcement, Contact Chair)

URL of Announcement (If selected above)\*

Chair’s Contact Information (If selected above\*)

## **Biographic Information**

Previous Offices Held (List)

Identification as Openly LGBT+ (Yes or No)\*

LGBT+ Democrats of Virginia Membership (Yes, No, Unsure)\*

Endorsement by LGBT+ Organizations (Yes, No)\*

List of Endorsements by LGBT+ Organizations (If “Yes” selected above)\*

Attachment of Biography (Upload)

## **Position Questions**

*For each question, options of “Yes,” “No”, and “Unsure” are provided as well as a textbox to provide a statement. Both portions (answer and statement) are required for each question.*

**Your Non-Discrimination Policies:** Have you, or will you, establish a written non-discrimination policy for your campaign or office staff and volunteers, inclusive of protections based on sexual orientation and gender identity?

**Protecting Equal Access to Public Services:** Do you believe public employees should be permitted to refuse to provide government services based on personal religious beliefs, even when doing so may deny individuals equal access to such services?

**Preserving Free Speech and Expression:** Legislation passed or proposed in other states prohibiting drag shows and similar LGBT+ performances violates constitutionally protected rights of speech and expression, and many of these laws have been ruled unconstitutional or otherwise blocked by federal courts. Do you oppose any legislation or other attempts to prohibit performances of this type?

**Prohibiting Bans on LGBT+ Individuals from Military Service:** The Trump administration is currently asking the Supreme Court to allow its ban on transgender service members to move forward. The ban was initially blocked by a lower federal court but allowed to continue by the Supreme Court pending a final decision. The opportunity to serve should not be subject to the whim of a sitting president. Do you support legislation prohibiting bans on LGBT+ individuals from military service?

**Removing Marriage Discrimination:** Virginia has yet to remove marriage discrimination from our constitution. Even though President Biden signed the Respect for Marriage Act, should the U.S. Supreme Court overturn Obergefell v. Hodges as it did Roe v. Wade, same-sex couples would lose the right to marry within the Commonwealth. Do you support amending the Constitution of Virginia to remove marriage discrimination?

**Providing Comprehensive Family Life Education:** While most Virginia school divisions offer Family Life Education (FLE), many do not incorporate sexual orientation or gender identity into

their curriculum. Do you support all school divisions offering comprehensive, age-appropriate FLE inclusive of sexual orientation and gender identity?

**Preventing Bullying and Harassment:** Virginia lacks explicit statewide protections against bullying and harassment of LGBT+ students in public schools. Local school divisions have the authority to enact inclusive policies against bullying and harassment based on sexual orientation and gender identity. Do you support explicitly protecting LGBT+ students from bullying and harassment in state law and local policies?

**Protecting Transgender Students:** Youngkin's administration co-opted legislatively mandated model policies intended to protect transgender students to, instead, misgender them, prohibit access to facilities aligning with their gender identity, and limit their access to counseling services. Legislation has also been proposed requiring school divisions to forcefully out transgender students to their parents or guardians. Do you support policies and legislation that protect transgender students?

**Inclusion of Transgender Athletes:** Although just 0.002% of college athletes publicly identify as transgender, and numerous data showing no inherent or outsized issues of fairness, the participation of transgender athletes, primarily transgender females, in sports aligning with their gender identity is a significant target for Trump and other Republicans seeking to sow fear and division among voters at the expense these athletes. Do you oppose bans that prevent transgender athletes from competing in sports according to their gender identity?

**Keeping Public Education Funds in Public Schools:** Virginia is below average in per-pupil education funding. Private schools are often religious institutions that often expose students to anti-LGBT+ instruction. Do you oppose legislation that may divert public education funding to private schools through vouchers, grants, or tax incentives?

**Ensuring Access to Gender-Affirming Care:** Leading health organizations like the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Medical Association, and the American Psychiatric Association support age-appropriate gender-affirming care to prevent depression and suicidal ideation among transgender individuals. Do you oppose any legislation that prohibits access to age-appropriate gender-affirming care?

**Ensuring Funding for HIV Prevention through Testing and Treatment:** Access to HIV testing, prevention, and treatment is vital in combating the spread of the virus. Individuals with HIV who receive proper treatment can lead long, productive lives with the virus being undetectable and untransmittable. Access to PrEP (Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis) is an important component in HIV prevention. Do you support public funding for HIV testing, prevention, and treatment?

**Supporting Women's Right to Choose:** With the U.S. Supreme Court overturning Roe v. Wade, Youngkin and other Republicans attempted to enact a 15-week abortion ban. Do you support a woman's complete bodily autonomy?

What Else Should We Know?

## **Public Bio for Website**

Candidate Photo (Upload)\*

## Public Biography

### **Feedback**

How would you rate your experience completing this questionnaire (Excellent, Good, Okay, not Good, Horrible)\*

Is there anything you'd like to share about your experience completing this questionnaire?