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District 3 Congressional Voter Guide



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November 2

Congressional District 3 Debate

Date: October 15, 2010

Location: Hampton City Council Chambers (8th floor) 22 Lincoln Street, Hampton, 23669

Time: Please arrive before 6:45 p.m. The filming of the debate will begin at 7 p.m.

Moderator: Olga Hernandez – President of the League of Women Voters of the State of Virginia

Panelist: Dr. Quinton Kidd—Professor of Political Science at Christopher Newport University
Christina Nuckols— Editorial writer for the Virginian-Pilot.

Confirmed Candidates – John Kelly , James Quigley , Congressman Bobby Scott, and Chuck Smith



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Congressional District 3 Candidate Questions

The candidate questionnaires are enclosed in this Voters Guide. On some questions you will see a // . This symbol indicates the candidate went over the allotted word count for the question.

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- Peninsula www.lwvpeninsula.org

Voter information www.vote411.org



We have recently lost jobs at Fort Monroe and now possibly at the Joint Forces Command. Many citizens are concerned this trend will continue because of the proposed building of wind farms and oil drilling rigs within NASA flight test areas, shipping lanes and Navy practice ranges. How would you address these concerns?

We have to understand that with the current huge deficit, government-funded programs are going to be cut. Maybe Fort Monroe or Joint Forces Command for now, but there is reason to believe there will be further cuts later. We need to see what the results of the study will be on whether the closing of JFCOM will have significant savings at the federal level and go from there. We have to aid in the return of private entrepreneurs and small business ventures out of the home, so people can self-employ in preparations of unknown future cuts.

I propose that we do two initiatives, one for the Hampton Roads area and the other at the federal level. The first initiative will be to propose to former Governor Wilder that Fort Monroe is the perfect location for his national slavery museum. The tourism this would bring would be beneficial.

The second initiative is a re-examination of federal regulations that impede the success and growth of small business with intent of removing those that do more harm than good. We especially need to review the state of small agricultural start-ups and how to promote access to local organic crops.

How do you plan to deal with the federal deficit while address domestic needs like high-speed rails and evacuation routes for hurricanes?

Infrastructure needs should be the last item cut, since that is one of the basic functions of government.

We need to stop building more apartments/condos that will only add to the inability to move people during an evacuation. Fort Monroe makes for a great defensible location in case of war, since there are few access ways in. During a sudden disaster, however, there are also few ways out. No condos on Fort Monroe.

We need to pull our forces out of Iraq and Afghanistan, stop subsidizing the defense of foreign countries, and start slashing government agencies that are proven failures or duplicate effort.

The Departments of Education and Energy are perfect examples of agencies that have failed. The Department of Education was supposed to close the achievement gap, but it has widened while overall educational quality has fallen nationally. The Department of Energy was supposed to reduce our dependence on foreign energy sources, but the opposite has happened. We also have too many intelligence agencies with overlapping duties.

We also must put an absolute stop on all bailouts and corporate subsidies. There is no excuse for taking money from struggling Americans to hand to the moneyed elite.

What functions of government could or should be done by the private sector.

There should be a bidding process for private contractors for such things as infrastructure and building construction and maintenance. Many of the other basic functions of government mentioned in the US Constitution should have remained the sole responsibility of government. For example, it is a travesty that we have allowed the private banks that make up the Federal Reserve to have control over the currency instead of keeping it with Congress.

Also, the military has performed reasonably well, but we decided to pull the troops out, but bring a small army of military contractors in. This allowed us to supposedly pull combat forces out of Iraq, but it puts us in a situation to fund a mercenary army. The Department of State should not have been allowed to hire military contractors to create a mercenary army in Iraq.

On the other hand, the government has assumed functions in which it never performed well and there may be room for privatization such as in the 175 years of failure to turn a profit with the Post Office.

Our immigration system is broken how would you change the immigration process.

Remove the troops from abroad, place the freed up Guard units onto our borders, go after businesses that break the law by hiring illegals, and provide access for those here illegally to legally file for citizenship. Reform our agencies that handle immigrants so that they process legal citizenship requests in a more timely and efficient manner, as some of our problem is the poor speed of our government agencies in handling legitimate requests for citizenship. Once we make these reforms, we will have to retake a look at how bad our illegal immigration situation remains. While we review the situation after these reforms, we should be turning illegal immigrants back to their countries of origin when they are identified as such.

What federal funds could you obtain to mitigate reoccurring flooding from hurricanes and nor'easters that result in significant damage and loss?

First, I want to point out that the responsibilities of infrastructure to prevent flooding and to prevent residential building on flood-prone areas primarily falls onto local governments, which have been grossly negligent when it comes to flood prevention even after a typical rainstorm in the Hampton Roads area. I would like to remind City Councils that they have a responsibility to all of their citizens when it comes to providing infrastructure repairs and not to pour more money for flood prevention in some neighborhoods while neglecting others. Likewise, the state governments have a similar responsibility with disaster preparedness.

The Federal government typically steps in after prevention and response measures have failed, which is often too late for property owners and sometimes for entire communities. There are programs federal funds or repair assistance through other agencies such as FEMA, DOT, HUF, and the Army Corps of Engineers. We would want to access as much outside assistance and as quickly as possible if we were ever to suffer have a disaster.

Why should we elect you to Congress?

I am willing to address the issues that concern American citizens, but that our Republicans and Democrats won't deal with due to their fear of upsetting the keepers of the status quo. For instance, the incumbent has been little more than a rubber stamp for his party leadership, voting 97% of the time with Speaker Nancy Pelosi within the last four years.

Also, I'm asking people to vote for me because I'm the best candidate for the job in these hard times. Every position I have discussed goes back to individual rights and the restoration of the economy. In these dark times of government surveillance, handouts to the power elite, wars abroad, record unemployment, and a growing prison industry driven by corporate profits, I'm the best candidate you have because I'm the one willing to address these issues head on.

What public policy issues are of concern to the community that you can address?

I will address the criminality of TARP, which was the largest forced theft of the poor and middle class ever in this country. I will address the corporate subsidies and dubious contractor hiring practices at the local, state, and federal levels which make it harder for small business. I will address the criminalization of making honest work at the local, state, and federal level which make it extremely difficult for people to work with their own skill sets and out of their own property, and in turn makes it impossible for the poor to enter into a free and open market. I will address the horrible growth of our prison system when we should be seeking to tear down prisons and send our young men and women home who participated in non-violent, victimless crimes. I will address the need to reform our system, instead of seeking to add another costly program to act as a band-aid to our country's wounds.

We have recently lost jobs at Fort Monroe and now possibly at the Joint Forces Command. Many citizens are concerned this trend will continue because of the proposed building of wind farms and oil drilling rigs within NASA flight test areas, shipping lanes and Navy practice ranges. How would you address these concerns?

It is essential that Hampton Roads communities continue to work closely with the military and continue meeting the military's unique needs. I would make certain that the military's concerns regarding flight paths and testing grounds were adequately addressed before supporting any form of oil well or wind farm. Both oil wells and wind farms are important to Virginia's economic security as is the military. It seems to me that there would be a solution that would allow for the military to keep the space that they need, while also providing the locations for potential wind farms and oil drilling facilities. I would work closely with the state, regulatory agencies, the state's business partners, and the military to come up with a solution that helps all Virginians reach their economic potential.

How do you plan to deal with the federal deficit while address domestic needs like high-speed rails and evacuation routes for hurricanes?

The federal deficit is the greatest threat facing our nation today. We are selling the futures of our children, and enslaving them to our debts with this out of control spending. The most important issue facing our generation is turning back the debt clock and retiring the national debt. After eliminating the national deficit and reducing the national debt, then we can focus on special projects like high-speed rails and evacuation routes. These are important projects that will make the lives of Virginians better, and should be focused on after we deal with our 1.8 trillion dollar deficit. Other special projects that I would work towards, is a third crossing between the Southside and the peninsula.

What functions of government could or should be done by the private sector.

There are many sectors of government that can be either done by the private sector, or completely eliminated. The U.S. Post Office loses about nine billion dollars per year. It has been proven that the private sector can deliver packages more efficiently and at a profit, why not let them have a chance to deliver the mail using their proven system. Who would have thought, as a child, that they would wake up in America and have not one but over 40 czars that were regulating every aspect of our lives, and not even be elected! I think that the entire czar system that has been created can be completely eliminated. Social Security started out as a safety net for people that lived past their life expectancy, now, it has turned into a retirement system. I believe that social security needs to be reformed in a way that (1) allows for people already receiving it to maintain their income stream; but (2) allows future generations to commit monies to their own personal retirement plan. In other words, I believe the American people are more competent to control their retirements than the federal government.

Our immigration system is broken how would you change the immigration process.

The Immigration system is completely broken. I would support having all current immigration law enforced, illegal aliens deported, employers that hired illegal aliens prosecuted, and the building of a real manned wall that would actually stop illegal aliens from crossing into our country. Once a real wall was in place, and the illegal aliens began to leave because they could not find work, they would not be able to regain illegal entry. This would not only secure our border from terrorists, criminals, and drug traffickers, it would bolster our economy by relieving the system of billions in costs to our schools, hospitals and prisons. Furthermore, it would force employers to hire American citizens, thus lowering the unemployment rate and bolstering the U.S. economy, rather having our dollars being sent back across the border to Mexico.



What federal funds could you obtain to mitigate reoccurring flooding from hurricanes and nor'easters that result in significant damage and loss?

When elected to Congress I would investigate the issue of what federal funds may be available to help with flooding and hurricanes.

Why should we elect you to Congress?

I would go to Washington and fight to (1) balance the budget; (2) retire the national debt; (3) and create jobs by making it more attractive for businesses to invest in the economy. My opponent has been in Washington for 18 years and does nothing but push Nancy Pelosi's far left, socialist agenda. He is anti-family, anti-business, he votes in favor of every bailout and spending package he can, and supports every tax increase.

I am the exact opposite of my opponent. I will support financial responsibility, lower taxes, cutting wasteful spending, spurring economic growth by freeing businesses of the regulatory burdens that cause them to shrink rather than grow. I will support programs that bring clean nuclear energy to America, allow for accessing our own natural energy, rather having to depend on foreign oil. I believe that the American people are better at regulating their lives, morality, and finances, than the government. I would support programs that bring control and power away from the federal government and back to the individual states and localities. I believe we should only give the federal government what they need, not give them everything and then beg to have some of it back in the form of a bailout or grant.

What public policy issues are of concern to the community that you can address?

The most important issue facing the community right now is jobs. We have record breaking unemployment and that is hurting the people. Once we allow the private sector to create jobs, it will naturally solve many other problems. Once people have money in their pockets, they will start to purchase goods, buy homes and pay taxes. This will make it easier to reduce the deficit and retire the national debt. We need good, private sector jobs, not government jobs that suck tax dollars out of the community and increase our national debt. The key to creating good private sector jobs is (1) corporate tax cuts, (2) no tax increases, (3) accelerated depreciation, (4) reducing regulatory burdens, (5) reduction of federal spending, (6) opening up national resources to drilling, and (7) building of nuclear power plants

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National security and Internal energy issues need to coexist. As a representative of this district, it will be my purpose to help drive a comprehensive plan for these two important issues. I understand the need for the Department of Defense to become more cost effective and accountable for the budget it is given. I know that this cut back could mean the loss of jobs in this area. Any Joint Forces military personnel would be reassigned and their jobs would be secure. The individuals who would face negative consequences associated with the loss of jobs are civilian employees and local businesses in the surrounding districts. I have seen first-hand the long lines and failed assistance that occurred for Qimonda employees at the Virginia Employment Commission in the west end of the district. Many of those workers have still not found full-time employment. The Employment Commission was unprepared to manage the large influx of unemployed citizens which resulted in long lines, benefit delays, and added frustration to the people of this district. It is important to me, having felt the pain of a company shutdown personally, for those who might be affected by this departure to be given support and resources they need to find jobs. This would begin by working with the Virginia Employment Commission to find the resources needed for the displaced workers. I would look for ways for local colleges, trade schools, and universities willing take an active role in training programs so the affected people can obtain //

How do you plan to deal with the federal deficit while address domestic needs like high-speed rails and evacuation routes for hurricanes?

As a nation, we are faced with making some hard decisions. The current economy makes it impossible to continue with the pork spending and special interest programs that have resulted in huge deficits and useless projects. One thing we need to do immediately is to pass the line item veto for the President. Pet projects should not be allowed to be attached to important legislation and the back room deals where billions of dollars are given for pork projects must end. High-speed rail and hurricane evacuation routes are essential elements to help bring jobs that build the economic foundation of this area and address the need for efficient and economical mass travel. The political leaders of this country need to make a commitment to the citizens to spend each dollar on projects that address multi-layers of need. These two projects do that. As your representative, I would push for more accountability in the budget items and look for projects that provide valuable services to our citizens.

What functions of government could or should be done by the private sector.

One function that should definitely be left to the private sector is health care. I am sure that most people can give a personal testimony of government bureaucracy and the resulting red tape and wasteful spending that seems to follow all large-scale government projects. For example, look at the current tax system. We live in a time when the Secretary of the Treasury cannot get his taxes figured out by himself because of the complexity and constant change in tax laws. We do not need that type of regulation and endless levels of mismanaged government intervention in our health care system. Can you imagine the horror of that type of management system involved in your family's health care? I can think of no better example of a function that should be left to the private sector.

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Our immigration system is broken how would you change the immigration process.

First, we need to enforce the immigration laws already on the books and give both financial and military support for the states that border foreign countries to make sure that the legal American citizens are protected. We have turned our backs far too long on the unending movement of illegal immigrants across our borders. We rationalize the problem by saying that they perform jobs that our own citizens do not want to do. Yet, the drain on our local, state, and federal governments is unsustainable. I support the idea of a wall between Mexico and the United States. I do not want to keep immigrants from applying to enter our country legally. We have a system in place and thousands of people every year wait patiently to enter and follow the laws. We should not reward those that try to bypass this system with government subsidies in the form of free education, medical care, and other programs while keeping those who are trying to enter legally out of the country. We need to work together with state and local agencies to come up with a comprehensive plan to meet this challenge in a fair and expedient manner.

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Again, I would like to address the practice of pork spending and the practice of tying together special interest projects to important bills and the resulting wasteful spending. When we give the President line item veto rights and stop the pet projects, we will have the money in the budget to make improvements to the infrastructure of our country and address these important concerns.

Why should we elect you to Congress?

I believe that I offer something the other candidates do not. First, I am your neighbor. I live in this district. I began my campaign by walking door-to-door, going to local businesses and talking with the people. I have no ties to any political group. I am the only candidate that is bound strictly to the people of this district, not to any party or any special interest group. I believe in term limits and I would serve with that in mind. This district has seen tremendous hardships in the past years and our leaders seem more interested in keeping their status quo than making hard decisions for the people. I would go to Washington as your representative. I have no other goal in mind. That is why you should vote for me.

What public policy issues are of concern to the community that you can address?

The number one concern of our community is jobs. We have so many neighbors out of work or worried that any day their job will be lost or small business will not make it. We struggle with unemployment and need more jobs in this area that pay a living wage. So many people I spoke to talked to me about the hard times they are facing. They are worried that they will not be able to pay their bills. People have had their hours cut at work, their wages frozen, or their family income reduced. We have people in our community who have their homes in foreclosure. It is time for us all to work together to make a change in the way business as usual has been done in Washington. We need to get rid of the political leaders who have forgotten the people they were elected to serve. Our neighbors need help and I pledge to do all I can to help them.

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I remain deeply troubled by the Defense Department's recent announcement to seek the closure of the Joint Forces Command in Norfolk. Joint Forces Command is a critical command element of our nation's military. JFCOM helps ensure that DOD civilian personnel and members of all the branches of the armed services are working together towards one common goal - the defense of the United States. I recently joined my delegation colleagues in questioning the legality of this decision without going through the Base Closure and Realignment (BRAC) process. We have called on Secretary Gates to provide for a more complete review of JFCOM's mission and activities. I believe that any recommendation to close JFCOM can only be made as part of the BRAC process. I will continue to work with the Virginia delegation to provide the leadership in holding the Defense Department accountable to ensure that it follows proper procedure in any decision about JFCOM's future and to ensure that it has done a thorough review of JFCOM's contributions to our armed services. In the case that JFCOM is closed, we are working to insure that those JFCOM missions which will continue will remain in Hampton Roads and we are also working to bring to Hampton Roads other military jobs which may presently be based overseas.

I support renewable energy innovation, like wind farms, as long as they are done so in accordance with unique needs of Virginia's military as well as recreational interests. The Department of Interior has already //

How do you plan to deal with the federal deficit while address domestic needs like high-speed rails and evacuation routes for hurricanes?

As a member of the House Budget Committee, I am well aware of the economic challenges our nation faces. The past administration was fiscally reckless, squandering a surplus which was on track to paying off the entire national debt held by the public by 2008. They did this by passing expensive initiatives, several with ten-year price tags in excess of a trillion dollars, without paying for them - a Medicare prescription drug bill; tax cuts disproportionately benefiting the top 1%; and two wars. None of these programs were offset or paid for and the tough choices were not made. Those structural deficits coupled with the economic collapse of the banks and housing market have led to our very serious financial situation. However, we know that it is possible to make tough choices, make investments (like high speed rail and other transportation infrastructure) and still put us on a path to reducing and eventually eliminating the deficit. In the 111th Congress, we passed, and I supported, statutory "pay-go" meaning any spending increases or tax cuts have to be fully paid for. The previous Republican Congress repealed "pay-go" and refused to pay for its spending and tax cutting binge. We also know from 1993, under then President Clinton, that it is possible to enact responsible fiscal policies. The Deficit Reduction Act of 1993 made those choices and put this country on a path to paying off the national debt, created a record number of jobs and almost quadrupled the Dow Jones Industrial Average. //

What functions of government could or should be done by the private sector.

From administering social service grants to implementing transportation projects to even building space rockets, the federal government already relies on partnerships with many federal contractors to carry out needed functions. When it is clear that the private sector can accomplish needed functions more efficiently and more reliably than government employees, privatization should be considered.

Our immigration system is broken how would you change the immigration process.

Congress must pass comprehensive immigration reform. As part of this reform, I support efforts to require the Department of Homeland Security to develop a national border security plan, and to fund additional resources for border patrols and enforcement of laws against hiring those who are here illegally. Additionally, I believe that enforcement remains the federal government's responsibility. Lastly, any serious reform must address a pathway to citizenship for immigrants who meet minimum requirements.



What federal funds could you obtain to mitigate reoccurring flooding from hurricanes and nor'easters that result in significant damage and loss?

We must comprehensively address the environmental and economic impact of hurricanes and other major storms on our region. This is not just about identifying funds to fix the damage once a storm has passed, rather this is a multilevel issue from how we manage our development/land use to how we minimize our climate impact. We know from research that our land use is impacting the wetlands in how they absorb storm surges and other flooding. There are a number of resources at the federal level that can be used to support projects to minimize storm damage. In Congress, I have worked with a number of localities to seek funds for Army Corps of Engineer projects from the Water Resources Development Act or WRDA. There is also conservation funding available from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for those individuals who farm and whose land is in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. As co-chair of the Congressional Chesapeake Bay Watershed Taskforce, I am committed to promoting greater federal leadership and coordination among agencies to assist our localities with funding and planning to minimize storm damage while protecting the Bay. As for individual damage caused by storms, I support an "all hazards" insurance policy which would cover all catastrophic damage, so homeowners will not lose coverage if they cannot prove that damage was caused by wind, not water, etc.

Why should we elect you to Congress?

During my eighteen years of service to the Third Congressional District, I have remained committed to serving the needs of my constituents and to making a positive contribution on national policies affecting education, juvenile crime and responsible budgeting. I believe in research driven policy solutions and have dedicated my career to enacting policies that better our communities and our nation.

What public policy issues are of concern to the community that you can address?

Throughout my career, I have been interested in addressing juvenile crime. For too long, Congress has chosen to play politics by enacting sound bite slogans, such as "mandatory minimum sentences" or "three strikes and you're out" without regard to the real world consequences of these misguided policies. Though these policies may sound appealing and catchy, the reality is that these policies, at best, have negligible results in decreasing crime and at worst, actually increase crime. And to add insult to injury, they are cost-prohibitive and are more costly in the long run, both in terms of human costs (victims, lost opportunities) as well as economic costs (incarceration versus productive taxpaying citizens). The U.S. has the highest average incarceration rate of any nation in the world, disproportionately impacting minorities, particularly Blacks and Hispanics. The Children's Defense Fund (CDF) has described this national crisis as the "cradle-to-prison pipeline." I am committed to enacting evidenced-based prevention programs for youth identified as being at risk of involvement in delinquent behavior, and intervention for those already involved. Such programs will greatly reduce crime and save much more than they cost when compared to the avoided law enforcement and social welfare expenditures.

I am the proud sponsor of the Youth PROMISE (Prison Reduction through Opportunities, Mentoring, Intervention, Support, and Education) Act (H.R.1064/S.435), to help communities facing the greatest youth gang and crime challenges to develop a comprehensive response to youth violence through a coordinated prevention and intervention

Article X, Taxation and Finance. Section 6, Exempt Property

BALLOT QUESTION 1: Shall Section 6 of Article X of the Constitution of Virginia be amended to authorize legislation that will permit localities to establish their own income or financial worth limitations for purposes of granting property tax relief for homeowners not less than 65 years of age or permanently and totally disabled?

EXPLANATION: The proposed amendment (i) removes the requirement that tax exemptions are available only to such persons who bear “an extraordinary tax burden,” and (ii) gives the General Assembly authority to permit localities to determine their own income or financial worth limitations for tax exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or for persons permanently and totally disabled.

The League of Women Voters of Virginia suggests the following points to consider

Supporters Say:

- It will eliminate the need for the General Assembly to rule on a case-by-case basis.
- It applies a more rational standard for localities to make their tax exemption laws

Opponents Say:

- Disparities in eligibilities among localities may affect fairness across the state.
- Localities could reduce taxes for older citizens and thereby lessen available money for local services such as schools.

Article X, Taxation and Finance. Section 6-A, Property tax exemption for certain veterans

BALLOT QUESTION 2: Shall the Constitution be amended to require the General Assembly to provide a real property tax exemption for the principal residence of a veteran, or his or her surviving spouse, if the veteran has a 100 percent service-connected, permanent, and total disability?

EXPLANATION: The proposed amendment would require the General Assembly to pass a law exempting from local taxation the principal residence owned and occupied by any veteran with a 100 percent service-connected, permanent, and total disability. The veteran’s surviving spouse could continue to claim the exemption so long as he or she does not remarry and continues to occupy the home as his or her principal residence.

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Supporters Say:

- It improves the financial situation of 100% disabled veterans in the Commonwealth.
- It makes it easier for 100% disabled veterans to qualify for tax relief.
- It will eliminate the need for the General Assembly to rule on a case-by-case basis.

Opponents Say:

- It adds a new permanent category for a tax exemption.
- Localities’ tax revenues are reduced without compensating reimbursement from the commonwealth.
- It extends duration of exemptions to surviving spouses, regardless of their financial circumstances.

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Article X, Taxation and Finance. Sec.8, Limit of tax or revenue; Revenue Stabilization Fund

BALLOT QUESTION 3: Shall Section 8 of Article X of the constitution of Virginia be amended to increase the permissible size of the Revenue Stabilization fund (also known as the “rainy day fund”) from 10 percent to 15 percent of the Commonwealth’s average tax revenues derived from income and retail sales taxes for the preceding three fiscal years?

EXPLANATION: The proposed constitutional amendment increases the maximum size of the Fund from 10 percent to 15 percent of the Commonwealth’s average annual tax revenues from income and sales taxes for the preceding three fiscal years.

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Supporters Say:

- It’s sound financial planning
- It assures that more state funding is available in lean years.

Opponents Say:

- It could decrease available revenue for current state services.
- Additional management fees could provide windfalls for financial institutions in the state.



The League of Women Voters of Virginia put together this information sheet to help citizens better understand the proposed amendments. Visit our website at www.LWV-VA.org on the SouthSide or www.lwvpeninsula.org on the Peninsula.