

2026 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Virginia

Key: ✔ Yes, supports ✖ No, does not support — Chose not to answer

MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL & COUNTY CANDIDATES

CANDIDATE	Steve Chang	Susan Hartley Kuiler	Jessica Lough	Cesar Del Aguila	Kelvin Garcia	Clark Hedrick	Stevan Porter
CITY / COUNTY	City of Fairfax	City of Fairfax	City of Fairfax	Herndon	Herndon	Herndon	Herndon
POSITION	City Council	City Council	City Council	Town Council	Town Council	Town Council	Town Council
Q1: Adopt the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism as the standard for city departments.	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
Q2: Ordinance for content-neutral safety buffer zones around private residences and other targeted sites.	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
Q3: Consistent enforcement against unpermitted demonstrations, illegal signage and obstruction; coordinate with state agencies.	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
Q4: Procurement standards excluding vendors that discriminate against Israel or Israeli entities, per state law.	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
Q5: Review city grants so public funds do not advance content singling out a national or religious group.	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
Q6: Convene a working group with Jewish institutions and law enforcement on threats, security planning and security grants.	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
Q7: Publicly oppose, including by a no-vote, council resolutions on foreign policy outside the city’s jurisdiction.	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
Q8: Publish an annual public report on hate crimes and bias incidents, broken down by targeted group.	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
Q9: Establish a defined channel for the Jewish community to engage your office on policy and safety concerns.	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔

CANDIDATE	Clifton Atkins	Michael Gale	Sharon P. Scott	Jazmine Garcia	Jacquetta Garris	Sikaiadah Newton	Thomas Smigiel
CITY / COUNTY	Newport News	Newport News	Newport News	Norfolk	Norfolk	Norfolk	Norfolk
POSITION	City Council South District	City Council Central District	Mayor	City Council Ward 4	City Council Ward 4	City Council Ward 3	City Council Ward 5
Q1: Adopt the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism as the standard for city departments.	✔	✔	✔	✔	✖	—	✔
Q2: Ordinance for content-neutral safety buffer zones around private residences and other targeted sites.	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
Q3: Consistent enforcement against unpermitted demonstrations, illegal signage and obstruction; coordinate with state agencies.	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
Q4: Procurement standards excluding vendors that discriminate against Israel or Israeli entities, per state law.	✔	✔	✔	✔	✖	—	✔
Q5: Review city grants so public funds do not advance content singling out a national or religious group.	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
Q6: Convene a working group with Jewish institutions and law enforcement on threats, security planning and security grants.	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
Q7: Publicly oppose, including by a no-vote, council resolutions on foreign policy outside the city’s jurisdiction.	✖	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
Q8: Publish an annual public report on hate crimes and bias incidents, broken down by targeted group.	✔	—	✔	✔	✔	—	✔
Q9: Establish a defined channel for the Jewish community to engage your office on policy and safety concerns.	✔	—	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔

CANDIDATE	William Moody	Mark Whitaker	David Bowers	Megan Cox	Robert Hill
CITY / COUNTY	Portsmouth	Portsmouth	Roanoke	Lovettsville	Lovettsville
POSITION	City Council	City Council	City Council	Town Council	Town Council
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Q2: Ordinance for content-neutral safety buffer zones around private residences and other targeted sites.	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
Q3: Consistent enforcement against unpermitted demonstrations, illegal signage and obstruction; coordinate with state agencies.	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
Q4: Procurement standards excluding vendors that discriminate against Israel or Israeli entities, per state law.	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
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Q8: Publish an annual public report on hate crimes and bias incidents, broken down by targeted group.	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
Q9: Establish a defined channel for the Jewish community to engage your office on policy and safety concerns.	✔	✔	✔	✖	✔

Board of Education Candidates

CANDIDATE	Marcus Still	Francis Jacobson	Adina Rivera	Michael Spencer	Jevon Baskerville
SCHOOL DISTRICT / SYSTEM	Manassas City Public Schools	Newport News Public Schools	Newport News Public Schools	Norfolk Public Schools	Norfolk Public Schools
OFFICE	School Board	School Board At-Large	School Board Central District	School Board Ward 2	School Board Ward 5
Q1: Board policy recognizing the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism.	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
Q2: Transparent review and approval of outside speakers, materials and consultants used in instruction.	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
Q3: Q3 Enforce policies on employee political expression that is hostile to students.	✔	✔	✔	✔	—
Q4: Direct the superintendent on reporting antisemitic conduct, with annual reporting.	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
Q5: Documented antisemitic conduct results in disciplinary review.	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
Q6: Publicly oppose BDS resolutions outside the board’s educational jurisdiction.	✔	✔	✔	✔	—
Q7: Publish an annual report on bias incidents, including antisemitic incidents, and how each was resolved.	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
Q8: Accurate Holocaust education and instruction on Jewish identity and antisemitism, age-appropriate.	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
Q9: Schedule exams and major events around major religious holidays; excused absences for observance.	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔