



# Lake Frederick Democrats and Independents

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## Ballot Questions 2020

LFDI hopes to have sample ballots to distribute shortly, but, for now, here's a quick summary.

We'll be voting for the following offices:

- **President/Vice President:** Joe Biden/Kamala Harris
- **US Senate:** John Warner
- **US Congress:** Jennifer Wexton
- **Virginia House of Delegates:** Irina Khanin

Please see our website for a link to each candidate:

<https://votebluelakefrederick.com/candidates>

In addition to the candidates, there will be two questions on your 2020 ballot. Both address potential amendments to the Virginia Constitution.

You can read the full text of both questions

at: <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/proposed-constitutional-amendment-2020/>

**The first measure** would allow an exemption from state and local property taxes on one vehicle used primarily by, or for, a veteran of the US armed forces or the Virginia National Guard who has a 100% service-connected, permanent, and total disability. A “yes” vote is a vote in favor of allowing this exemption. A “no” vote is a vote against allowing this exemption. **The Democratic Party of Virginia recommends a “yes” vote on this measure.**

**The second measure** is a bit more complicated. It would revise the way that Virginia draws US Congressional Districts and Districts for the Virginia legislature.



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Currently, the Virginia State Assembly draws these districts based on census information. Many argue that this has led to gerrymandering. The Governor may veto. Disputes are ultimately resolved by the Virginia Supreme Court (currently controlled by Republicans) and, in rare cases, by the United States Supreme Court (currently controlled by Republicans).

The proposed measure would give the authority to draw these districts to a commission composed of state legislators and citizens. If disputes could not be resolved, the Virginia Supreme Court, and, in rare cases, the United States Supreme Court, would establish the districts.

Whether or not the proposed measure passes, Virginia's Democratically-controlled legislature passed (and our Democratic Governor signed) legislation this year to address gerrymandering. All of Virginia's Republicans opposed the measure. House Bill 1255 and Senate Bill 7171 are described in more detail at the *Proposed Amendments for 2020* link below.

A "no" vote opposes transferring the power to draw districts to the commission and keeps the General Assembly responsible for redistricting, under the new guidelines adopted this year. A "yes" vote allows the transfer of power to the proposed commission.

**The Democratic Party of Virginia and members of Virginia's Black Caucus recommend a "no" vote on this measure.**

Now's a great time to read up, decide how you'll vote, and get ready to lock in your vote as early as possible. You can find all of the details here: [Proposed Amendments for 2020](#)