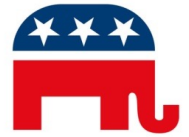


# ELEPHANT TRACKS



## Middlesex County Republican Committee (MCRC) Newsletter

September 2026

Special Edition

### AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT ELECTION!

### Early Voting Has Already Begun!

In Virginia, every year is an election year, but this year's election is unusually complex. Middlesex voters are deciding questions at the national, state and local levels during the election which is already underway.

As is typical for even numbered years, voters will decide on national level representation in Congress. We must return Ron Wittman to the House and replace Mark Warner with Burt Mizusawa to the Senate.

Thanks to Virginia's radical Democrat controlled legislature in Richmond, voters must also decide three proposed amendments to the Virginia Constitution. This is the same Richmond legislature that wasted Virginia voter's time and money by placing the so-called "restoring fairness" redistricting amendment on the special election ballot in April. As with the redistricting question, all three questions on this ballot are written with deliberately vague and misleading wording. Your guide to deciphering this deceptive language is inside this newsletter.

As if all of the above wasn't enough, Middlesex voters will also decide which of four candidates will serve as sheriff for the next year and whether the county should collect an additional 1% sales tax, for schools. MCRC is not endorsing or taking a position on the sheriff's race or on the tax increase question.

President Trump is urging Republicans to vote as if he was on ballot. That's why the first ever mid-term convention was held in Dallas earlier this month. Casting your vote early at the Election Office at **105 Bowden Street** in Saluda will help the Republican Party of Virginia target resources where most needed. Don't let Virginia turn into California!

#### SAMPLE BALLOT

Member, United States Senate

☒ Bert Mizusawa - R

Member, House of Representatives  
1st District

☒ Robert J. "Rob" Wittman - R

Sheriff, Special Election  
For unexpired term to end December 31, 2027

- ☐ K.L. Schomburg  
☐ Christopher J. Easter  
☐ Bryan P. Longest  
☐ Thomas G. Justis

(Note: MCRC is not endorsing any one candidate for Sheriff. All candidates for Sheriff are running as Independents.)

#### Proposed Constitutional Amendment Question 1

Question: Should the Constitution of Virginia be amended to (i) protect the freedom to make personal decisions about prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care, birth control, abortion, miscarriage management, and fertility care; (ii) protect doctors, nurses, and patients from being punished for these decisions; and (iii) allow for restrictions on access to abortion during the third trimester of pregnancy except when the patient's health is at risk or the pregnancy cannot survive?

☒ NO

#### Proposed Constitutional Amendment Question 2

Question: Should the Constitution of Virginia be amended to (i) remove the ban on same-sex marriage; (ii) affirm that two adults may marry regardless of sex, gender, or race; and (iii) require all legally valid marriages to be treated equally under the law?

☒ NO

#### Proposed Constitutional Amendment Question 3

Question: Should the Constitution of Virginia be amended (i) to provide for the fundamental right to vote in the Commonwealth, (ii) to revise the qualifications of voters so that a person convicted of a felony is not entitled to vote during his period of incarceration but is automatically invested with the right to vote upon release from incarceration, and (iii) to update the existing prohibition on voting by persons found to be mentally incompetent to instead apply to persons who have been found to lack the capacity to understand the act of voting?

☒ NO

#### Local Sales Tax

Should Middlesex County add a 1% general retail sales tax on purchases to provide revenue solely for the construction or major renovation of Middlesex County Public Schools in Middlesex County?

- ☐ NO  
☐ YES

(Note: MCRC has not taken a position for or against this question.)

**JUST DO IT! VOTE EARLY IN PERSON  
NOW THROUGH SATURDAY, OCT 31!**

## VOTE “NO” ON ALL THREE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT QUESTIONS

Radical Democrats in Richmond have placed three proposed amendments to the Virginia Constitution on this year’s ballot. Constitutional amendments are especially consequential because, once adopted, they are not easily changed. The vague and misleading wording of the ballot questions is intended to confuse voters by concealing the radical objectives of the amendments. Confused voters are more likely to support Democrat Nonsense. Informed voters using Common Sense will **VOTE “NO”** on all three amendments.

### Proposed Constitutional Amendment

**Question 1** Should the Constitution of Virginia be amended to (i) protect the freedom to make personal decisions about prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care, birth control, abortion, miscarriage management, and fertility care; (ii) protect doctors, nurses, and patients from being punished for these decisions; and (iii) allow for restrictions on access to abortion during the third trimester of pregnancy except when the patient’s health is at risk or the pregnancy cannot survive?

**This amendment is not about “Reproductive Freedom” — it is about *Abortion Without Limits*.**

- Goes far beyond what even Roe v. Wade once permitted
- Fabricates and places in the constitution a so-called “fundamental right” to abortion for “every individual”, which includes underage children
- Allows an underage child to undergo an abortion or sterilization without parental involvement
- Allows for abortions up to moment of birth
- Sweeps away basic safety standards for abortion procedures already in place to protect women.
- Richmond legislators refused to require that a baby born alive after an attempted abortion should receive the same care as any other infant
- Removes ALL liability of ANYONE aiding or performing an abortion
- A “No” vote does not ban abortion. Abortion in Virginia is legal; an abortion law is already in place. Voting “No” keeps the current framework in place and balances access with strong safeguards for women, girls and families.

### Proposed Constitutional Amendment

**Question 2** Should the Constitution of Virginia be amended to (i) remove the ban on same-sex marriage; (ii) affirm that two adults may marry regardless of sex, gender, or race; and (iii) require all legally valid marriages to be treated equally under the law?

**This amendment is not about “marriage” — it is about *Gender Ideology*.**

- Marriage has been defined for thousands of years as “the union between one man and one woman”
- Promotes instability by reducing marriage to a source of personal happiness vs. emphasizing obligations to children and family building
- Embeds gender ideology in the constitution by making a distinction between “sex” and “gender”
- Allows males in female sports and spaces. Safety? Privacy?
- Same-sex marriage has been legal in Virginia since 2014

### Proposed Constitutional Amendment

**Question 3** Should the Constitution of Virginia be amended (i) to provide for the fundamental right to vote in the Commonwealth, (ii) to revise the qualifications of voters so that a person convicted of a felony is not entitled to vote during his period of incarceration but is automatically invested with the right to vote upon release from incarceration, and (iii) to update the existing prohibition on voting by persons found to be mentally incompetent to instead apply to persons who have been found to lack the capacity to understand the act of voting?

**This amendment is not about “voting rights” — it is about *favoring criminals rather than their victims*.**

- Automatically restores the privilege of voting to convicted felons as soon as they leave prison — even those still in active parole, still under court supervision and still owing restitution to victims.
- The privilege of voting would extend to violent felons, as well as non-violent. These released murderers, rapists, and pedophiles could also serve as jurors, judges, and elected or appointed representatives.
- Changes the rule on mental competency to apply only to those who lack the capacity to understand the act of voting. Who makes that determination?
- The right to vote is a privilege of citizenship that is extended to mentally competent adults who are not serving prison sentences for felony convictions.
- This amendment is one more accommodation that soft-on-crime Democrats are extending to one of their most favored constituencies, the Criminal Class.

## WE CAN'T AFFORD A DEMOCRAT CONGRESS... VOTE REPUBLICAN!



**ROB WITTMAN**  
**REPUBLICAN**  
**FOR UNITED STATES**  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Served the people of Virginia's First District first as a scientist with the Virginia Department of Health, protecting public health and the Chesapeake Bay; then as mayor of Montross; and then as delegate in the Virginia House.

- Serves as Vice Chairman, House Armed Services and is Super Strong on national defense and supporting Military Families
- No one in Congress does more to protect the Chesapeake Bay
- Very strong on expanded workforce opportunities
- Always ready with responsive constituent support services



**BERT MIZUSAWA**  
**REPUBLICAN**  
**FOR UNITED STATES**  
**SENATE**

Major General, United States Army, Retired. Proven National Security Leader and Combat Veteran. Attorney, Business Owner, and Virginian.

- Campaign is centered on Faith, Family and Freedom.
- Strong on Fiscal Responsibility and reining in spending.
- Supports simplified and lower taxes.
- Strengthen our military; Secure the border
- Protect the 2nd Amendment
- Expand nuclear energy (clean, reliable, affordable)

## "PRETEND I AM ON THE BALLOT" —PRESIDENT TRUMP

**President Trump has asked voters to make this general election a referendum on him.**

Since 92 percent of media coverage on the president is anti-Trump, many voters will go to the polls unaware of President Trump's many accomplishments. In case your neighbor hasn't heard, here is a listing of successes:

- Ended illegal immigration crisis at the border
- Human trafficking, the inflow of lethal narcotics, and cash flowing into the pockets of violent drug cartels has been dramatically reduced
- Crime rates across the country are much lower. Murder rates are at a 70-year low.
- Inflation has been sharply reduced. Average annual inflation rate under Biden was 4.95%. Current annual inflation rate is 3.4%
- The foolishness of climate theater has been abandoned while the environment remains protected. As promised, the electric vehicle mandate has been rolled back
- Syria, Venezuela, Cuba, and Iran have all been stripped of their usefulness as allies of Russia and China Russo-Chinese

- The Iranian regime is being strangled with minimal cost of American lives. Trump promised: no forever war, no Iraq 2.0. Promise kept
- The Abrahamic Accords, Board of Peace and other diplomatic initiatives have set the stage for future peace in the Middle East
- NATO has been reformed from a gaggle of freeloaders into a self-financing alliance
- America has become the dominant energy producer in the world, by far!
- The United States is reclaiming it's historic role as a manufacturing superpower.
- Large tax cuts for workers, and no tax on tips!

*This is what WINNING looks like!*

*The WINNING stops if the united states congress turns blue.*

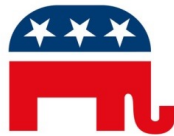
**VOTE REPUBLICAN!**  
**VOTE FOR WITTMAN! VOTE FOR MIZUSAWA!**



# 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*



## JOIN US!

# Middlesex County Republican Committee

### MCRC Monthly Meetings

**Oct 15 • Nov 19**

Cooks Corner Public Conference Room  
2693 General Puller Highway, Saluda, VA 23149

**Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.**

### Become A Member

Membership application can be found at [middlesexvagop.org](http://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.

***Let's work together to MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN!***

**Annual membership is \$15 • Make your check payable to MCRC and send to P.O. Box 396, Hartfield, VA 23071**