

BOS Chair Candidate: Tim Chapman

NAACP Candidate Questionnaire

1. Will you support the renaming Robert E. Lee High School? (For School Board candidates “support” means voting to change the name?)

Yes. Continuing to honor the legacy of Confederate soldiers is racist, sends the wrong message to our children, and is not reflective of the values that I hold for Fairfax County.

2. What is your opinion of the current AAP program?

I believe the current AAP program needs to be expanded to be more inclusive to the student body.

3. Do you support the use of police body worn cameras? (For Supervisor candidates “support” means voting to fund use of body worn cameras for all Fairfax police)

Yes. After the nomination I will call on the current board to fully fund cameras. If they fail to do so I will submit legislation on day one of my term to fund body cameras.

4. The county has determined a need for new housing to shelter 15,000 new families making less the \$70,000. Because of rising land and construction costs, new units in that price range require some form of public loans or grants. How many of these families should Fairfax County attempt to accommodate and how would you do it?

All of them. Through additional funding, a robust partnership with the Virginia Housing Development Authority, Federal Home Loan Bank, HUD, Fannie and Freddie and VHDA. What should happen to those who can find no affordable housing here? The region needs to fund a Regional Housing Network.

Would you support increasing the power of the civilian review panel?

Yes.

6. What do you believe county should do to address the overcrowding in schools?

Our current public school infrastructure needs to be addressed. We currently have 22,000 students in Fairfax who are learning in 30 year old trailers. The Fairfax Board of Supervisors needs first acknowledge the public school district has an infrastructure problem, then designate the necessary resources for capital improvements. I would go as far to say the FCPS and the Board of Supervisors should consider building larger and state of the art schools, so our students are prepared for the future careers that face them.

7. Many jurisdictions have stopped prosecuting possession of marijuana, do you believe Fairfax County should adopt a similar policy?

Yes.

8. Many jurisdictions are ending the use of cash bail, what is your position on this issue?
In non-violent offences, yes.

9. Do you believe that Amazon moving to the area will have a negative impact on Fairfax County? If so, please explain what should be done. If not, please explain.

Amazon is a symptom of a larger problem in that income inequality is at a crisis level. The economic engine that is Fairfax County is moving so fast that the next Chair must insure that it has a laser focus on small and local minority businesses.

10. What is the most important policy the County can promote or adopt to live up to the One Fairfax resolution?

While there are laudable goals in One Fairfax, the first step would be for the County to accept that there are pervasive racial and economic events of discrimination occurring in at every level of the county.

11. When the Housing and Community Development office opened its housing choice voucher waiting list this winter, 12,000 people applied and 2,000 were chosen by lottery to be on a wait list of about 2 years. What should be done to assist the other 10,000 very low-income people who applied to the list?

12. A new survey shows there are 9,500 market rate housing units affordable to families making less than \$70K in Fairfax County. As land values rise driving rents up and many of these older units are turned into townhouses, we are in danger of losing affordable housing. The county policy is that there should be "no net loss, if possible" of affordable housing. What does "if possible" mean to you? To the county? It means that when written they wanted the ability to walk from their commitment.

Answer for 11&12:

The current projections for new affordable housing units only tops off at 5,000. That is not enough to fill the current need. Fairfax county is facing an affordability crisis, those who work here cannot afford to live here. We are forcing middle-income families out of the market. We need to drastically change our approach to affordable housing. My professional career has focused on building affordable housing for the Washington DC and Maryland areas. I have built my housing development firm solely on trying to solve the affordable housing crisis in the DC region. Fairfax county needs a Chairman who understands what it takes to make a meaningful impact on the housing rates. I support deed restricted units tied to the medium area income. This will help ensure the units intended for those families/individuals who are 30%-120% of the median area income, receive the benefits from affordable housing. We need to do a better job of making sure those individuals below the median area income level are able to find affordable housing.