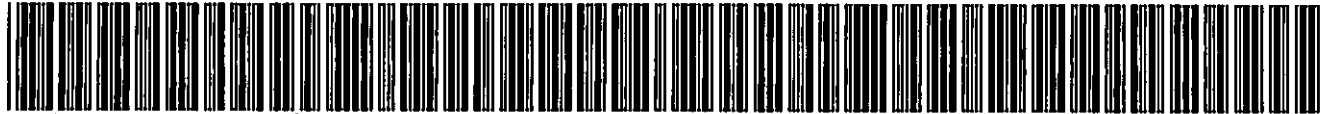


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VOTERS' GUIDE

GENERAL ELECTION TUESDAY, NOV. 3, 1998

POLLS OPEN 6 A.M. TO 7 P.M.

UNITED STATES CONGRESS

The office

TERM: Two years

SALARY: \$133,600

DUTIES: Legislative powers, with primary responsibility for raising revenue; sole power of impeachment.

The issues

■ How do you suggest we pay for the maintenance and upgrade of existing and proposed mass transit and roads to address the **TRANSPORTATION** needs throughout our region?

■ What role should the U.S. play in **PEACEKEEPING** efforts around the world?

■ How would you assure the provision of quality **HEALTH CARE** for families covered by managed care and HMO systems?

■ What is your stand on unlimited **DONATIONS** to the political parties from corporations, labor unions and wealthy individuals (i.e., soft money)?

■ What can be done to deal with the threat of contamination of drinking **WATER** from upstream sources?

■ Express your view on any **ISSUE** you see as very important to our region or the nation.

CANDIDATES IN 8TH DISTRICT — VOTE FOR ONE

Demaris H. Miller

Republican — challenger

BIOGRAPHY: Education: B.S. Ed., U.G.A.; B.S. GMU; M.A. GMU; Ph.D. GMU. Experience: science teacher and basketball coach, Albemarle County, Va. R.N., Georgetown Hospital. Research psychologist, federal government. **TRANSPORTATION:** The one-size-fits-none approach guarantees that federal transit and highway programs will be outdated and inefficient. We must return control and the resources to

maintain and upgrade highways and mass transit projects to the states. The federal government simply cannot respond appropriately to our rapidly changing transportation needs. **PEACEKEEPING:** Peacekeeping efforts must first serve our national interest. In other worthy cases, we must insist that nations nearer to the problem bear their share of the burden first. And our National Guard should serve our national interest, not foreign governments! **HEALTH CARE:** Most of the problems health care consumers face today (high cost, restricted

coverage, rationed care) result from tax policy and from government substituting its judgment for the judgment of consumers. No one should be forced into managed care and there should be immediate recourse when any care recommendation is denied. **DONATIONS:** All campaign finance reforms proposed so far are incumbent-protection schemes. Individuals and interest groups should be unrestricted in their donations and political activities except that immediate full disclosure should be mandatory

and they must be able to prove the truthfulness of any political ads. Union dues should be used only with the written permission of the member. **WATER:** This is an excellent example of an appropriate role for the federal government. We can demand that effluent into streams meet a given standard — then tax, fine or otherwise punish violators. **ISSUE:** Children are our greatest asset. We must return control of education to the parents - who are closest and know what is best for their children. I support (1) "Dollars to the Classroom," which returns

95 percent of the funds from 31 K-12 programs to the classroom; (2) education savings accounts; and (3) "Help" scholarships that allow low-income families to choose what is best for their children.

James P. Moran Jr.

Democrat — incumbent

BIOGRAPHY: Jim Moran was re-elected to his fourth term in the U.S. House of Representatives in November of 1996. He is a member of the Appropriations Committee. Rep. Moran graduated from the University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs with a master's degree in public administration in 1970. **TRANSPORTATION:** I strongly support increased transportation funding, and have succeeded on

the Appropriations Committee in securing funds for Metro and other transportation projects, including new bus systems for Springfield and Falls Church. I am the author of legislation to create a regional transportation authority to target funds to our most pressing projects, an approach that has been endorsed by the Greater Washington Board of Trade. **PEACEKEEPING:** The United States must lead the world in fostering democracy, human rights and economic growth. We should be engaged in U.N. or multilateral peacekeeping efforts where these

objectives and U.S. interests are at stake. **HEALTH CARE:** I co-sponsored the Patients Access to Responsible Care Act (PARCA) and voted to give families in HMOs strong legal remedies against errant and abusive health care providers. **DONATIONS:** I am a co-sponsor of the Shays-Meehan Campaign Finance Reform Bill, which would ban soft money in federal campaigns and reduce the pernicious effect of money in politics. I was also one of four House members who petitioned the Federal Election Commission

to use its existing authority to ban soft money. The FEC has taken the initial steps to approve our petition. **WATER:** I have supported the Safe Drinking Water Act and full funding for the Clean Water Act's provisions to reduce agricultural run-off and other sources of non-point source pollution. I was instrumental in the Potomac River's designation as one of our nation's ten American Heritage Rivers, a status that will enhance its protection. I also support the Community Right to Know Act. **ISSUE:** Our nation has made great strides in restoring fiscal

responsibility to government, transforming a \$290 billion deficit in 1992 into a significant surplus today. The next Congress must preserve this discipline by rejecting the temptation to raid Social Security for inappropriate spending or tax cuts.

CANDIDATES IN 10TH DISTRICT — VOTE FOR ONE



Frank R. Wolf
Republican — incumbent

BIOGRAPHY: Elected to Congress 1980. Re-elected 1982, 1984, 1986, 1988, 1990, 1992, 1994, and 1996. Member, House Appropriations Committee, subcommittees on transportation (chairman), treasury, and foreign operations; Helsinki Commission; Human Rights Caucus. Former deputy assistant secretary, congressional, legislative affairs, Interior Department. Attorney. LL.B., Georgetown Law School,

1965; B.A., Penn State, 1961.
TRANSPORTATION: Because our transportation network traverses state and local jurisdictions, we need a regional solution and the leadership of the business community. I sponsored the recently held regional transportation summit and believe the appointment of a regional task force is a good start in finding ways to fund transportation improvements.
PEACEKEEPING: As the world leader, the U.S. will be called upon to be a voice of freedom for those who are silenced by persecution,

oppression and tyranny. As crisis situations arise, we also will be challenged to be peacekeepers, and if we can make a difference between peace and conflict, and protect innocent women and children, we must be prepared to lend assistance as appropriate.
HEALTH CARE: I have supported measures to provide health care consumers with basic patient protections, among others, the right to communicate openly with a medical provider; information to make informed decisions about their medical care; access to emergency care treatment; the

right to appeal health plan denials of care; disclosure of health plan treatments and services to allow consumer to compare policies and choose which plans are best for them.
DONATIONS: I have voted to ban soft money contributions to the national political parties. I am especially concerned about the influence of soft money from the gambling industry. Political power should be in the hands of the people rather than special interests.
WATER: Enactment and better coordination of responsible

measures by government and property owners is essential to protect the public health.
ISSUE: We need to work with integrity and continue to build on the balanced budget and tax reduction successes we have achieved by working to provide every American with the financial security that comes from better, more secure jobs, and being able to keep more of what they earn, and to ensure the best education and schools for our children.



Cornell W. Brooks
Democrat — challenger

BIOGRAPHY: I am a graduate of Head Start, public schools, Jackson State University, Boston University School of Theology and Yale Law School. As a fourth-generation ordained minister and public-interest attorney, my bid for Congress is an extension of my legal and ministerial commitment to public service.
TRANSPORTATION: The 10th Congressional District has

languished for too long under passive leadership. My road map to the future will unlock gridlock by utilizing contemporary funding formulas and progressive leadership to carry Virginians into the new millenium, not another traffic jam.
PEACEKEEPING: Our country is economically, politically and morally engaged around the world. We must continue to protect interests abroad. We Americans must strive to achieve our international goals on our terms and at an acceptable cost. If we relinquish our leadership role, we'd

be forced to become re-active during times of world crises, losing the pro-active advantage and paying a greater price.
HEALTH CARE: Virginian values call for medical decisions to be made by doctors and nurses, not accountants and actuaries. I will fight for a Patients' Bill of Rights that doesn't compromise care or privacy. Two consumer protections are essential: the right to appeal a denial of medical coverage and the ability to seek redress against an insurance company when improper patient treatment is mandated.
DONATIONS: Elections must be

rescued from lobbyists, special interests and PACs and returned to the people. That's why I've spent months crisscrossing the district meeting and listening to voters. I advocate a return to old-fashioned campaigning where voters meet and read about each candidate then vote their conscience. I support campaign finance reform.
WATER: Many threats to our water supply come from careless development, such as contaminated runoff from roads and construction sites. I favor the use of economic incentives, education and implementation of

best management practices to prevent contamination before it occurs.
ISSUE: Virginians are worried about quality-of-life issues such as congested roads, overcrowded schools and inaccessible healthcare. I'll move children from trailers to classrooms, fight for a Patients' Bill of Rights and bring high-wage jobs to hometown Virginia. As your congressman, I'll unlock gridlock, build schools and protect health care.



Robert A. Buchanan
Libertarian — challenger

BIOGRAPHY: Occupation: sales manager for Lance Inc. Education: Northern Virginia Community College, AAS parks and recreation management; member of Army National Guard, Marshall Fire-Rescue Department, Institute for Justice, and Jews for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership. Native Washingtonian. Age 35, single.
TRANSPORTATION: I'd get the federal government out of

transportation completely and let state and local governments handle their own needs themselves. Another alternative would be to privatize some of the major roads so other people aren't subsidizing something that somebody else is using.
PEACEKEEPING: The U.S. military should only be used to protect our borders from a potential foreign invasion. We are not the world's policemen, to intervene in disputes between other governments.
HEALTH CARE: The best way to insure quality and inexpensive care

for families is to get the government completely out of health care altogether, so competitive and innovative companies can compete for these families.
DONATIONS: I feel that any corporations, labor unions and wealthy individuals should be able to donate any amount of money to whomever they want, so long as it is known who they gave their money to.
WATER: Asking the federal government to control pollution is like having the fox guard the hen house, since the government is our biggest polluter. If anyone

contaminates your drinking water they should be held liable for the damage that they have caused.
ISSUE: I'm running for Congress as a Libertarian because I want to get government back to its original constitutional limits. This way the American people will be able to keep more of their money they've earned, and have someone in office that takes their Bill of Rights seriously. I will refuse to enforce any law that violates anybody's individual rights.

CANDIDATES IN 11TH DISTRICT — VOTE FOR ONE



Thomas M. Davis III
Republican — incumbent

BIOGRAPHY: Occupation: member, United States House of Representatives, 11th District Virginia; chairman — District of Columbia Subcommittee, House Government Reform and Oversight Committee; member, House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. Education: Amherst College, political science; University of Virginia, law. Experience: chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors; vice

president and general counsel, PRC Inc.; Mason District supervisor.
TRANSPORTATION: As a member of the Transportation Committee, I fought for the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century which included an additional \$240 million every year for Virginia's Transportation Trust Fund. An important component of maintaining our roads and mass transit system is receiving the full amount of federal funds intended to improve infrastructure, highway safety, and reduce congestion.
PEACEKEEPING: I served in the

United States Army and believe that the United States should maintain a strong role in the world as a defender of freedom and democracy. The U.S. should be a team player in peacekeeping efforts around the world. We must work with other nations to provide military and financial support and not act as the world police.
HEALTH CARE: I am a proponent of legislation that ensures quality health care by strengthening patients' rights in managed care systems. Empowering patients with the ability to make their own health care decisions is the key to

returning accountability and responsibility to America's health care community.
DONATIONS: I support banning the raising and spending of "soft money" contributions by federal candidates and political parties. I also support requiring unions to obtain consent from workers before they could spend union dues on political activities.
WATER: I support state-industry partnerships to develop solutions to nonpoint pollution sources. The unprecedented level of cooperation that Maryland, Virginia and Delaware have achieved with

local governments, industry and individuals to clean up the Chesapeake Bay can again be achieved to clean up our rivers and streams.
ISSUE: I believe the most important issue for our region is transportation because traffic problems impact every aspect of our daily lives. If we can improve our mass transit system and cut down on commuting times, Virginians will have more time to spend with their families.



C.W. "Levi" Levy
Independent — challenger

BIOGRAPHY: Full-time politician running for state and federal offices for five years in a row.
TRANSPORTATION: By protective tariffs on all imports.
PEACEKEEPING: Drop out of the United Nations.
HEALTH CARE: You can't beat big business — stay well!
DONATIONS: Obey U.S. Supreme Court decisions.
WATER: Nothing short of rationing water.

ISSUE: The one issue important to our region and entire nation is a youth movement: From his 66-year-old vantage point, C.W. "Levi" Levy, grandpa against drunk driving, can see into the 21st century and can imagine a brilliant future for a coalition of young liberal Republicans and Democrats who attack bravely their problems as they come to them, not turning away in dismay or to enjoy pleasure but to really work and build a better tomorrow, a mainstream party not divorced from proven traditions of the past and not radicalized by fanatic

semi-fascist claiming more than any one person deserves, citizens happy to be alive just for living's sake, unenviably striving, joyous, self-contained, the perfect age, citizens building schools and not prisons, citizens firm (but not so firm as to kill jailed murderers and rapist whose culture is Aboriginal, uncouth and pitifully witless — a replica of President Clinton at his worst!) "Oh, the times and the customs," as an ancient Roman complained. Come along with me in this vision of a newborn world-to-be.

PROPOSED STATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS — VOTE YES OR NO

Proposes to amend Section 1 Article II of the Constitution of Virginia.

■ **QUESTION:** Shall the Constitution of Virginia be amended to permit persons employed overseas, and their families, who are qualified to vote in Virginia except for having given up a home in Virginia, to continue to vote in Virginia while overseas subject to the conditions and time limits set by law?

■ **EXPLANATION:** A "YES" vote will authorize the General Assembly to provide by law that overseas employees, their spouses and dependents living with them, otherwise qualified to vote in the commonwealth, may continue to vote in the commonwealth although they relinquish their Virginia place of abode while overseas.

Proposes to amend section 10 of Article VI of the Constitution of Virginia

■ **QUESTION:** Shall the Constitution of Virginia be amended to delete the present requirement that the proceedings of the Judicial Inquiry and Review Commission concerning charges against judges shall be confidential so that the General Assembly can provide by law to what extent Commission proceedings and documents will be confidential?

■ **EXPLANATION:** A "YES" vote means that proceedings and documents of the Judicial Inquiry and Review Commission may be confidential as provided by the General Assembly in general law. The present Constitution states that Commission proceedings shall be confidential.

Proposes to amend Section 2 of Article VII of the Constitution of Virginia

■ **QUESTION:** Shall the Constitution of Virginia be amended to authorize agreements among localities for sharing the revenues and costs of a specified land area and establishing a special governing body for the area, and to provide that fiscal commitments related to the land area will not be deemed local debt?

■ **EXPLANATION:** A "YES" vote means that the General Assembly may provide by law for agreements between two or more local governments to share revenues and costs of the development and management of a particular land area. A special governing body with terms, amount of compensation and powers could be established. Any agreements contracted by the special body may need the approval of all the local governments involved. Fiscal commitments to finance the development and maintenance of these areas shall not be considered the debt of any participating locality.

Proposes to amend Section 10 of Article VII of the Constitution of Virginia

■ **QUESTION:** Shall the Constitution of Virginia be amended to allow a combination of localities to contract debt as part of an agreement to share the revenues, tax base, or the benefits of economic growth and exempt this class of debt from the ceiling on local debt for cities and towns and from the requirement for a local referendum for counties?

■ **EXPLANATION:** A "YES" vote would mean that the General Assembly may authorize one or more cities, towns, or counties, or any combination thereof, to contract debt as the result of an agreement to share revenue, tax base, or the benefits of economic growth.

Proposes to amend Section 6 of Article X of the Constitution of Virginia

■ **QUESTION:** Shall the Constitution of Virginia be amended to authorize the General Assembly by general law to give local governments the option of eliminating, in whole or in part, either the business, professional or occupational license tax or merchants' capital tax or both?

■ **EXPLANATION:** A "YES" vote would allow the General Assembly by general law to give local governments the option of eliminating, in whole or in part, either the BPOL or the merchants' capital tax, or both.

ARLINGTON COUNTY BOARD

The office

TERM: Four years

SALARY: Chair, \$22,500; member, \$20,000

DUTIES: Responsible for the general management and administration of the affairs of the county, such as hiring the county manager, passing ordinances and adopting an annual budget. Serves at large.

The issues

■ What are the two most pressing issues facing Arlington

County between now and the **YEAR 2000**? How would you handle them?

■ What is your position on funding for affordable **HOUSING** in Arlington County?

■ How do you propose that Arlington County ensure that stream **WATER** is safe and clean in our parks and neighborhoods?

■ Is there an important **ISSUE** you wish to address? If so, please explain.

CANDIDATES — VOTE FOR ONE

Mike Lane

Republican — challenger

BIOGRAPHY: Twenty-two-year Arlington resident; major, USMCR; trade association CEO; strategic planning consultant; B.A., political science, St. Anselm College, N.H.; secretary and Board of Directors, Arlington Optimists Club; Arlington Civic Federation; American Legion Post 139; NADP Civic Association; Arlingtonians for a Better County; Columbia Pike Revitalization Organization; St. Thomas More Cathedral. **YEAR 2000:** Immediate, dramatic progress

needs to be made on two fronts. First, our public schools. The passing rate on achievement tests in half our middle schools is 75 percent or less, and in one school it is only 50 percent. The gap between white and minority achievement is 30 percent. We must provide a safe and secure learning environment for ALL students, and establish much higher expectations of both our students and our schools. Second, assimilation programs for our immigrant neighbors. For 15 years, Arlington has welcomed our immigrant community with wholly ineffective programs that fail to teach our new neighbors the language and other

skills they need to achieve the American Dream. We need to begin enhanced English language instruction and citizenship instruction outreach. **HOUSING:** An August 1998 study of low-income housing in Arma Valley finds that fully 75 percent of residents work outside Arlington. Additionally, more than 65 percent of those low-income housing units are dangerously overcrowded, and a threat to public health. Arlington needs a comprehensive housing study defining needs, objectives and the impact on neighborhoods, schools and crime before expanding its subsidized housing

program. **WATER:** An urban community and a clean environment are NOT mutually exclusive. I advocate an end to paving over natural streams, and a significantly enhanced effort maintaining our often-neglected existing parks. **ISSUE:** Preserving our neighborhoods must be a top priority. I propose a new, more controlled approach to infill development, more parking in high-density areas, and more immediate solutions, such as four-way stop signs, to cut-through traffic.

Chris Zimmerman

Democrat — incumbent

BIOGRAPHY: Arlington County Board member since 1996; chairman since January. Previously, member Planning Commission, Parks Commission, chairman of Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee, and president of New Arlington-Douglas Park Civic Association. Economist (B.A. The American University, M.A. University of Maryland) specializing in public finance. Married, three children (all attending Arlington schools).

YEAR 2000: a) Ensuring the highest attainable quality of life as Arlington continues to develop — what I call "Building the urban village of the 21st century." That means, among other things: maintaining strong urban design standards that emphasize pedestrian-friendly streets; traffic calming in residential neighborhoods; carrying out the Open Space Master Plan; and successfully implementing community policing throughout Arlington. b) We have more children and our schools' needs continue to grow. The County Board will have to continue to provide sufficient support, especially for renovation and

construction. We also must work creatively with the School Board to identify options for space, and to find program efficiencies and new ways to work collaboratively. **HOUSING:** We want a mixed-income community, and that means ensuring a housing stock with units available at different income levels. Our policy, however, must be implemented so as to defuse, rather than exacerbate, tendencies toward economic segregation, and we need to place more emphasis on enabling ownership choices for low- and moderate-income residents. **WATER:** Improve monitoring; implement better storm water management; step up

regional efforts; act on recommendations coming next spring from the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Task Force just established by the board. **ISSUES:** Much of Arlington's success has been based on transit-oriented development. With continued growth and development in the region amid concerns about congestion and air quality, it's more important than ever that we plan improvements to our transit network. We need to enhance both our bus and rail service, to make Arlington even more convenient for more people.

ARLINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

The office

TERM: Four years

SALARY: Chair, \$9,100; member, \$8,000

DUTIES: Responsibilities include setting policy for the county's schools, appointing the superintendent of schools, and recommending the school budget to the County Board. The School Board has no taxing authority. Serves at large.

The issues

■ What guidelines would you like from the County Board for

developing the education **BUDGET**?

■ What criteria would you support for admission to **ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS** in the county?

■ Could you describe the plan for the limited English as a Second Language **PILOT PROGRAM** to be started this fall in kindergarten?

■ Is there an important **ISSUE** you wish to address? If so, please explain.

CANDIDATE — VOTE FOR ONE



Mary Hughes Hynes

Independent — incumbent

BIOGRAPHY: Preschool educator since 1984 at locations including Kinhaven, Faith Lutheran, Westover Baptist, AUCP, Beverley Hills. B.A. 1977, College of St. Benedict, St. Joseph, MN. 1995, Arlington School Board member; chair 1/97-6/98; 1992-1993, chair, Arlington Schools Futures Planning Process; 1990-1992, chair, Advisory Council on

Instruction. Married, parent of five children ranging in age from 15-24.

BUDGET: None. The School Board must control costs in the school budget while maintaining high-quality education that meets community desires for small classes, relatively small schools, fair compensation for excellent teachers, and cutting-edge responses to educational problems. School Board members must be mindful of the needs of Arlington's young citizens AND county fiscal realities. Ultimately,

elected School Board members are directly responsible to the public for school system budgets and performance.

ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS: Outreach and information must be the first step. If the applicant pool varies significantly from the countywide student diversity, I support using the criteria (family income, first language and race) contained in the policy currently under litigation. This Arlington School Board position is supported by the U.S. Department of Justice,

the National School Boards Association and the national/local chapters of NAACP and LULAC Chapter 4606.

PILOT PROGRAM: The success of the first-language support pilot will be measured at the end of third grade by the children's fluency in English as well as by their performance on state-mandated tests. A federal grant will support evaluation, allowing APS to work with an outside evaluator for the pilot program. In addition, the progress of matched control

groups of students receiving ESOL/HILT instruction or enrolled in Key's immersion program will be evaluated. Annual reports will be provided to the board.

ISSUE: We need to develop more ways for middle and high school students to be active participants in civic life. Arlington must use new community partnerships to expand opportunities for volunteering, interning, career exploration and preparation.

ARLINGTON COUNTY BOND QUESTIONS — VOTE YES OR NO

Public school projects

■ **QUESTION:** Shall Arlington County contract a debt and issue its general obligation bonds in the maximum amount of \$50,705,000 to finance, together with available funds, the costs of various capital projects for Arlington County public school and community purposes?

Westover and Shirlington branch libraries

■ **QUESTION:** Shall Arlington County contract a debt and issue its general obligation bonds in the maximum amount of \$8,000,000 to finance, together with other available funds, the costs of expanding and renovating, or the building of new Westover and Shirlington branch libraries?

Local and regional parks and recreation

■ **QUESTION:** Shall Arlington County contract a debt and issue its general obligation bonds in the maximum amount of \$17,055,000 to finance, together with other available funds, the cost of various capital projects for local and regional parks and recreation purposes?

Streets, highways and community conservation

■ **QUESTION:** Shall Arlington County contract a debt and issue its general obligation bonds in the maximum amount of \$24,055,000 to finance, together with other available funds, the cost of various capital projects for Streets, highways and community conservation purposes?

FAIRFAX COUNTY BOND QUESTIONS — VOTE YES OR NO

Parks and park facilities

■ **QUESTION:** Shall the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County, Virginia, contract a debt, borrow money and issue bonds of Fairfax County, Virginia, in addition to the parks and park facilities bonds previously authorized, in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$87,000,000, for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, to finance the cost of providing additional parks and park facilities, of which amount the County may not pay in excess of \$75,000,000 for the acquisition, construction, development and equipment of additional parks and park facilities and the development and improvement of existing parks and park facilities by the Fairfax County Park Authority, and of which amount the County may not pay in excess of \$12,000,000 as the share of Fairfax County for the cost of parks and park facilities to be acquired, constructed, developed and equipped by the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority?

Public safety facilities

■ **QUESTION:** Shall the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County, Virginia, contract a debt, borrow money and issue bonds of Fairfax County, Virginia, in addition to the public safety facilities bonds previously authorized in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$99,920,000, for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, to finance the cost of the construction, reconstruction, enlargement and equipment of police, fire and rescue stations, including fire and rescue stations owned by volunteer organizations, enlargement of County courthouse facilities, and the acquisition of necessary land and equipment?

About this guide

The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area and the League of Women Voters of Arlington are cooperating with *The Journal* to produce this election guide to help citizens make informed choices at the polls this fall.

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan organization whose purpose is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in government. The League does not support any political party or candidate.

A questionnaire was sent to all candidates whose names were certified to appear on the Nov. 3 ballot. Answers to the questions appear as written by the candidates and are not edited except to comply with newspaper style and stipulated space limitations.

Candidates are listed according to the order the political parties will appear on the ballot, which is determined, by lot, by the State Board of Elections. Candidates' original replies are on file with the League of Women Voters.

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