

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: Schuyler VanValkenburg

Chamber: House of Delegates District: 72

Candidate Signature: Schuyler VanValkenburg Date: 8/1/2017

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

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.

1. I would encourage, promote, and work for legislation that moves us towards a clear elections program like in Arizona or Connecticut or a matching funds program like in Hawaii.
2. I would work to create a maximum limit that donors can give an individual candidate.

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.

1. End gerrymandering by passing legislation that creates non-partisan redistricting.
2. Pass legislation that enhances voting and prevents attempts to suppress the vote (such as voter ID laws). We can enhance voting by extending early voting, creating automatic registration processes, and through structural changes that make voting on election day easier.