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4/15/2022 Update from The Charlottesville Democratic Committee

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Looking Ahead:

- 4/20 6:30 pm Full Committee (Zoom) meeting (see below)

- 4/22 3:00 pm Earth Day march in support of Divest UVA
 - 4/22 6-8 pm Earth Day tabling at IX Art Park
 - 4/22 6-8 pm Earth Day tabling at Stonefield
 - 4/23 IX Saturday Market
 - 5/15 Albemarle Dems [fundraiser](#) at Greencroft Club
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District Updates

Congratulations to Josh Throneburg, our candidate to take back the 5th District House of Representatives seat currently held by Republican Bob Good. For those who haven't yet met fellow-Cvillian Josh, check out his [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages and [website](#) until

you can meet him in person at upcoming local events. Here's how he describes himself:

I'm an ordained minister, small-business owner, and candidate for U.S. Congress in Virginia's 5th District. I'm running because now is the moment to lead with values of compassion and common sense. While many politicians focus on self-serving ambition, I'm fighting for a better tomorrow by taking on the climate crisis, reinvesting in our small towns, and dismantling systems of oppression.

Josh's campaign's three top issues are [climate](#), [racial justice](#), and revitalizing small towns and rural communities.

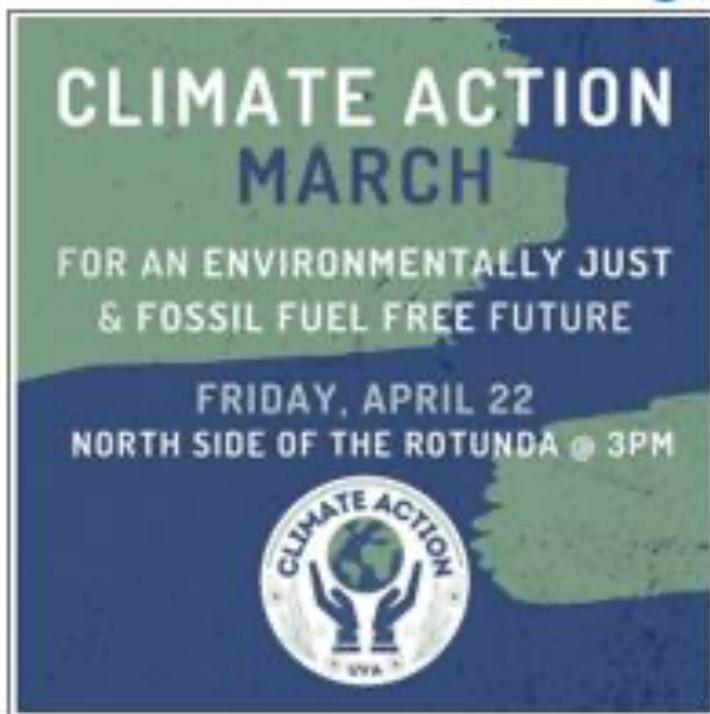
Preview: April 20 Full Committee Meeting Highlights

Three main topics:

1. To increase engagement by the Full Committee, we're considering alternating between Executive Committee and Full Committee meetings each month.
2. We have a number of proposed environmental positions the Cville Dems might want to take; you can review them [here](#). We'll take very quick up-or-down votes on each one at the meeting. We'd also like to make an official statement on Ukraine and the confirmation of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson (any other issues on which we need a statement?).
3. It's been 11+ years since we reviewed and considered updates to our Bylaws, so we'll form a very short-lived (just 1-2 months) committee to do that: any volunteers?







Show Up For Earth Day (Friday 4/22)

The "Political Fun" group is participating in (count 'em!) three Earth Day events. As many Dems as possible should come out (in your Cville Dems T-shirts!) to show the local environmental community that **we** are the environmentally responsible party.

1. 3pm UVA Climate

March – starts at the North side of the Rotunda and ends at the park in front of the UVA Main Heating Plant, located on the corner of JPA and West Main Street (where the George Rogers Clark Monument used to be). The march will end by 5 pm at the latest.

2. **6-8pm Earth Day tabling at IX Art Park** (Fridays for Future) with a performance by The Green Grannies. Nancy Damon is our booth coordinator.
3. **6-8pm Earth Day tabling at Stonefield** (Love Mother Earth). Barbara Shenefield is our booth coordinator.

We're registering new voters and chatting with attendees as always at all three, but at events #2 and #3 we're also doing kid-friendly activities (e.g. reading picture books and coloring).

Events #1 and #2 will feature our new cardboard cutout of environmental celeb Greta Thunberg; come by and take a selfie!

How Biden is reversing Trump's assault on the environment

Earth Day Perspectives: Biden vs. Trump Policies

Mary Jane Gore found a [2021 Guardian article](#) that summarizes, very concretely, the “yoooge” [Trump-speak for very big] contrast between the whole Republican Party’s anti-environment orientation and our party’s orientation toward environmental protection.

It starts out:

“Faced with an unfolding climate crisis that is fueling more powerful storms, enormous wildfires and scorching heatwaves in the US, Donald Trump unapologetically set about dismantling policies to cut planet-heating emissions, mocked or ignored climate science, and threw open vast tracts of American land and water to fossil fuel development... Biden has set about the task of undoing Trump’s legacy with hyperactive zeal, through a flurry of executive actions.”

Below are a just a few of many many examples that the article cites and footnotes:

	Trump	
Air Quality & Carbon Emissions	Gave greater importance to economic considerations when deciding air quality standards.	Reve actio
Air Quality & Carbon Emissions	Weakened the Clean Air Act.	Reve
Animals & Habitat	Changed the definition of "habitat" to weaken protections for endangered plants and animals.	Direc revie
Animals & Habitat	Changed the way the Endangered Species Act is applied, making it harder to protect animals and plants.	Direc revie
Land Use	Opened up areas of Arctic waters and the Bering Sea to oil and gas drilling.	Reve actio
Land Use	Shrunk the size of several national monuments, including the Bears Ear national park in Utah, which allowed for drilling there.	Reve actio
Land Use	Approved the building of the Keystone XL pipeline.	Reve actio
Regulation	Reduced climate considerations when assessing impact of a project.	Reve actio
Regulation	Required all environmental reviews of major projects to be done within two years.	Reve actio
Regulation	Transferred the authority over cross-border infrastructure permits from the State Dept to the President to shield such decisions from environmental and judicial review.	Direc revie
Regulation	Made it easier for companies out of compliance with environmental regulations to come back online.	Direc revie
Toxic Chemicals	Refused to back an international agreement that phases out hydrofluorocarbons	Sen the S ratifi
Toxic Chemicals	Weakened pesticide protections for agricultural workers	Direc revie
Water	Rolled back fracking regulations protecting drinking water on federal and tribal lands.	Direc revie
Water	Proposed cutting funding to clean up the Chesapeake Bay to meet EPA water quality standards.	Direc revie



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Youngkin vetoes bipartisan bills while stoking political rancor

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Alexandria) while signing identical House bills in six of those cases. Typically a governor signs both versions, allowing both sponsors bragging rights for getting a bill passed into law. Longtime state legislators said they could not think of a case in which a governor signed one bill and vetoed its companion.” [Washington Post, 04/12/2022](#)

Preaching BEYOND the Choir (Why electing Dems matters!)

The *Washington Post* didn't pull any punches with its headline “Youngkin vetoes bipartisan bills while stoking political rancor”. The article starts out:

“Youngkin vetoed 25 bills that had bipartisan support in the General Assembly, throwing sharp elbows particularly at lawmakers who represent blue areas of Northern Virginia. For instance, he vetoed nine of the 10 bills sponsored by Sen. Adam P. Ebbin (D-



Our local representatives both called out this destructive partisan nonsense:

Sen. R. Creigh Deeds (D-25th District) issued the following statement on Governor Youngkin's veto of Senate Bill 297 (to prevent the harassment of crime victims by debt collection agencies):

"For the first time since 1999, one of my bills has been vetoed... The veto was unusual in that I never heard from the Governor or a member of his team. Typically the Governor's office will communicate with the patron of the bill prior to offering an amendment or vetoing a bill. That did not

occur here. It is not surprising given the Governor's absolute lack of experience with government." [Sen. Creigh Deeds, constituent email](#)



Commenting on Youngkin's Loudoun County School Board stunt, Del. Sally Hudson says:

"This Governor thinks he can rewrite state election law to punish an entire school board in a county where he doesn't even live.... Governor Youngkin lost Loudoun County by 10+ points. What possible standing does he have to tell them they can't keep their school board? I hope journalists will cover this sad move as

the affront to democracy it is." [Sally Hudson Twitter Feed, 04/13/2022](#)

Calling all Photographers (amateurs and pros!)



For all kinds of purposes, perhaps including a new website banner image, we'd love to have some good shots illustrating the kind of Charlottesville that Dems aspire to live in (e.g showing diversity of all kinds, people caring for each other, kids having fun, empowered women, etc. etc.).

That's where you come in. Please [email](#) us a photo (or two or three!) that you've taken that you think might fit that spec; we'll give you a photo credit for any that we use and a big shoutout in the newsletter (can't afford billboards, see Donations below).

For those celebrating Passover...

Here's how to tell if you're at a Republican Seder:

- They refuse to answer the Four Questions without a subpoena.

- They demand a recount of the Ten Plagues.
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The Cville Dems are a frugal group; we don't have an office or even our own phone number!

But we can't avoid some expenses: state party dues, website hosting, printing voter registration information, etc. To help

“keep the lights on” in our non-existent office:

- Pay your \$15 annual dues via [our ActBlue account](#)
 - Make a donation. Setting up a small automatic monthly donation via [ActBlue](#) is super-easy and painless! Consider \$5 a month, or whatever works for you.
 - Support our occasional fundraisers, including [T-shirts](#).
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Partner Organizations

Our friends the [UVA Dems](#) and [Albemarle Dems](#) are doing good things too, check them out!

Charlottesville Democratic Party

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