

# Nov. 3, 2015 Elections in Virginia

## Do You Know Your Candidates?

### Statewide

- Virginia Senate (40) 4-year term
- House of Delegates (100) 2-year term
- Soil and Water Directors (4-year term)
- **\*Primary if held: June 9**

### Counties

- 8-year term: \*Clerk of Court
- 4-year terms:
- \*Commonwealth's Attorney
- \*Sheriff
- Commissioner of Revenue
- \*Treasurer
- Boards of Supervisors (95 counties)
- School Boards (88 counties)
- City Council (4 cities) terms vary - set by Charter
- City School Board (4 cities) terms vary - set by Charter
- Town Council (11 Towns) terms vary - set by Charter

# Which Candidate Do You Support?

## Qualifying

- Desire for job / General sense of civic duty
- Moral compass
- Can they make the case for their positions?
- Do they meet the qualifications as set forth by Board of Elections?
- Are they willing to devote every weekend to the campaign?
- Does their family support them?
- Do they have appeal? Are they comfortable with public speaking?
- Can they withstand personal attacks?
- What is most important – winning the election or maintaining integrity and principles?

## Vetting

Candidates receive hundreds of surveys from every group imaginable. Don't waste your time or theirs.

Attend campaign events, or invite them to your Tea Party meeting and participate in the Q&A period. If you have specific questions you want answered, provide those questions to your members and have them ask the candidate. Several vetting questions have been provided for download at the VTPPF website.

# Resources

## Make The Most of Available Tools

Don't let the fear of the time it will take to accomplish something stand in the way of your doing it. The time will pass anyway; we might just as well put that passing time to the best possible use.

**Earl Nightingale**

Time is the most valuable thing on earth: time to think, time to act, time to extend our fraternal relations, time to become better men, time to become better women, time to become better and more independent citizens.

**Samuel Gompers**

# The State Board of Elections

## [elections.virginia.gov](http://elections.virginia.gov)

- Primary Election Information
- Election Results
- Become a Registered Voter
- Check your Voter Information
- Absentee Voting
- Upcoming Elections
- What is on Your Ballot
- Where to Vote / What you need
- Campaign Finance
- Candidates List
- Find Your Local Registrar
- Results/Report
- Election Law
- Absentee Ballot Application
- Voter Registration Application
- Officer of Election Interest Form
- Online Voter Registration
- Special Elections

# Leadership Institute

## leadershipinstitute.org

### RESOURCES

- Online Training
  - Grassroots Precinct Organization
  - Voter Registration
  - Effective Door-to-Door Techniques
- Webinars
- Writings and Manuals
- Conservative Speakers

### TRAINING

- Activism
- Campaign
- Campus
- Career
- Communications
- Fundraising
- Digital Media

# American Majority

## americanmajority.org

- Activism Bootcamp
- New Leaders Project - Identifying principled new leaders and train them to win elections.
- Strategy vs Tactics
- Running For Office Podcasts
- Manuals: County Commission, City Council, School Board, State Legislative
- Vote Goal Worksheet
- Election Integrity Manual
- Ballotpedia
- Facebook, Twitter, & Pinterest Cheat Sheets
- Effectivism Manual
- An Army of Precinct Captains (video)
- Running The Numbers (video)

# For This Presentation and Associated Documents

From the VTPPF website, go to the bottom of  
the Summit announcement post

<http://www.vtppf.org/2015/03/01/march-2015-member-group-summit/>