ELEPHANT TRACKS

Middlesex County Republican Committee (MCRC) Newsletter

September 2025 Special Edition

WAKE UP VIRGINIA! Early Voting Started on Sept 19!

Honor The Memory of Charlie Kirk — Vote Early Against Every Democrat On The Ballot This November!



Much has been said in the past few weeks about the assassination of Charlie Kirk on September 10, 2025, while he was engaged in respectful discourse on a college campus in Utah. He has rightly been declared a martyr for his Christian faith, a martyr for Free Speech, a martyr for The Truth. Erika Kirk, Charlie's widow, speaking just two days after her husband's death, had this message for the evildoers responsible for

Charlie's assassination: "You have no idea, no idea what you have unleashed across this entire country and this world."

VOTE EARLY IN PERSON

Turnout will decide whether Winsome Sears is elected as the first black female governor of Virginia. It is the duty of Every Good Republican of Middlesex County to go the Registrar's Office at **105 Bowden Street in Saluda** to cast their vote in person before election day. Early in person voting continues through November 1. Casting your vote early helps Republican Party of Virginia redirect financial and personnel support to those precincts most in need.

SPREAD THE WORD

Have you made your list of 10 people to call and remind them that early voting in-person voting has started? Then, a week later, check back to make sure that person has voted, and if not, how can you assist them on getting to the registrar's office to vote? Do you know a young person who is away at college and has not yet succumbed to the forces of evil on campus? Check in with those young folks, make sure they are registered to vote and have requested an absentee ballot. We need "all hands on deck" to **GET OUT THE VOTE**.

SAMPLE BALLOT

Governor

Winsome Earle-Sears - R

Lieutenant Governor

John J. Reid, II - R

Attorney General

Jason S. Miyares - R

Member House of Delegates, 68th District

M. Keith Hodges - R

Supervisor, Middlesex County, Hartfield District

William A. "Bill" Harris - R

School Board, Middlesex County, Hartfield District

Karen McMinn - R

"Virginia is one election away from becoming California!"

EARLY VOTING AND PRESIDENT TRUMP'S ELECTION REFORMS

On March 25, President Trump signed Executive Order 14248, "Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections". The centerpiece of the order is requiring proof of U.S. citizenship for voter registration forms. Just last month, President Trump announced that he plans to lead a movement to get rid of mail-in ballots and voting machines in the country ahead of next year's election. Good Republicans will recall that President Trump encouraged mail-in ballots in 2024. Scott Pressler has been recommending in Pennsylvania that voters should request a "Plan-B" absentee ballot. Is President Trump contradicting himself? Not at all. We must take advantage of the election system that is currently in place. So, while we can reminisce of the Good Old Days when we all voted on Election DAY and the results were finalized well before midnight, we are where we are.

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VIRGINIA RUNS ON YOUNGKIN

Governor Youngkin was in White Stone on August 28 to ceremonially sign legislation that accelerates the scheduled replacement of the Norris Bridge by eight years. During his remarks at the ceremony, the governor described how Virginia Senators and Delegates representing the Northern Neck (Senator Ryan McDougle and Delegate Hillary Pugh Kent) and Middlesex (Senator Richard Stuart and Delegate Keith Hodges) championed the legislation through the Democrat controlled General Assembly. The Norris Bridge is one of 18 mega bridge and tunnel facilities considered a Special Structure due to its size and complexity. Legislators from Northern Virginia wanted infrastructure in their districts to be higher in priority, but our great Republican representatives prevailed in pushing the Norris Bridge to the top of the list.



Governor Youngkin at White Stone

Governor Youngkin admitted that he would like to serve an additional four years, but the Virginia Constitution prohibits a governor serving consecutive terms. But, not to fear, as he is confident that his Lieutenant Governor, Winsome Earle-Sears, will continue using *Common Sense* instead of *Nonsense* to keep the Commonwealth moving in the right direction.

Inalienable Rights: From God or From Government?

U.S. Senator Tim Kaine (D-Virginia) spoke **nonsense** during a confirmation hearing on September 3, 2025, when he described the idea that rights come from God as a "theocratic" notion representative of the mindset of Iranian ayatollahs. A few days later he was forced to admit that all men are, as clearly stated in the Declaration of Independence, "endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness." Unfortunately, Senator Kaine, and many shallow thinkers of the Democrat party, are of the opinion that in order for government to properly protect our rights, it is entirely appropriate for government to define, create or conjure from thin air an endless stream of rights never before dreamed of until three weeks ago.

We are not surprised that Senator Kaine thinks this way, given the ludicrously named "Virginia Reproductive Freedom Amendment" passed by the Democrat controlled Virginia General Assembly this past February. This measure would amend the Virginia Constitution to establish a "fundamental right" to "make and effectuate one's own decisions about matters related to one's pregnancy". This includes contraception, abortion, and fertility care. We can tell this is a fabricated right when we see phrases such as this in the proposed amendment: "...consistent with accepted clinical standards of care and evidence-based medicine, and does not infringe on that individual's autonomous decision making." Say what? While this sort of gibberish is preferable to the emanations and penumbras used by the Supreme Court in 1973 when it wrongly decided Roe vs Wade, if such tortuous language is needed to describe a right, it cannot possibly be fundamental and it would be a shame to amend it to our Virginia Constitution.

Ultimately, We The People decide whether the Virginia Constitution will be amended. If the proposed amendment passes both chambers of the General Assembly in early 2026, and if the Governor signs the legislation, then the measure will

appear on the ballot for the general election in November 3, 2026. Let's not wait for next year to fight this amendment. If Good Republicans turn out in sufficient numbers this November, we can flip control of the General Assembly to Republicans and kill this amendment early next year during the 2026 legislative session and keep it off the ballot next November.

"I have set before you lie and death, blessing and curse: therefore choose life, that you and your descendants may live."

Deuteronomy 30:19

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VIRGINIA GOVERNOR CANDIDATES

SIDE-BY-SIDE



WINSOME EARLE-SEARS

REPUBLICAN

FOR ALL OF VIRGINIA
THE BEST CHOICE FOR VIRGINIA



ABIGAIL SPANBERGER

DEMOCRAT

FOR NORTHERN VIRGINIA AND FEDERAL GOVT BUREAUCRATS

	27/11/14	
Virginia Executive Office Experience	Serving a four-year term as Lieutenant Governor of Virginia	None
Experience Outside Government	Built a successful business as a trained electrician	Nothing significant
Protecting the Unborn	Supports a 15-week abortion ban	Supports no restrictions Abortion-on-demand (anytime, for any reason)
Protecting Second Amendment Rights	Gun Owner Campaigned with AR-15 in 2021 Vigorous defender of right to keep and bear arms	Gun Grabber Favors overall stricter gun control laws Supports new Federal Assault Weapons Ban
Education	Past Vice President of Virginia State Board of Education Supports parents' choice on how to best educate their children Opposes Critical Race Theory being taught in schools	Supports liberal teachers' unions Taught as a substitute teacher at Islamic Saudi Academy in Northern VA
Tax Policy	Strongly supports eliminating Virginia's car tax Supports No Tax on Tips	Opposed the Big Beautiful Bill tax cuts
Personal Story Highlights	Naturalized Citizen U.S. Marine Corps Veteran	- Joined CIA in 2006 - No military service
BOTTOM LINE	An experienced, common-sense conservative who will look out for ALL CITIZENS of the Commonwealth	A liberal champion of the administrative state with LITTLE EXPERIENCE outside the Beltway

The Future of Education for Virginia's Children: Common Sense or Nonsense?

Sears would Partner with Parents (This is Common Sense)

Spanberger would Kowtow to Teachers Unions (This is Nonsense)

Governor Youngkin recently discussed efforts to ensure education in Virginia isn't one-size-fits all. "We're opening multiple pathways, including dual enrollment, industry credentials, and lab schools, so every student can turn passion into purpose."

Who will chart those pathways? Students and their parents! Lab school examples include teaching labs schools in rural counties; health care lab schools; a space lab school on the Eastern Shore; and a maritime lab school partnering with Hampton Roads area universities and the shipbuilding industry to develop skill workers needed to design or build the next generation of ships for the world's most powerful Navy.

Electing Winsome Sears ensures this sort of education innovation will continue and flourish. And a Sears administration would continue to veto weird legislation should the Democrats hold their majority in the General Assembly. Abigail Spanberger and the teachers' unions would dilute anything that smacks of parents determining the course of their child's educations. Spanberger's record in Congress includes voting against the Parents Bill of Rights and the Laken Riley Act. And she would allow biological males to compete against girls sports and to use the girl's locker room.

In Middlesex County, the voice of more Common Sense for our School Board is Karen McMinn. Karen sent her three children through Middlesex County Public Schools. She built lasting relationships with teachers, administrators and fellow families who are driven to strengthen and enhance our schools. Hartfield voters would do well to send Karen, a strong conservative voice, to the school board.



Virginia Republican Party Creed

WE BELIEVE...

- ★ That the free enterprise system is the most productive supplier of human needs and economic justice
- ★ That all individuals are entitled to equal rights, justice and opportunities and should assume their responsibilities as citizens in a free society
- ★ That fiscal responsibility and budgetary restraints must be exercised at all levels of government
- ★ That the federal Government must preserve individual liberty by observing Constitutional limitations
- ★ That peace is best preserved through a strong defense
- ★ That faith in God, as recognized by our Founding Fathers, is essential to the moral fiber of the Nation



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MCRC Monthly Meetings Oct 16 · Nov 20

Cooks Corner Public Conference Room 2693 General Puller Highway, Saluda, VA 23149 **Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.**

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Membership application can be found at middlesexvagop.org.

Your support makes our educational efforts possible. Your membership helps buy campaign and yard message signs, campaign hats, banners, t-shirts, lapel pins, tents, stationery, postage, website domain and presence, American flags, U.S. Constitutions and so much more.

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