

# The Voter

Virginia Peninsula MAL Unit Of The League Of Women Voters



The League of Women Voters of Virginia, a nonpartisan political organization of men and women, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

The Virginia Peninsula MAL Unit of the League of Women Voters of Virginia covers the areas of Hampton, Newport News and Poquoson in Hampton Roads.



## Voter Guide for Virginia House District 94

The Virginia Peninsula will be publishing Voter Guides for each of the races. We feel that this gives voters the opportunity to hear candidate's thoughts on various issues as well as giving contact information where voters can research the candidates in their elections. For more information go to [www.lwvpeninsula.org](http://www.lwvpeninsula.org)

## Virginia House District 94 Forum

**October 21st 6:30 p.m.**

Newport News Fountain Plaza II

700 Town Center Drive

City Center at Oyster Point

**Confirmed Candidates: Gary West and David Yancey**

## Voter Information for General Election

**Election Date:** November 8, 2011

**Poll Hours :** 6 a.m.—7p.m.

**Voter Registration Deadline:** Oct 17, 2011

**Absentee Ballots :**The deadline for requesting the application is **November 1**. Absentee ballots must be received by the local Office of Elections by 7 p.m. on **November 8**.

**What is Your Voting District:** Due to recent redistricting voter in our area have been relocated to different districts. Some of the voter cards that were sent out to our area did not show the new districts. To verify your voting districts go to the Voter Information section of the Virginia State Board of Elections website [www.sbe.virginia.gov](http://www.sbe.virginia.gov) and click on "what's on my ballot" to see all your voting district information.



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**In light of this year's controversies about drawing the lines of Virginia's legislative districts, would you support legislation or a Constitutional Amendment to require future redistricting decisions to be made by using a nonpartisan process? What specific measures do you believe are most likely to achieve nonpartisan redistricting plans for Virginia?**

I do support requiring future redistricting decisions be made by using a nonpartisan process. The bipartisan commission's recommendations to the legislature were very good. Unfortunately, the legislature ignored many of them. I support a bipartisan commission that has the force of law.

**Many localities in Virginia have voiced concern regarding unfunded mandates required by the state. Some people have expressed that if the state wants to pursue a project then they should pay for it. The economy has already made an impact on locality budgets. What is your opinion regarding the unfunded mandates required by the state?**

I do not support any unfunded mandates from the state.

**The General Assembly will be looking at lifting the ban on Uranium Mining this year. The state has seen how the economy can take an unexpected negative turn and affect the availability of funding for projects. With this in mind, what do you see as a viable option for an exit strategy for the mining operation? This could cover items such as cleaning up after a contamination incident or just reclaiming the mine once the drilling has ended.**

I believe the status quo is the right course. I believe the ban should not be lifted until studies prove that uranium mining is safe.

**Payday (car title) loans have been an issue for the General Assembly for several years. What is your opinion on our current payday loan regulations? Do you support or oppose the existence of the payday loan industry in Virginia. What is your opinion regarding the current cap on interest and fees?**

Current payday loan regulations do not go far enough. I oppose the existence of the payday loan industry. There should be a flat 36% cap on interest and fees.

**What is the issue that you are currently most passionate about that you would like to bring to the public's attention? What are your goals in relation to this issue? What do you perceive as the obstacles to overcome in order for you to champion this issue?**

I am most passionate about putting people back to work. The state legislature must make that the top priority. We must grow our economy and create jobs. As Delegate, I'll:

- Direct state and local governments to use Virginia companies first when contracting for goods and services so our tax dollars create jobs here, not in other countries like China
- Provide tax credits for small businesses that create jobs here in Newport News
- Provide grants and tax incentives to companies that create jobs in the bio-tech and renewable energy industries
- Invest in more workforce development so our workers are trained for the jobs of today and tomorrow.

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**In light of this year's controversies about drawing the lines of Virginia's legislative districts, would you support legislation or a Constitutional Amendment to require future redistricting decisions to be made by using a nonpartisan process? What specific measures do you believe are most likely to achieve nonpartisan redistricting plans for Virginia?**

While I support efforts at bipartisanship and hope that our public dialogue can be more constructive and less partisan, I believe that as elected officials, we have a direct accountability to the voters that appointees don't. Therefore I would support redistricting responsibilities remain with the legislators.

**Many localities in Virginia have voiced concern regarding unfunded mandates required by the state. Some people have expressed that if the state wants to pursue a project then they should pay for it. The economy has already made an impact on locality budgets. What is your opinion**

I do not like unfunded mandates on localities by the state any more than the state likes unfunded mandates from the federal government. All three levels of government should work together to solve local problems and make sure that mandates are fewer and those that remain are funded by those who issued the mandate.

**The General Assembly will be looking at lifting the ban on Uranium Mining this year. The state has seen how the economy can take an unexpected negative turn and affect the availability of funding for projects. With this in mind, what do you see as a viable option for an exit strategy for the mining operation? This could cover items such as cleaning up after a contamination incident or just reclaiming the mine once the drilling has ended.**

Until the current study is completed, facts are incomplete on whether the ban will be lifted. No one should lift the ban without knowing the impacts and mitigations for any possible incidents. While I understand that nuclear energy is a part of our energy solutions portfolio, mining uranium in Virginia depends on whether the economic potential can be balanced with the proper mitigations against any problems.

**Payday (car title) loans have been an issue for the General Assembly for several years. What is your opinion on our current payday loan regulations? Do you support or oppose the existence of the payday loan industry in Virginia. What is your opinion regarding the current cap on interest and fees?**

I support a 36% interest rate cap just like other lenders have to abide by.

**What is the issue that you are currently most passionate about that you would like to bring to the public's attention? What are your goals in relation to this issue? What do you perceive as the obstacles to overcome in order for you to champion this issue?**

As a businessman, I want to help Newport News get back to work and take the necessary steps to grow the Peninsula economy. I support a pro-business, low-tax, smart regulatory climate to facilitate the path from good ideas to great jobs. We must let the job creators do what they do best and unleash the creative capital that exists in Virginia.

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Other Upcoming Forums



**Virginia Senate District 2 Forum**

**Date:** October 28, 2011

**Location:** Hampton City Hall

Council Chambers on 8<sup>th</sup> floor

22 Lincoln Street; 8th Floor City Hall  
Hampton, VA

**Time:** Forum begins at 6:30 p.m.

**Confirmed Candidates:** Senator Mamie Locke and Thomas Harmon

The Voter Guides will be posted before the debates at the Virginia Peninsula League of Women Voters website ([www.lwvpeninsula.org](http://www.lwvpeninsula.org)) or you can also follow us on twitter. ([twitter.com/vplwv](https://twitter.com/vplwv))

**Voter Guides and Debate Videos at [www.lwvpeninsula.org](http://www.lwvpeninsula.org)**

- Virginia Senate District 1 Candidates : Senator John Miller & Mickey Chohany
- Virginia House District 93 Candidates : Delegate Robin Abbott & Mike Watson

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