

About Every Voice


Every Voice is a national, nonpartisan organization working to reduce the power of big money in our politics and to raise the voices of everyday people. Our 100,000 active supporters strongly believe in creating a democracy that works for all of us, not just big campaign donors and they are committed to electing champions to all levels of government to achieve that goal.

Every Voice will use this questionnaire and your stated commitment to fixing our broken campaign finance system to guide our endorsement process.

Candidate Information

Candidate Name: DELEGATE KATHLEEN MURPHY

Chamber: HOUSE District: 34

Candidate Signature:  Date: 31 July 2017

Questionnaire

1. Do you support or oppose the Supreme Court's Citizens United decision that allowed wealthy special interests to spend unlimited amounts of money on elections?

Support

Oppose

2. Do you support meaningful contribution limits to reduce the power of wealthy corporations and special interests in our elections and will you prioritize working with your colleagues in the legislature to implement them?

Yes

No

3. To reduce the influence of big donors in our politics, will you commit to working to pass legislation such as small donor public financing that incentivizes more participation by everyday Virginians?

Yes

No

4. Our politics has become more divisive with attacks on specific groups, like immigrants, women, and religious minorities, and on some of the pillars of our democratic society, like the ability to protest and the free press. Will you pledge to stand up against these attacks and work to expand democracy and inclusion whenever possible?

Yes

No

Every Voice 2017 Questionnaire
Delegate Kathleen Murphy

5. In the space provided below, please share what steps you will take to engage the public on money in politics and to advance policies to reform Virginia's campaign finance system so that elected officials are more accountable to their constituents and less dependent on wealthy donors.

Virginia has the least restrictive campaign finance laws in the country. I will continue to speak out against unlimited donations by all donors. I support measures in the House of Delegates to hold elected officials accountable and to reduce the influence of money in our political process. I support creating caps for all donors and limiting donation amounts from corporations and businesses. Additionally, I will continue to support measures to bar the use of campaign funds for personal use.

6. We understand that reforming the way that money influences politics is an essential but not the only way to improve elections. Please feel free to share any other policy proposals to improve how Virginia's democracy functions.

I believe one of the most important areas of focus essential to improving Virginia's democratic system is access to the ballot box. I will continue to support measures that make the voting process less restrictive - no excuse absentee and early voting, repealing voter ID laws designed to disenfranchise voters, and instituting same day voter registration. I also support measures to ensure an adequate number of voting machines are available at every precinct. Additionally, I would support holding both federal and state elections in the same year. It would be a significant savings for Virginia.