

Virginia Lieutenant Governor 2025

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ABORTION Ban or legal?	Legal. "I will never stop fighting for reproductive health care, including access to abortion and to contraception." Voted to expand access to abortion. Sponsored a bill to shield VA abortion providers from extradition to another state.	Ban. "Is pro life ," "believes in the sanctity of life from conception." Opposes enshrining the right to abortion into the Virginia Constitution, calling the amendment "too extreme." Says a four-month ban on elective abortions is not extreme.
CLIMATE CHANGE Should climate change be a top priority?	Yes. "Virginia must lead " on addressing climate change. Supports Virginia's "participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative." Sponsored a bill to require Virginia power companies to use 100% renewables by 2050.	Unclear. Nothing found on climate change. Supports "responsible solar development on rooftops, brownfields, and marginal lands while protecting prime farmland."
CRIMINAL JUSTICE How to ensure effectiveness and fairness in law enforcement?	Voted to create a state-wide code of conduct for police officers, create mental health crisis response teams, establish citizen oversight bodies, ban no-knock search warrants, limit the use of chokeholds, and abolish the death penalty.	Would "launch a statewide First Responder Workforce Grant Program" and "protect qualified immunity," which protects officers against lawsuits. Would support deploying the Virginia National Guard to help in Washington, D.C.
ECONOMY Decrease or increase government investment in, and regulation of, the economy?	Increase. "We must ensure that regulations protect consumers, leave room for innovation, and promote jobs in the digital economy." "I've been working to strengthen Virginia's economy and create jobs by investing in workforce development."	Mixed. "By advocating for lower taxes and deregulation ," his "policies will focus on creating a thriving economic environment that encourages investment." "I want the government out of your life as best as possible." Would invest in rural infrastructure.
EDUCATION Use public funding for private and/or for-profit schools?	No. "I proudly defeated Governor Youngkin's efforts to funnel public education dollars into private schools." "We will struggle to pay for it [public education] if we divert public funds to private schools."	Yes. "Charter, church, and home school opportunities and funding must be expanded." "I say we break the whole system and start over... with vouchers to let people send their kids to their own choice!!!"
EDUCATION Limit teaching about racism and gender identity?	No. Opposes "attempts to ban books and whitewash our history."	Yes. " Sensitive content , about gender identity, sexuality, or political ideology, should require parents to opt in." " The time of anti-western and anti-American indoctrination must stop."
EDUCATION Increase funding for K-12 and higher education?	Yes. "We need to prioritize fully funding our public schools." Introduced a bill to end a nearly 20-year cap on funding support positions in public schools.	Unclear. " Wants the government to provide opportunities for your kids but not mandates and indoctrination." Supports technical education and expanded "Vocational Ag Education."
GUN LAWS Loosen or tighten gun regulation?	Tighten. Voted to require gun sale background checks. Voted for a Virginia assault weapons ban. Voted for a red flag law, allowing for courts to temporarily remove guns from people deemed to pose risk of injury to themselves or others.	Loosen. "John Reid is a gun owner and has his concealed carry permit.... Guns are not the problem in modern American society." "Will loudly fight against any efforts to disarm or burden law abiding citizens."

ISSUES	HASHMI (D)	REID (R)
HEALTH CARE Support Medicaid expansion?	Yes. Opposes federal cuts to Virginia's Medicaid expansion, " ripping health insurance away from more than 300,000 Virginians." "Given federal threats, protecting Medicaid ... is a top priority."	Unclear. Denies that 322,000 Virginians could lose Medicaid coverage with federal cuts; that loss would only happen to those "who weren't supposed to be on the rolls in the first place,... people who have been gaming the system."
IMMIGRATION How to handle immigration?	Introduced bills to provide comprehensive health care coverage to children and in-state tuition to eligible students, regardless of immigration status.	"Is dedicated to enforcing immigration laws, not allowing localities to ignore them." Would ensure "that our immigration policies are respected and uniformly applied across all communities."
LABOR Make it easier or harder for unions to organize?	Easier. "We must ensure that collective bargaining and the rights of workers are respected." Opposes Virginia's right-to-work law, in which employees at a unionized workplace are allowed to not pay union dues.	Harder. Would "protect Virginia's Right to Work law," in which employees at a unionized workplace are allowed to not pay union dues. Does not trust "union bosses."
LGBTQ RIGHTS Limit or expand LGBTQ rights?	Expand. Voted to protect same-sex marriage. Voted to extend existing state non-discrimination protections to LGBTQ people. "Too many... communities are under attack as they face LGBTQIA bigotry."	Mostly limit. Opposes the amendment to repeal the VA ban on same-sex marriage, since "it doesn't provide protection for people who sincerely don't agree with gay marriage." "It is factually impossible for biological men or women to personally decide to change their gender."
MARIJUANA Ban or legal?	Legal. Voted in 2020 to decriminalize and in 2021 to legalize. Supported 2024 and 2025 attempts to create a legal marijuana retail market.	No position found.
MINIMUM WAGE Raise the current Virginia minimum to \$15.00 per hour?	Yes. Voted in 2020 to gradually raise the minimum from \$7.25 to \$12. Voted to raise the minimum to \$15 by 2027, vetoed. Voted to limit and then end the use of subminimum wages for employees with disabilities.	No. Opposes a \$15 minimum. It would "crush rural and small-town employers." Would maintain exemptions from the minimum wage for payment to farmworkers, given the "unique realities of agriculture."
STUDENT FINANCIAL AID Support lowering interest on student loans and/or forgiving them?	Yes. " Loan forgiveness for students and families struggling with the high cost of education spurs local economies, helps young people invest in homes and start families." Introduced a bill to ban the practice of withholding college transcripts from students as a form of debt collection.	No position found.
TARIFFS Support or oppose President Trump's tariffs?	Oppose. "Trump's reckless tariffs are killing jobs and devastating our families." Expects to see economic disruptions and higher prices.	Support. "The Trump tariffs aren't really tariffs - they're a short term tool to disrupt the status quo that has been killing American workers and businesses."
TAXES How to handle state taxation?	Introduced a bill to exempt low-income homeowners from local property tax. Would close corporate tax loopholes. Seeks "an overhaul of Virginia's outdated tax code so that the individual income tax is more fair."	Is " advocating for tax breaks and tax elimination for working Virginians and for businesses.... will fight to finally eliminate the hated car tax and to lower real estate taxes and burdensome business taxes. Government must do less with less."
VOTING RULES Make voting harder or easier?	Easier. Voted to repeal Virginia's mandatory voter photo ID , allowing voters to instead sign a sworn statement of identity. Voted to permit no-excuse-required absentee voting. "We must protect and continue to build on the Democratic successes of expanding early voting, mail-in ballots, and no-excuse absentee voting."	Harder. Supports mandatory photo ID to vote. Said in 2020 that Virginia's extended no-excuse absentee voting and the repeal of mandatory photo ID "seems to me to set us up for a lot of fraud." Opposes automatically restoring voting rights to ex-felons who have completed their sentence.

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