






NONPARTISAN CANDIDATE GUIDE FOR
1st Virginia Senate District
 (Williamsburg, James City County, Newport News, York
 County)

<p>For more detailed information on candidate positions visit their respective pages at Votemart.org.</p>	 <p>John Bloom Independent</p>	 <p>Monty Mason Democrat</p>	 <p>Thomas Holston Republican</p>
<p>College Affordability:</p>	<p>-Proposes the implantation of a state tax credit “for all Tuition and College Related expenses”</p>	<p>-Supports additional funding for higher education and K-12 education</p>	<p>-Advocates that more state government funding goes towards community college and vocational programs</p>
<p>The Economy:</p>	<p>-Opposes an increase in the minimum wage -Would remove unnecessary regulation on industry -Opposed to the corporate income tax, would make it 0%</p>	<p>-Supports a gradual increase in the minimum wage -Supports regional co-operation in regards to local economic development and tourism</p>	<p>-Supports a gradual increase in the minimum wage if the district wants it -In favor of a reduction in both the car tax and business taxes</p>
<p>Civil Rights/Criminal Justice Reform:</p>	<p>-Supports the decriminalization of marijuana possession -Would allow former felons who were imprisoned for non-violent offenses to have all their rights restored, including their gun and voting rights</p>	<p>-In favor of protecting and improving LGBTQ rights and seeks to rid the work place of discrimination for any reason, including sexual orientation, race, and gender.</p>	<p>-In favor of Voter I.D. Laws -Would support marijuana legalization only if the district wants it</p>

Healthcare:	-Wants to give healthcare providers a state tax credit for rendering services to low-income individuals -Supports allowing residents to claim state tax credits for healthcare expenses and save in “Healthcare Savings Accounts”	-Supports the expansion of Medicaid as stipulated in the Affordable Care Act, otherwise known as “Obamacare”	-Opposes the Affordable Care Act -In favor of Medicare expansion, but not Medicaid expansion
Guns:	- Contends that the best way to protect against criminals and terrorists is to arm all lawful citizens - Would support prohibiting those who are mentally unstable from owning a gun	-Respects the second amendment rights of Virginians -Supports a universal background check for all fire arms transactions.	-Wants better enforcement of existing gun laws -Opposed to closing the gun show loophole
Environment:	-Claims that climate change is not driven by fossil fuel pollution	-Wants the Hampton Roads area to work together to combat rising sea levels and prevent climate change	-Wants to prevent flooding of coastal areas in the Hampton Roads area

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