

VOTER GUIDE

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Dear Constituent,

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I will be returning to Richmond in January for the annual General Assembly session. Please take a few minutes to respond to the survey on my website, www.kenplum.com, to let me know your views on state issues.

You can talk with me and Senator Janet Howell at a pre-session Public Meeting on Monday, December 19, 2016, 7:30 – 9:00 pm at the Reston Community Center at Lake Anne Plaza, Reston. You do not need to pre-register; just come and talk to us about issues of importance to you that might be considered by the General Assembly.

I hope that you will keep up with my work and with Virginia news through my weekly electronic *Virginia E-News*. Subscribe for free on my website, www.kenplum.com. My commentary in the e-newsletter and in the *Reston Connection* and the electronic *Reston Now* will keep you up to date with my stand on issues.

Become my friend on Facebook at Kenneth R. Plum. I address many social and political issues on social media. Connect with me on LinkedIn at Delegate Ken Plum. My weekly television show, *Virginia Report*, runs on Reston Comcast 28 and Verizon 1981 and is available at rctv28.com.

If you have questions or concerns about issues or programs of state government, please call my office weekday mornings at 703.758.9733 or email me at kenplum@aol.com. We will do all we can to respond to your needs or refer you to others who may be of assistance. I am available to speak to your community or business organization.

I am honored to represent you in the House of Delegates. I work full-time as your delegate. Jane and I wish everyone a happy and peaceful holiday season!

Sincerely yours,



Kenneth R. Plum

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On the Ballot

General Election is Tuesday, November 8. Polls open at 6 am and close at 7 pm.

For a complete list of candidates on the ballot, go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/upcoming.htm>.

President and Vice President of the United States

I recommend that you vote for the Electors for **Hillary Rodham Clinton** for President and **Timothy Kaine** for Vice President of the United States.

Member of Congress

To find the Congressional District in which you live, go to <http://www.house.gov/representatives/>.

For persons in the Eleventh Congressional District, I recommend a vote for **Gerry Connolly**.

For persons in the Tenth Congressional District, I recommend a vote for **LuAnn Bennett**.

More Election Information

Access your Virginia voter record to update your registration, apply to vote absentee, and view your polling place, election district, absentee ballot status, voting history and what's on your ballot for the upcoming election at <http://elections.virginia.gov/citizen-portal>, the **Virginia Department of Elections Citizen Portal**.

If you are already registered at your current address, you do not need to register again. **All voters must provide an acceptable form of photo identification (photo ID) at the polls.** Acceptable forms of identification are listed on the Virginia Department of Elections Citizen Portal above.

To find the location of your polling place, go to the Virginia Department of Elections Citizen Portal above.

Absentee Voting

There are **19 valid reasons to vote absentee in Virginia**, including working and commuting to and from home for 11 or more hours between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Election Day. Check to see if you are eligible at the Virginia Department of Elections Citizen Portal.

Go to <http://elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot/absentee-voting/index.html>

For information on absentee voting by mail or in person, call the Office of Elections at 703-222-0776 (TTY 711) for application information and schedule of in-person absentee voting.



Proposed Amendment to Article I, Bill of Rights, Section 11-A, Right to Work

Question: Should Article I of the Constitution of Virginia be amended to prohibit any agreement or combination between an employer and a labor union or labor organization whereby (i) nonmembers of the union or organization are denied the right to work for the employer, (ii) membership to the union or organization is made a condition of employment or continuation of employment by such employer, or (iii) the union or organization acquires an employment monopoly in any such enterprise?

NO I recommend that you vote "NO."

Explanation: Since 1947 the provisions of this amendment have been the law and the declared public policy of the Commonwealth (§ 40.1-59 of the Code of Virginia). The proposed amendment places the provisions of Virginia's right to work law into the Constitution of Virginia making any changes to labor-management laws more difficult. I voted against this amendment in the legislature because it is intended to limit laborers rights to unionize.

Proposed Amendment to Article X, Taxation and Finance, Section 6-B Property tax exemptions for spouses of certain emergency services providers.

Question: Shall the Constitution of Virginia be amended to allow the General Assembly to provide to localities an option to exempt from taxation the real property of the surviving spouse of any law-enforcement officer, firefighter, search and rescue personnel, or emergency medical services personnel who was killed in the line of duty, where the surviving spouse occupies the real property as his or her principal place of residence and has not remarried?

YES I recommend that you vote "YES."

Explanation: The proposed constitutional amendment authorizes the General Assembly to enact a law that would allow localities to exempt from property taxation the property of surviving spouses of the listed emergency services providers whose property is already exempt. It applies to the surviving spouse's principal place of residence, and the exemption ceases if the surviving spouse remarries.

More information on both amendments is available at

<http://elections.virginia.gov/election-law/proposed-constitutional-amendment-2016/index.html>.

Meals Tax Referendum

Question: For the purpose of reducing dependence on real estate taxes, shall the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County, Virginia, be authorized to levy a tax on prepared food and beverages, otherwise known as a meals tax, as allowed by Virginia Code § 58.1-3833, at a rate not to exceed four percent (4%) of the amount charged for prepared food and beverages (which, based upon state law, is applicable only to sales outside of the town of Clifton, and towns of Herndon and Vienna that have already implemented a meals tax)? The revenues generated shall be dedicated to the following purposes: 1. 70 percent of the net revenues to Fairfax County Public Schools. 2. 30 percent of the net revenues to County services, capital improvements and property tax relief.

YES I recommend that you vote "YES."

Explanation: A meals tax would allow the County to diversify its revenue and reduce dependence on real estate taxes that now provide nearly 65 percent of its general fund revenue. Meals tax revenue would help the County meet its obligations for a growing school population and community demands for the very best schools. Cur



rently Arlington County, the cities of Alexandria, Falls Church, and Fairfax, and the towns of Herndon and Vienna have a meals tax.

For more information on the Meal Tax Referendum, go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mealstax/>.

Fairfax County Transportation, Parks and Human Services Bond Questions

There are three questions on the ballot related to Fairfax County being able to issue bonds for the purposes indicated:

YES	Transportation Bonds,	\$120,000,000
YES	Parks and Park Facilities Bonds,	\$107,000,000
YES	Human Services/Community Development Bonds,	\$ 85,000,000

I recommend that you vote "YES" on all three bond questions as they provide necessary resources in the most economical way to meet the needs of our growing County.

For more information on the Bond Questions, go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bond/bondquestion.htm>.

Constituent Survey

Each year I survey constituents on issues of concern to them and on issues that are likely to be considered by the General Assembly. Please take a few minutes to respond to the survey that can be found on my website, www.kenplum.com, click on Constituent Survey, 2017. Your views are important to me. If you do not have adequate space on the survey document, please send me an email at kenplum@aol.com. I would be pleased to meet with individuals or groups. Send me an email or call my office at 703.758.9733 week-day mornings to arrange a time. If you do not have access to a computer to complete the survey, leave your name and address on my office phone and a copy will be mailed to you.

Friends of Delegate Ken Plum

Thanks to my Friends who contribute to my campaign that allows me to print and mail publications like this to my constituents. If you would like to support my efforts to stay in touch with voters, please consider making a contribution to Friends of Delegate Ken Plum, a campaign committee whose receipts and expenditures are publicly reported and available on www.vpap.org. Checks payable to Friends of Delegate Ken Plum may be mailed to 2073 Cobblestone Lane, Reston, VA 20191-4039 or made securely online at <https://secure.actblue.com/contribute/page/kenplum>.

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Save the Date

Pre-Session Public Meeting General Assembly Session 2017

Delegate Kenneth R. Plum with Senator Janet Howell
7:30-9:00 p.m., Monday, December 19

Reston Community Center at Lake Anne
Lake Anne Plaza, Reston

Talk with your elected representatives about issues before the General Assembly.

Pre-registration not required.

Written testimony appreciated but not required. Students welcome.