

HRISE FACT SHEETS - CANDIDATES' ENVIRONMENTAL PROFILES

We recognize that the Environment will be just one of the many concerns that a candidate will need to address – but we also assume that with the Environment, it is often not the “top of the charts” for voters or leaders (Gerry Connolly’s aide told us this once in a meeting) – so we want to be prepared to understand if the other “important” considerations are equal – who rises above with the environment!

This information comes from secondhand sources, research, and quotes from the candidates. We did not directly ask them for this information.

The areas we include in these profiles are general and as the campaigns progress we can listen/read for additional information. Hopefully there will be a townhall where they will be asked specifically to address Climate Change.

Purpose: build “green profile” for each major candidate; what are their “bona fides” for combating climate change, environmental injustice, and environmental degradation.

Resources: opensecrets.org, [VPAP](#), Wikipedia, events on FB page, VA Mercury, Wikipedia, Virginia Conservation Network, [virginia elections](#), [politifact](#)

Review: Positions on issues, coalitions, voting record, , whom have they endorsed, what organizations are they leaders/members in, what articles/essays, etc. have they written.

Candidate Jennifer Carroll-Foy

Position on corporate funding Dominion/Corporations

- Has Signed Pledge to Refuse Contributions from Dominion and Appalachian Power Companies
- Co-Patron for HB 111 (Campaign Finance; Prohibited Contributions to Candidates) in 2020 Legislative Session

History on Pipelines (MVP and ACP in particular)

- Wrote an editorial calling on state and federal agencies to revoke pipeline permits, published [January 31, 2020 in BlueVirginia.us](#)
- Posted a [Tweet on](#) March 31, 2020, calling on Governor Northam “to stop construction on the MVP.”

No more carbon-based energy projects?

Position on the VCEA and on moratorium for carbon based energy projects

- Was Chief Co-Patron for HB 1526 (VCEA);
- Was co-patron for HB 111 (Campaign Finance; Prohibited Contributions to Candidates)

- Was heavily involved in the coal ash legislation that forced Dominion to start dealing more effectively with the coal residue storage, containment, etc.
- More info on Legislative work in the 2020 Session is listed below

Green New Deal Support

Was co-patron for HB 77 (Green New Deal)

Experience/Work History related to Improving (or not) the Environment

Work experience prior to becoming a Delegate was as a Public Defender.

Support for Electric Vehicles/Public EV's

Was co-patron for HB 75 (Electric School Bus Pilot Program)

Long term plan for environmental sustainability – environmental protection (activities, orgs)

Not an environmental activist prior to election as Delegate. However, addressing climate change and the environment is one of her major issues of her campaign.

- During the 2020 Legislative Session was Chief Patron of one Environmental bill (HB 443, a coal ash bill) and Co-Chief Patron of 3 bills (HB1526, HB 1641, HB 1642; the latter two were coal ash related). She was also co-patron of 53 other bills, of which 23 were environmentally related. Key bills for which she was a co-patron included:
 - HB 1526: Virginia Clean Energy Act (Chief Co-Patron)
 - HB 75: Electric School Bus Pilot Program (Co-patron)
 - HB 77: Green New Deal (Co-patron)
 - HB 111: Campaign Finance; Prohibited Contributions to Candidates (Co-patron)
 - Of these four bills, only HB 1526 passed.

Endorsements & Money

- Donors 2018-2020:

<u>\$310,550</u>	Smith, S Sonjia
<u>\$150,000*</u>	Carpenters Legislative Program of Greater Pennsylvania
<u>\$139,503</u>	Democratic Party of Virginia
<u>\$110,159</u>	Clean Virginia Fund
<u>\$110,000</u>	Jurvetson, Karla T
<u>\$79,000</u>	Intl Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
<u>\$77,079</u>	House Democratic Caucus
<u>\$70,000</u>	Bills, Michael D
<u>\$56,000</u>	Ferguson, Kay Leigh
<u>\$51,765</u>	CASA in Action
<u>\$37,500</u>	Carpenters Legislative Program of Greater Pennsylvania
<u>\$33,972</u>	One Vote at a Time
<u>\$32,500</u>	Voter Protection Project
<u>\$26,477*</u>	Carroll Foy for Delegate - Jennifer
<u>\$22,520</u>	Arena PAC

- Top Donors were Sonija Smith and her husband, Michael Bills as well as Labor Unions; Bills is best known for his efforts to counter Dominion contributions and assist pro-environment candidates..
- Her total funding for the Governor's campaign as of 20 December was \$785,910 compared to \$410,792 by Jennifer McClellan. VPAP did not have any information for Terry McAuliffe.

JENNIFER MCCLELLAN

Bio:

- Incumbent - Virginia Senate for the 9th District (Richmond area) since 2017
- Candidate for Virginia governor (https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/virginia-politics/mcclellan-virginia-governor/2020/06/17/e4c1a0e2-b0cf-11ea-8758-bfd1d045525a_story.html)
- Website: <https://www.jennifermcclellan.com/>
- Regulatory counsel for Verizon
- Vice-chair of the DPVA and member of the DNC
- Former member of the Virginia House of Delegates for the 71st District (Richmond area) from 2006 to 2017
- Headed Terry McAuliffe's transition team when McAuliffe was elected in 2013.
- Superdelegate to the 2008 DNC
- Mentored by Tim Kaine, who also officiated at her wedding
- Practiced law with Hunton & Williams
- Law degree from UVA School of Law

Priorities:

Education, worker's rights, homeowner protections, voting rights, and reproductive health, climate change and clean energy, criminal justice, and youth engagement

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Stopping the Climate Crisis in Its Tracks

"We are at a critical point in the fight against climate change and addressing environmental justice. We must transition from fossil fuels and pollutants that harm the

planet while championing industries in a way that does not leave workers behind.” Statement from her website

Position on corporate funding Dominion/Corporations

As of Feb 13, 2021, she has NOT signed the Activate Virginia Pledge as a candidate for governor (<https://www.activatevirginia.org/pledge>)

She has not received funds from Dominion or any other energy utility since 2009 (https://www.vpap.org/candidates/35804/top_donors/?page=3&start_year=all&end_year=all)

History on Pipelines (MVP and ACP in particular)

Chief co-patron for SB 1311, Water quality standards; modification of permits and certifications, requiring detailed erosion and sediment control plans and stormwater management plans

Co-patron for SB 1265, Natural gas pipelines; stop work orders, dealing with inspection and stop work orders

No more carbon-based energy projects?

Sponsor of 2020’s SB851, Virginia Clean Economy Act, which made Virginia the first Southern state to commit to carbon-free power by 2050

As chief patron of 2020’s Virginia Clean Economy Act I assume she supports Virginia’s inclusion in RGGI.

Green New Deal Support

She was not a patron of HB77 in the 2020 Session.

Support for Electric Vehicles/Public EV’s

Chief Patron of SB1223, Virginia Energy Plan, which requires an analysis of electric vehicle charging infrastructure

Co-patron of HB1979, Electric vehicle rebate program; creation and funding, report, sunset date, to encourage electric vehicle purchase and use

Long term plan for environmental sustainability – environmental protection (activities, orgs)

Chief co-patron on HB 1965, State Air Pollution Control Board; low-emissions and zero-emissions vehicle program, establishing such conditions on cars starting with the 2025 model year

Patron on SB 1374. Carbon Sequestration Task Force; established, requiring a report in 1 year regarding encouraging use of carbon sequestration in the state, among other related things

Patron on SB 1207 and SB 1258, both dealing with encouraging and supporting solar energy projects

Endorsements & Money

New Virginia Majority (I could not find any other organization endorsements but I bet they are there)

Alexandria Mayor Justin Wilson; State senators Mamie E. Locke (Hampton), Jennifer B. Boysko (Fairfax) and Ghazala F. Hashmi (Chesterfield); State delegate Ken Plum; Reston’s own Paul Berry; and a whole slew of other legislators and elected officials, attorneys, and community leaders.

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For the period 2019 to the present her largest backers have been Julie Barron Morrill, a Virginia-based trainer in emergency preparedness and personal safety, the Clean Virginia Fund, Sarah McLean (presumably a good friend) and the Virginia United PAC. Grassroots funding, also.

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Role of the Governor:

McClellan has been longtime community leader in Virginia, including more than 14 years of service in the legislature, driving change and leading the fight for a more equitable and progressive Commonwealth.

Jenn has earned a reputation as an effective, constituent service-oriented, and hardworking legislator who gets things done.

As Governor, Jenn will bring that same experience and determination to build a strong, inclusive economy that doesn't leave people behind; a healthcare system that everyone can access affordably; and public schools that deliver on the promise made in Virginia's constitution to provide high quality education to all children.

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Candidate Lee Carter

BACKGROUND:

Lee joined the Marine Corps during the beginning of the 'Global War on Terror', and worked in technological repair in a Special Operations-capable support unit, completing tours in the Middle East and the Mediterranean. His unit was also one of the first to respond to Haiti, following the devastating earthquake in 2010.

Throughout Lee's career, his focus has always been on helping others. He spent four years repairing cancer therapy equipment in Northern Virginia, DC, Maryland, and West Virginia. During his time in office, he has passed bills to expand wage protections for airport workers, to lower the monthly cost of prescription insulin, and to allow Virginians to cooperatively own their own workplaces.

Environmental Background

Lee refuses contributions from the fossil-fuel industry and opposes the Atlantic Coast Pipeline, the Mountain Valley Pipeline, and fracking. In 2019, he co-sponsored [HB 1635](#) to stop new fossil-fuel infrastructure construction.

Lee supports massive investments in green energy and believes consumers should be able to purchase or produce their own renewable energy. He also fights to make sure that our renewable energy projects are more than just corporate price gouging by the utilities. He knows that by taking the fight to Dominion and Appalachian Power, we can build a new utility infrastructure and build wealth in our communities at the same time.

History on Pipelines (MVP and ACP in particular)

2017, ran on anti-pipeline platform: <https://bluevirginia.us/2017/12/delegate-elect-lee-carter-urges-virginians-state-water-board-to-reject-atlantic-coast-and-mountain-valley-pipeline-projects>

2019, Wrote letter to Northam to halt pipeline projects (Signed with others)



No more carbon-based energy projects?

When I voted against the VCEA bill, there was a big push to paint me as against renewable energy, or just the same as the GOP. But the bill was always a scam. And now Virginians are going to pay nearly \$10 billion for one offshore wind project. And it's because of VCEA.

VAPLAN: "In the end, the bill passed 51-45, including a surprising "Yea" vote by Del. Terry Kilgore (R-Coal Country); "Nay" votes from Democrats Lee Carter (who gave a highly emotional speech about the urgency of climate action) and Sam Rasoul (who offered what Majority Whip Alfonso Lopez and House Democratic Caucus Chair Rip Sullivan called "poison pill" amendments regarding the cost of offshore wind, which were first adopted, then reconsidered, then rejected)"

Green New Deal Support

Early endorser of the Green New Deal Virginia. At GND kick-off in NOVA, posed for pictures with HRISE Members

Used in 2019 campaign



Experience/Work History related to Improving (or not) the Environment

n/a

Support for Electric Vehicles/Public EV's

n/a

Long term plan for environmental sustainability – environmental protection (activities, orgs)

Endorsements & Money

Activate Virginia Pledge: Took pledge in 2017

Rated 95% by Virginia League of Conservation Voters

2019: Unions primary contributors; has contributions from some major Environmental Groups.

\$40,000	House Democratic Caucus
\$20,000	Bills, Michael D
\$20,000	Green Advocacy Project
\$20,000	Mid-Atlantic Laborers' Political Education Fund
\$15,000	Nova Area Labor Federation
\$12,500	Intl Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
\$11,000	Keam for Delegate - Mark
\$10,000	Carpenters Legislative Program of Greater Pennsylvania
\$10,000	Energized for Change PAC
\$6,000	Baltimore Washington Construction & Public Employees Laborers PAC
\$5,500	Amalgamated Transit Union

\$5,044 Sawyers, Ryan
\$5,000 Beyer for US House of Representatives - Don
\$5,000 Communication Workers of America - Cope VA
\$5,000 United Food & Commercial Workers - Local 400
\$5,000 Win Virginia
\$3,000 American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)
\$2,500 Clean Virginia Fund
\$2,500 Common Good VA
\$2,500 Frantz, John R
\$2,500 SEIU Committee on Political Education
\$2,500 Service Employees International - 1199
\$2,500 Va League of Conservation Voters

Candidate Justin Fairfax

OVERVIEW/BACKGROUND:

Justin Fairfax was an assistant [U.S. attorney](#) for the Eastern District of Virginia. During his time as a federal prosecutor, Fairfax served as deputy of the Major Crimes & Narcotics Unit and as a member of the Human Trafficking Task Force. He and his wife also own a dental practice.

Fairfax obtained degrees in public policy and law from Duke University and Columbia Law School, respectively. While studying at Columbia, he was part of the *Columbia Law Review*.^[2]

Education

- DeMatha Catholic High School
- A.B. in public policy from Duke University
- J.D. from Columbia Law School

Platform:

- <https://www.facebook.com/JustinEFairfax/>
- <https://justinfairfax.com/>
- [Position on corporate funding Dominion/Corporations](https://www.activatevirginia.org/pledge)
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Environmental Background

History on Pipelines (MVP and ACP in particular)

Interview with RiverKeepers – 2017 (Candidate for LG): “I am against both the Atlantic Coast Pipeline and the Mountain Valley Pipeline. There has been no case made as to why these pipelines are necessary, with regard to both economic and environmental factors. These pipelines will disrupt state land and wildlife, leading to even more destruction of Virginia’s ecosystems. We do, however, need to create sustainable, higher paying jobs in many areas without unnecessarily harming the environment or health of those in nearby communities.”

Fairfax’s opposition to the Atlantic Coast and Mountain Valley pipelines led to him being omitted from a small number of campaign flyers that were distributed by the campaign for Democratic gubernatorial nominee Ralph Northam. These flyers were released at the request of Laborers’ International Union of North America (LIUNA), which supports the pipeline – LIUNA had endorsed Northam (and Northam’s running mate for Attorney General, Mark Herring, who was included on the flyer), but not Fairfax.

No more carbon-based energy projects?

Because the VCEA passed 22-17, as LT GOV, did not have to take a position.

Green New Deal Support

In twitter picture shown with Lee and Karen, founders Green New Deal – January 28, 2020



Experience/Work History related to Improving (or not) the Environment

n/a

Support for Electric Vehicles/Public EV's

n/a

Long term plan for environmental sustainability – environmental protection (activities, orgs)

River Keepers Interview Statements from 2017 campaign. 2020 Campaign website does not state environmental platform.

On Fracking:

"I oppose fracking and support a statewide ban. Fracking leads to contamination of ground soil, air, and our water. Fracking leaks cause polluted streams, rivers, and drinking water which threatens the health of local communities. Regions with fracking have also seen increased levels of air pollution. Fracking's threats to public health and the environment heavily outweigh the benefits."

On Offshore Drilling:

"I am against offshore drilling. There is clear evidence that offshore drilling poses a substantial risk to the Chesapeake Bay and the regional economy. Virginia is heavily dependent on all that the Bay provides, and an oil spill would be absolutely devastating to our economy and environment. I will fight to protect the Bay."

On Coal Ash:

"Virginia needs to adopt a policy of closely monitoring and securing coal ash deposits from seeping into Virginia's waterways. The pattern of environmental incidents arising from coal ash storage areas breaking down has been very troubling to me, and as Lieutenant Governor I will work to promote policies that will ensure that coal ash does not pose a risk to our rivers, wetlands, and tidal zones. For

the coal ash that has already entered our waterways, I will support efforts to remove it and prevent it from doing further harm to our precious rivers, wetlands, and the Chesapeake Bay. In the longer term, I hope that Virginia's production of coal ash will be reduced as we transition to cleaner energy sources, including wind, solar, and hydroelectric energy sources."

Endorsements & Money

Activate Virginia Pledge: Took pledge in 2017, but hasn't signed on yet for 2021

In 2020:

Just individuals to date (as reported) have contributed. \$18,500 (18 Donors)

In 2017:

- We Rise Together: <https://www.vpap.org/committees/314720/we-rise-together-pac/>
- Doug Wilder endorsed

[\\$147,882](#) NextGen Climate Action

[\\$146,808](#) Va League of Conservation Voters

- <https://augustafreepress.com/sierra-club-endorses-justin-fairfax-lieutenant-governor/>
- *Clean Virginia Withdraws Sponsorship of Blue Commonwealth Gala: Statement from Clean Virginia Board Chair Michael Bills February 14, 2020*

Candidate Jennifer McClellan

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Candidate Terry McAuliffe

Bio

- Born in Syracuse, NY, 2/09/1957
- Education: Catholic University and J.D. from Georgetown
- Married with 5 children

Business Experience

- Owner/Chair, American Heritage Homes
- Chair, Community Bank
- Manager, Law Firm
- Owner/Manager, McAuliffe Driveway Maintenance

Political Experience

- Co-chair: Bill Clinton's 1996 presidential campaign
- Chair: Democratic National Committee (DNC) 2001-2005

- Chair: Hillary Clinton Campaign for president (2008)
- Candidate: Virginia State Governor, 2009
- Governor: Commonwealth of Virginia, 2014-2018

Positions and Ratings

As governor: He vetoed bills mainly concerning social legislation that would have restricted women's rights, LGBTQ rights, environmental protections, and voting rights. No vetoes issued by McAuliff during his term were overturned by the state legislature.⁴

Votesmart.org states that in 2013 Terry McAuliff refused to answer its questions to provide voters information on his positions. Some of the ratings given McAuliff by various organizations are as follows:

[The Center for Education Reform](#) 17% 2016

[The Cato Institute](#) Fiscally conservative: 44% 2016

National Rifle Association 0% 2013

[Virginia Citizens Defense League](#) 0% 2015

[The Center for Education Reform](#) K-12: 17% 2016

[National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws](#) 58% 2016

Washington Post editorial on McAuliffe's position on pipelines (by Stacey Lovelace, Virginia Pipeline Resisters, January 8, 2021):

Light must continue to be shed on McAuliffe's devastating legacy of environmental injustice. Terry McAuliffe actively supported the Mountain Valley and Atlantic Coast Pipelines-- community- and climate-devastating projects. McAuliffe betrayed Southwest Virginia and most of western and central Virginia with his endorsements of the Mountain Valley and Atlantic Coast pipelines. He set into motion scenarios that would [increase the greenhouse gas emissions](#) in Virginia by millions of tons and devastate the water, air, livelihoods and peace of mind of everyday Virginians. His endorsements of harmful projects, knowingly made while community members along the route were strongly opposed, played out on stages shared by former Dominion Energy chief executive Tom Farrell, as they partnered for a news conference in 2014. The Atlantic Coast Pipeline developers had McAuliffe's ear as he dismissed his constituents.

FBI Investigation: There was a 2013 FBI investigation of McAuliff's campaign and personal finances which resulted in no charges being filed. There were allegations that he used some campaign funds for personal enrichment.[W. Post](#)

Comments of prominent Black politicians: Doug Wilder criticized McAuliff's entry into the race for governor saying that he held an unfair advantage in funding and that the Virginia Constitution's provision that governors could not succeed themselves was meant to prevent the support of big money from electing a governor. Wilder also said that winning minority votes was crucial to a Democrat being elected and that McAuliff did not appear to be appreciative of the minority support he received in the past. Wilder questioned as to whether or not it would be there for McAuliff now. [NBC12](#). However, Louise Lucas, the state's first black woman to serve as Senate president pro tempore believes McAuliff's experience is what is needed now. Others believe he represents the past and new blood is needed.[Politico](#)

Awards

2016: Governor of the Year, Biotechnology Innovation Organization

Funding 2013

Top Contributors

DEMOCRATIC GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION	\$6,631,084.03
INDEPENDENCE USA PAC	\$1,748,860.92
VIRGINIA LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION OF VOTERS	\$1,699,324.90
PLANNED PARENTHOOD FEDERATION OF AMERICA	\$1,689,518.20
NEXTGEN CLIMATE ACTION	\$1,625,632.22
VIRGINIA DEMOCRATIC PARTY	\$1,582,318.66
UNITEMIZED DONATIONS	\$1,097,990.48
SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION / SEIU	\$689,167.20
PARKER, SEAN	\$500,000.00
SIERRA CLUB VIRGINIA CHAPTER	\$ 468,222.05

2021 McAuliffe for Governor Funding to date: \$5,761,962, the highest of any candidate. (Source VPAP.org)

2021 Platform

- Build a “stronger and fairer” economy
- Continue the fight for civil rights,
- Ensure access to affordable health care
- Boost wages, affordable housing, and clean energy
- \$2 billion-a-year plan to raise teacher pay above the national average, get every student online and expand preschool to all 3- and 4-year-olds.
- McAuliffe promised to refuse any campaign money from [Dominion Energy Dec 9, 2020 WP](#)

FYI: [Terry McAuliffe's biggest, long-time donor, Philip Munger, is the son of Berkshire Hathaway's vice-chairman \(and billionaire investor\), Charles Munger](#). When McAuliffe was governor last time, he was so into pipelines he [held secret meetings for 18 months to negotiate a \\$58 million liability waiver agreement with Dominion and the Atlantic Coast Pipeline](#).

Role of the Lieutenant Governor:

The Lt. Gov has two main roles – oversee the Senate agenda including acting as the tiebreaker for legislation and to take over as Governor if need be.

The Lt. Governor needs to be able to move progressive legislation forward. In addition, the Lt. Gov needs to be able to recognize when legislation may be harmful to constituents. Two cases in point:

The Lt. Governor has a “bully pulpit” that can be used effectively and energetically to support and defend progressive values. This is a self-defined position and one that will be unique to each person elected to be Lt. Governor.

CANDIDATE HALA AYALA

Website: <https://www.halaforvirginia.com/>

Background

Incumbent - Virginia House of Delegates for the 51st District (since Jan 10, 2018)

Candidate for Virginia lieutenant governor (https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/virginia-politics/virginia-hala-ayala-lieutenant-governor/2020/07/13/9c828cbe-c516-11ea-a99f-3bbdff1af38_story.html)

Formerly a cybersecurity specialist with the U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security

She is the daughter of a Salvadorian and North African immigrant father and an Irish and Lebanese mother. She's a cyber specialist under the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Founder and past leader of the Prince William County chapter of the National Organization for Women

Former member of the Virginia Council on Women as an appointee of former Governor McAuliffe

Co-organizer of the first Women's March, in 2017

Website: <https://www.halaforvirginia.com/>

Priority:

Information and cyber security

Member of the Science and Technology Committee and the Finance Committee

Science and environment are not her highest priorities but she did co-sponsor during the 2020 regular session HB714 on the VCEA (as a chief co-patron,) HB 1526 on electric-utility regulation, and HB1641 and HB1642 on coal-ash pond well monitoring

She co-sponsored for the 2020 special session HB5088, another bill on electric-utility regulation

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She was chief co-sponsor of four bills enacted in 2019 on the foster-care system, veteran's benefits, training state employees, increasing security of network-connected devices, and requiring digital services to removed information about minors upon request and consistently votes for legislation supporting public education

Stopping the Climate Crisis in Its Tracks

Position on corporate funding Dominion/Corporations

She has signed the Activate Virginia Pledge as a candidate for lieutenant governor (<https://www.activatevirginia.org/pledge>)

As of Nov 2019 she had rejected Dominion money since 2017, when she first ran for her House seat (<https://wamu.org/story/19/11/25/environmental-groups-were-top-donors-in-virginias-elections-now-they-want-results/>)

History on Pipelines (MVP and ACP in particular)

Nothing specific but she did vote in favor of HB643, providing additional regulations for pipeline construction (but the bill died in committee)

No more carbon-based energy projects?

She co-sponsored and voted in favor of HB1526 for the Virginia Clean Economy Act (VCEA) which was signed into law in 2020. She did not sponsor HB77 for the Virginia Green New Deal (which died in the Committee on Appropriations.)

She is on record as favoring Virginia joining RGGI (<https://wamu.org/story/19/11/25/environmental-groups-were-top-donors-in-virginias-elections-now-they-want-results/>)

Green New Deal Support

She was not a patron of HB77 but referred to it positively in a Feb 8, 2020 newsletter, before it was buried on Feb 11, 2020 in the Committee on Appropriations (<https://www.halaforvirginia.com/publications/highlights-feb-8th-2020>)

Support for Electric Vehicles/Public EV's

Nothing specific

Long term plan for environmental sustainability – environmental protection (activities, orgs)

Nothing specific

Endorsements & Money

- Virginia Education Fund for Children and Public Education
- Community Leader Endorsements (<https://twitter.com/HalaAyala>):
- Andrea Bailey, Potomac District Supervisor for Prince William County, and Michelle Davis-Younger, Mayor-Elect of Manassas City
- For her 2019 campaign for Delegate she received more than \$120,000 from Michael Bills (Charlottesville-based hedge-fund manager) and other environmental groups. (<https://wamu.org/story/19/11/25/environmental-groups-were-top-donors-in-virginias-elections-now-they-want-results/>)
- Grassroots funding also

Role of the Lieutenant Governor:

"There's a whirlwind happening, and in a Commonwealth as vast and diverse as ours, we can't make progress or heal discord without bridging divides — between our communities and our leaders, between our ideals and our realities, and between our past and where we're going."

"I'm running for Lieutenant Governor because I believe my life experiences enable me to be a bridge builder so we can move Virginia forward into a strong, just, and prosperous future," she said. "I think that's what our families want — someone who understands their experiences and can bring people together to make progress in their day-to-day lives."

(https://richmond.com/news/virginia/northern-virginia-delegate-hala-ayala-announces-bid-for-lieutenant-governor/article_55878a63-d579-5300-9d73-b2119df75e6e.html)

Candidate Mark Levine

Background

Constitutional Lawyer (Education: Economics degree Harvard, Yale Law School.)

Life: Born in Tennessee. Life changing event: his sister was murdered. Probably also coming out as gay.

In 2015, Mark was elected to represent Alexandria, Arlington, and Fairfax in the Virginia House of Delegates. On his second day in office, he formed the Virginia Transparency Caucus and eventually

persuaded the Virginia General Assembly to livestream and archive all of its committee proceedings and to record all of its votes.

Legislative record includes dozens of bills on issues ranging from preventing domestic and sexual violence to promoting racial justice, from LGBTQ+ civil rights to fighting gun violence, from election reform to helping working families, and from battling climate change to advocating for everyone.

Re-elected twice, he is currently serving his sixth year in Virginia's House of Delegates (HD-45). Committee assignments: Courts of Justice, General Laws, Privileges and Elections, Rules.

[More here](#). Many say his newsletter is the most comprehensive of any legislator's.

Position on corporate funding Dominion/Corporations

'In Virginia, our elected officials need to be serving the people, not big interests. That's why I've never taken a dime from Dominion Energy or Appalachian Power.'

On the Clean Virginia good 'list'.

History on Pipelines (MVP and ACP in particular)

No more carbon-based energy projects?

VCEA/Green New Deal Support

Supported VCEA in 2020. Was not a patron on HB77 GND_VA

Experience/Work History related to Improving (or not) the Environment

Support for Electric Vehicles/Public EV's

Long term plan for environmental sustainability – environmental protection (activities, orgs)

Proposed a study on urban and inland flooding in the Commonwealth and wrote legislation to allow local governments to mitigate it. (HJ552 in 2021 session was left in Rules).

Endorsements & Money

[Campaign website](#)

Candidate Andria McClellan

BACKGROUND

Andria P. McClellan was elected to City Council on May 3, 2016, to represent Superward 6 (PDF).

Andria was raised in Hampton Roads and educated in Virginia Beach Public Schools, graduating in 1987 from Green Run High School. She received her bachelor's degree in 1991 from the University of Virginia,

after which she began her career in sales and marketing, working for two Fortune 500 companies. Following that, Ms. McClellan graduated from the Wharton Management Program at the University of Pennsylvania in 1996 and then ran two small businesses before returning to Hampton Roads to focus on raising her growing family. She has resided with her family in Norfolk since 2002.

Ms. McClellan currently serves as the Vice Chair of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, where she serves on the Regional Broadband Ring Subcommittee and Chair of its Coastal Resilience Subcommittee. She is a member of the Transportation District Commission of Hampton Roads (HRT) where she serves as the Chair of the Smart Cities & Innovation Committee. From 2018-2019, she co-chaired the Mayor's Commission on Climate Change Mitigation & Adaptation, creating the region's first-ever Climate Action Plan. She was recently appointed to the National League of Cities 2020 Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources federal advocacy committee. She also serves on the Virginia Municipal League Environmental Quality Policy Committee.

1) Position on corporate funding Dominion/Corporation:

Andria has NOT taken any money from Dominion or their executives.

2) History on Pipelines (MVP and ACP in particular):

Andria is not in favor of either pipeline.

3) No more carbon-based energy projects?

Councilwoman McClellan Releases New Climate Change Agenda

McClellan is co-chair of a national group that has released a state and local policy report; recommendations urge cities to emulate Norfolk's efforts around resiliency and sea level rise.

Washington, DC – A new set of extensive recommendations for state and local officials across the country to address the threats of climate change has been released by a national group co-chaired by Norfolk Councilwoman Andria McClellan. In Policy Proposals for Growing a Clean Economy and Protecting Communities, the NewDEAL Forum Climate Change Policy Group provides a guide for building a safer, healthier, and more prosperous future, with a special focus on environmental justice.

The report highlights Norfolk's efforts to deal with increased flooding, calling the city "a bold model for how to live with the water." Among its key strategies around resilience, the report calls for cities to update zoning laws, provide creative funding mechanisms to help property owners finance resiliency improvements, and invest in green infrastructure. Emphasizing the essential role of leadership from outside Washington, the Group's recommendations also urge states and cities to pursue 100 percent clean electricity; ambitious efforts to retrofit and electrify buildings; stronger fuel efficiency standards that end emissions from new trucks and are in line with Obama-era goals of about 54 miles/gallon by 2025; carbon pricing; and ending fossil fuel subsidies.

Overall, the report includes a range of transformative and incremental solutions, drawn from the work of innovative policymakers, as well as input from leading think tanks and members of the private sector. Key strategies to address the impacts of climate change are accompanied by dozens of model programs, laws, and pieces of proposed legislation from across the country.

View the full recommendations [here](#).

The group was co-chaired by Councilwoman McClellan, as well as Wisconsin Lieutenant Governor Mandela Barnes, who worked with elected officials across the country, as well as experts from outside government to develop practical solutions for state and local officials to pursue.

“Forward-thinking leaders across the nation, many of whom partner with us as members of the NewDEAL network, along with concerned citizens, have shown that solutions exist to cut emissions and protect against climate change,” write Barnes and McClellan in the report. “They have built a blueprint for the kind of climate leadership needed to tackle an immense, planetary problem. This report gathers what they’ve learned. It pairs policy recommendations with real-life examples and best practices.”

Acknowledging the lack of national leadership during the past four years, the report stresses that a “better, safer future isn’t just possible — it’s already happening in cities and states across America,” where “leaders have stepped in to set ambitious clean energy goals, expand solar access to low-income residents, clean up transportation, make polluters pay, and build greener, more energy-efficient cityscapes.”

4)Green New Deal Support:

Andria supports the ideas and goals of the Green New Deal, and thinks we need robust policies to achieve GND’s goals. The GND is a start and provides a good foundation but could use more workable solutions to address and mitigate climate change.

5)Experience/Work History related to improving (or not) the Environment:

Andria has been a fierce advocate for flood mitigation, broadband access, education, public transit, civic engagement, and growing economic opportunity for all. She created the region’s first Climate Action Plan to address climate change mitigation in Norfolk, is a member of the Workforce Development Committee for the statewide Offshore Wind Task Force, was named to the Virginia Joint Subcommittee on Coastal Flooding by the Virginia Senate and to the Chesapeake Bay Program’s Local Government Advisory Committee as Vice Chair of the Virginia Delegation.

She has also been focused on creating thousands of new supply-chain jobs in conjunction with the burgeoning new offshore wind industry developing off the coast of Virginia.

Recently, she was named Vice Chair of the Hampton Roads Transportation District Commission (HRT), where she is working to create the region’s smart city infrastructure and expanding the use of all-electric buses, and she was elected to serve as Board Chair of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, where she leads elected leaders from 17 municipalities representing 1.7 million people.

6)Support for Electric Vehicles/Public EV’s:

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Andria McClellan, Norfolk City Councilmember and Candidate for Lieutenant Governor: “In Norfolk, climate change isn’t a future issue. We experience it regularly with flooded, impassable roads due to sea level rise and increased, more intense precipitation events. It is critical that we address this now, and work to reduce our carbon footprint and improve air quality for all Virginians by encouraging and incentivizing more EVs on our roads. I love driving my EV and hope others will soon join me in making this switch!”

7)Long-term plan for environmental sustainability – environmental protection (activities, org):

OPED: Charlottesville’s extreme weather heralds a greater environmental crisis.

Originally posted by: [Charlottesville Tomorrow](#)

As we endure winter and hope for an early spring, we also know that spring now brings dangerous, heavy rains that are only predicted to grow more frequent.

For decades, scientists have noted that extreme weather could be one the most disastrous impacts of climate change. Now, after years of federal policymakers ignoring the problem, the negative impacts are popping up all over Virginia.

A Community Climate Collaborative report from this summer highlighted the flooding already happening throughout Central Virginia. [From 1995 to 2015, Charlottesville and Albemarle County experienced nearly 100 floods, creating more than a million dollars in damage and tragically claiming one life.](#)

Using long-term climate data, the [report also showed the average number of extreme rainfall days in Charlottesville has climbed by nearly 80% from the 1890s to 2010s.](#) Without coordinated and real action, this trend will increase as temperatures rise. According to the report's authors, flooding and extreme rain events will be a ["top climate hazard for Charlottesville by 2050."](#)

But this problem is not limited to Charlottesville. In Alexandria, entire communities face regular basement flooding despite not living in a flood zone. In Southwest Virginia, the agricultural sector faces inconsistent growing seasons and extreme crop-killing weather. And in Hampton Roads, where I live, families are being priced out of their homes by rising insurance costs, due to repetitive flooding. Flooded, impassable roads to one of the nation's busiest seaports could keep trucks with goods from reaching Central Virginia grocery stores and have a massively negative impact on the economy. A [2006 report from the Mason School of Business found that more than \\$31 million in goods passed through the Port of Virginia; this activity generated \\$4.5 billion in revenue and more than 35,000 jobs.](#) Since then, the economic power of the Port has only grown, so too has its flood risk.

However, it is not just a matter of economic security; addressing flooding is vital to national security. The world's largest naval base is in Norfolk, and mission-readiness is challenged by flooding, sea level rise and frequent "rain bombs." In Hampton Roads, local leaders and the Navy's top experts have been working hand-in-hand to ensure that this critical national security node is protected and the supported industries, notably shipbuilding, can continue to operate despite flooding and higher tides.

Yet, challenges created by climate change are too great to be overcome by just local and regional action, regardless of the partner. We need better, coordinated policies that address immediate needs and stem the growing crisis of flooding. We need to attack the challenge on all fronts: state and federal policies that address flooding and global agreements to reduce carbon emissions.

As lieutenant governor, I will bring my experience of working on flood and climate mitigation to Richmond. Flooded roads and pricey property damage are proof that we need to move now, because families are already experiencing the impacts of the climate crisis.

At the 35,000-foot level, I will work toward accelerating our goal of a 100% Clean Energy Virginia by 2050. Achieving this goal will not only involve tax incentives and more clean energy generation opportunities, but also [scientific breakthroughs, like those developed at the University of Virginia's School of Engineering and the Center for Economic & Policy Studies at the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service.](#) We need to invest in the development and implementation of these technologies that are innovating the green energy future in Virginia.

However, we don't have to wait for these new technologies. Others, such as offshore wind, are being built now promising clean energy and 5,000 new supply chain jobs. Virginia's mountain ranges also offer wind power opportunities.

Though, as with all issues, state and federal policy are necessary to drive total and lasting change each of us, individually, has the power to make an impact by demanding lawmakers prioritize environmental justice and reducing our own personal carbon footprint, by implementing energy efficiency measures, migrating to electric vehicles, composting and/or installing rooftop solar panels.

Climate change is driving up temperatures and rainfall throughout the commonwealth. We can take steps to address the crisis before flooding grows into something much worse.

8)Endorsements & Money:

- -Elaine Luria, Congresswoman (VA-02)
- -Senator Lynwood Lewis Endorses Andria McClellan
- -Jack Kennedy, Wise County/City of Norton Clerk of Court
- -Karen Jackson, former Virginia Secretary of Technology
- -Dave Leichtman, Virginia DNC Representative and former Virginia Democrats Vice-Chair for Technology
- -Senator Dave Marsden (SD-37)
- -Dr. Noelle Gabriel, MD, Norfolk School Board Member
- -Eleven Hampton Roads Officials Endorse Andria McClellan for Lt. Governor
- -Susan Platt endorses Andria McClellan for Democratic Party lieutenant governor nomination
- -Former Second District Congressman Glenn Nye announced his endorsement of Norfolk Councilmember Andria McClellan for the Democratic Party nomination for lieutenant governor.

\$ - After launching the Access for Virginia PAC in July, McClellan officially announced her campaign for Lieutenant Governor on December 1st, 2020, providing only one month to raise funds before the mandated Q4 reporting deadline. More than 88 percent of her donors live in the Commonwealth of Virginia and more than half of donors made grassroots contributions of \$100 or less. In the report, the campaign shared it holds more than \$215,000 cash-on-hand.

SEAN PERRYMAN (J.D.)

Background

Immediate Past **President of the Fairfax NAACP** (youngest president; largest chapter in VA; Fairfax chapter recognized as best in the country)

Worked on the Hill for Elijah Cummings and served as counsel on the House Oversight Committee

Led the advocacy effort to rename Robert E. Lee High School in Fairfax.

Fairfax NAACP led the NoVA effort to the General Assembly Special Session in addressing criminal & racial justice reform this past summer.

Currently, Sean is the Director of Social Impact Policy and Counsel at Internet Association. He is responsible for leading IA's policy efforts around artificial intelligence (AI), diversity, inclusion, and immigration-related policies at the local, state, and federal level.

Priority:

Fighting for Equity, Fairness & Transparency in Government (Environment, Education & Economy).

Stopping the Climate Crisis in Its Tracks

Website: <https://perrymanforvirginia.com/issues/stopping-the-climate-crisis-in-its-tracks/in>

Ties environmental, economic & racial justice together.

Position on corporate funding Dominion/Corporations

(<https://www.activatevirginia.org/pledge>)

Activate Virginia Pledge – signed

Public utilities who have monopolized the energy sector dominate Virginia's politics and profit off of Virginians without any real regulation.

History on Pipelines (MVP and ACP in particular)

No more carbon-based energy projects?

The Virginia Clean Economy Act (VCEA) was signed into law in 2020 to put Virginia on a track to phase out fossil fuels by 2045. But the truth is that we have wasted so much time failing to address this crisis that we have no choice but to fight for a plan that is more aggressive than the VCEA's compromise approach. That plan is the Virginia Green New Deal.

Green New Deal Support

Supports the Virginia Green New Deal.

The Virginia Green New Deal would work to decarbonize our economy, provide good-paying green jobs for affected communities, and ensure a livable future for my daughter's generation.

Experience/Work History related to Improving (or not) the Environment

Support for Electric Vehicles/Public EV's

Long term plan for environmental sustainability – environmental protection (activities, orgs)

Sean's Proposals:

- Accelerating the VCEA's timeline to reach 100% renewable energy sources by 2035.
- Enforcing a moratorium on all new fossil fuel infrastructure in Virginia.
- Planning a true phase out of natural gas and natural gas pipelines in favor of wind and solar.
- Investing in technical education, green jobs, and resiliency projects for communities affected by both climate change and the clean energy transition.
- Creating fair regulations and election reforms that can curb the political influence and profit-seeking of public utilities.
- Investing in new and existing rail and bus networks, and adopting policies that encourage biking, walking, and other green mobility.
- Promoting smart local land use for housing, commercial, and agriculture that can slash carbon emissions.

Endorsements & Money

Grassroots funded

Community Leader Endorsements:

- <https://perrymanforvirginia.com/news/press-releases/31-leaders-from-across-virginia-endorse-perryman-for-lt-governor-perryman-to-share-virtual-special-announcement/>
- including Steve Descano, Phyllis Randal, Walter Alcorn, Rodney Lusk, Karl Frisch, Chris LeMenstrael & Luke Levasseur of Virginia Democracy Forward, Alicia Plerhoples, Lindsay Davis Stover, Pastor Michelle Thomas (Loudoun NAACP), & Donte Tanner. Read the website list.

WAP0 Editorial:

VA should repeal right to work for good, By Sean Perryman

https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/local-opinions/virginia-should-repeal-right-to-work-for-good/2020/12/24/4ecb0d78-38ae-11eb-bc68-96af0daae728_story.html

The conservative National Review immediately offered a rebuttal:

<https://www.nationalreview.com/corner/democratic-deception-about-right-to-work-laws/>

Guess Sean is making some waves. Can't imagine those long standing GA Republicans would like a progressive voice as Lt. Governor. Sean plans to use the platform of Lt. Gov for advocating for all Virginians citing expanding broadband access as a priority. Sean mentioned he would achieve broadband access by making it a public utility. He is for marijuana legalization and would use the \$\$ gained for education.

Delegate Sam Rasoul (D-11)

Position on corporate funding Dominion/Corporations

- Has Signed Pledge to Refuse Contributions from Dominion and Appalachian Power Companies
- Co-Patron for HB 111 (Campaign Finance; Prohibited Contributions to Candidates) in 2020 Legislative Session
- In March 2017, the Roanoke Times reported Delegate Rasoul "said Wednesday he no longer will accept special interest PAC or lobbyist campaign contributions or any donations of more than \$5,000 from individuals or businesses.

History on Pipelines (MVP and ACP in particular)

- On November 19, 2020, Channel 19 of Charlottesville reported that Delegate Rasoul had issued a public statement calling for the cancelation of the MVP.
- On July 5, 2020, Delegate posted a Tweet celebrating the cancelation of the ACP, declaring "Never again have a Democrat run pro-pipeline." Followed by the declaration: "Next Step: Stop the Mountain View Pipeline!"
- On February 6, 2018, the [Roanoke Times reported](#) Delegate Rasoul introduced several anti-pipeline bills in the legislature (which all failed). See also next segment below.

No more carbon-based energy projects?

- Introduced HB 1635, **Fossil fuel projects moratorium; clean energy mandates**. In 2019 Legislative Session. (Bill Failed)
- Was co-patron of HB 528, **State Corporation Commission; retirement of coal-fired or natural gas-fired electric generation facilities** in 2020 Legislative Session. (Bill Passed)
- Was co-patron of HB 643, and HB 644, two anti-pipeline bills, in 2020 Legislative Session. (Bills Failed). Also co-patron for HB 646 **Pipeline construction permit; amount of civil penalty for violation** in 2020 Legislative Session. (Bill Passed)

- Was co-patron for HB 1354 **Plastic Waste Prevention Advisory Council** in 2020 Legislative Session (Bill Passed)
- Was co-patron for HB 1641 **Coal ash ponds; private wells and public water supply wells; resident notification** in 2020 Legislative Session (Bill Passed)

Green New Deal Support

- **Introduced HB 77 (Green New Deal) in 2020 Legislative Session. Part of the original GND Planning Team 2019.**

Experience/Work History related to Improving (or not) the Environment

Work experience prior to becoming a Delegate in 2014 was primarily in the health care industry, working as General Manager, for Provita USA, a medical supply wholesaler from 2004-2008, then as CFO and COO for Kissito Healthcare (2009-2014) and then as an Adjunct Business Professor for American National University (2012-2014)

Support for Electric Vehicles/Public EV's

- Participated as a panelist in the December 15, 2020 Virtual Town Hall "Virginia Drives Electric."
- No other indications he has expressed opinions on Electric Vehicles.

Endorsements & Money

Has signed the Pledge (See Above)

Period Covered: 2019-2020

[\\$26,161](#) Democratic Party of Virginia

[\\$13,700](#) Reston Investments

[\\$10,200](#) Rasoul, Sam

[\\$10,000](#) Amir, Abdul

[\\$10,000](#) Rao, Willa

[\\$9,200](#) Siddiqui, Mona

[\\$9,001](#) Amir, Suja

[\\$8,600](#) Mar-Jac Investments Inc

[\\$8,500](#) Ali, Basem

[\\$7,400](#) Baig, Mirza

[\\$6,571](#) Lateef, Babur

[\\$6,350](#) Ahmed, Mahfouz

[\\$5,500](#) Khans Builder & Contractor

[\\$5,500](#) Porterfield, Bittle W III

\$5,500 Zahir, Khalique Syed

\$5,025 Malas, Mohannad S

\$5,000 Abdul Rahman, Saifaldin

\$5,000 Al-Rashid, Ibrahim

\$5,000 Bills, Michael D