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5/20/2022 Update from The Charlottesville Democratic Committee

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- Come have fun at our [Fish Fry fundraiser](#) (see below)
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• Upcoming Events:

5/23 6:30pm Executive Committee Meeting (see below)

6/18 2:00pm Democratic Black Caucus of Virginia Virtual Luncheon

6/17-6/19 [Jefferson School Juneteenth Celebration](#)

6/24 6-8pm [Fish Fry Fundraiser](#) (see below)

June 24th Fish Fry Fundraiser with VA State Senator Louise Lucas!

Our big annual fundraiser will be the long-awaited, much discussed fish fry... with special guest Senator Louise Lucas!

- **WHEN:** Friday, June 24, 6-8pm
- **WHERE:** on the lawn of the Jefferson School African



American Heritage Center, 223
4th Street NW

Come meet and hear VA Sen. Louise Lucas, President pro tempore of the Virginia Senate (and social media star known for her barbed sense of humor!). VA 5th District candidate Josh Throneburg will also be on hand to say a few words.

The outdoor setting will let us get together in person (finally!) in a safe way to catch up, hang out, and meet new people; it will be great fun! And your ticket purchases fund our November election work and everything else we do this year.

Individual tickets are \$15, “bring a friend” tickets are \$30, and children under 12 are only \$5.

Sponsorships by individuals and companies (at various higher levels that include the dinner) make up the bulk of our proceeds (i.e. our annual budget!), so if you can, please choose one of the sponsor options when you get your tickets.

Tickets are available now:

<https://secure.actblue.com/donate/demsfishfry>

Additional event details are also on that page, e.g. you can choose a vegetarian option when ordering your tickets.

Please buy your tickets as soon as possible, but definitely before June 10th; our caterer, Royalty Eats, needs to get its big order in early to avoid supply chain problems. We *won't* be able to accommodate more than a handful of walk-ins without reservations (if any), so order your tickets now before you forget!

Executive Committee Meeting: Monday May 23rd, 6:30pm

Everyone is welcome, all officers and Precinct Chairs are expected to attend. Agenda includes plans for the June 24th Fish Fry fundraiser (above) and reports on recent events Dems have participated in.



Josh Throneburg



Charlottesville/Albemarle Dems Candidate Forum (May 10, 2022)

An energetic crowd came out to the Jefferson School African-American Heritage Center on Tuesday, May 10th to hear Josh Throneberg answer questions about his 5th District race. The event ran smoothly and was well-moderated by Cville Dems Co-Chair Dashad Cooper and Albemarle Dems Chair Amy Laufer.

The [first 50 minutes are available online](#) (watch Josh in action!), but here are some highlights:

- Josh made a good case for how he can win as a committed Democrat in a mostly rural Republican-leaning district; he grew up in a Republican family in a rural environment; he understands the district culture, he understands farm issues, and he takes a pragmatic approach on issues.
- He unwaveringly supports a woman's right to choose, and argues that Democratic policies are the best policies to reduce the number of abortions, e.g. the number of abortions fell every year of the Obama administration largely because Obama's Affordable Care Act (ACA) expanded access to healthcare including contraceptives.
- Farmers are acutely aware of the potentially disastrous impacts of climate change, e.g. the California drought which is drastically reducing agricultural productivity across-the-board.
- Josh emphatically called out Rep. Good for failing to bring in any federal money whatsoever for projects in the Fifth District, while Senators Warner and Kaine have done so and Democrat Abigail Spanberger brought in \$6 million in federal funds for Seventh District projects.
- Josh reaffirmed that Democrats don't want to take away peoples' guns; we do want universal background checks and a few other widely popular, common sense loophole fixes that would help prevent tragedies.

It's unusual to have the Democratic nominee in place so early in the cycle, and Josh is clearly hitting the ground running!

Josh for Congress Yard Signs Now Available!

If you're willing to have a yard sign standing in some high visibility place on your property (working tirelessly 24/7 to raise Josh's visibility and help us flip the 5th!), Dudley Doane or his wife Jane Boatner will be happy to deliver one to you. Just contact Dudley: jlbd1013@gmail.com.



Note: he should soon also have stickers and palm flyers from the campaign.

And in case you're wanting to know more about our ace delivery guy, see our Volunteer Spotlight below.



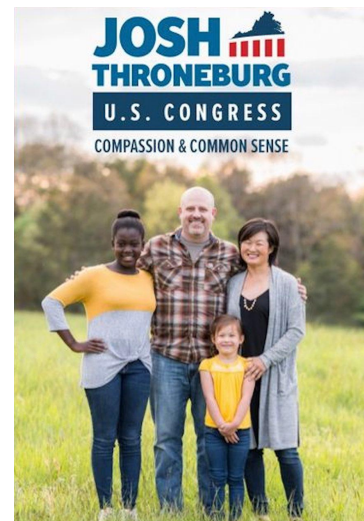
"Turn Out the Vote Thursdays"

Instead of "Take Action Tuesdays", we're going to start doing "Turn Out the Vote Thursdays" every Thursday from 5-7pm (until we win in November!) outside of Brazos Tacos, to coordinate with the sunset market at IX Park. At our first meet-up on June 2nd, we'll write postcards to newly registered City of Charlottesville voters. Since there should be more people around IX during this time, we may also put up a Voter Registration sign at our table. Phone calling, door knocking, and other activities will be added as needed.

Josh For Virginia's All-District Leadership Summit (June 4)

Josh's campaign will provide training on team building, campaign strategy, and volunteer training on Saturday, June 4, 9:30am-3:00pm; learn the plan for flipping the 5th and then join in on the flipping! The event is open to all volunteers, organizers, supporters, and Democratic Committee members... so invite a friend or two to join you.

If you can't make it, do get on Josh's email list:
<https://joshforvirginia.com/#get-involved>



Hugely Successful Abortion Rights Rally (May 14)

The grassroots group "Bans Off Our Bodies Cville" organized a last-minute abortion rights rally at the Charlottesville Free Speech Wall, with significant organizing support from the Cville Dems and Indivisible Charlottesville. Despite iffy weather, 300-400 people ([see the short video!](#)) came out to voice their support for abortion and reproductive rights. Josh Throneburg was one of seven speakers at the event.

The Dems will be part of the planning for additional reproductive rights events in the coming weeks, stay tuned!

Note: Our indefatigable voter registration folks were hard at work there; Suzanne Michels, Nancy Damon and Sarah Peasley talked to every single person in the crowd (!!) to make sure all were registered, and they signed up the few who weren't. And Barbara Shenefield, Martha Donnelly, and Donna



Volunteer Spotlight: Dudley Doane

When not at his day job (Director of UVA's International Studies Office and Office of Summer and Special Academic Programs) or out running, Dudley is probably working on something for us: he's co-chair of Carver Precinct with Kathryn Laughon, is on the Fundraising Committee, and is our new Campaign Liaison (loving what a great candidate we have in Josh Throneburg!).

He and his wife, Jane Boatner, are life-long Democrats who moved to Charlottesville in the summer of 1999. They've tried to be active in local politics everywhere they've lived, and Dudley has lived and worked in a lot of places, including Germany, Ecuador, Korea, Indonesia, and Canada. Their two daughters completed their K-12 education in the Charlottesville City Schools, a system they strongly support; the older one lives in Montreal with her husband, the younger one just graduated from UVA.

Next time you see Dudley (maybe when he delivers your yard sign?), please thank him for all he does!



Dems in the News

Hat tips for their political/public policy work to:

- **Bekah Saxon** for her work with Virginia Education Association on [Charlottesville](#) and [Albemarle](#) collective bargaining agreements.
- **Lyle Solla-Yates** for his [innovative proposal](#) to change VA building codes to permit more single staircase buildings (and thereby increase the housing stock statewide).

If you know of a Dem making the news while acting for the public good, please let us know: communications@cville Dems.org

Preaching BEYOND the Choir (Why electing Dems matters!)

Each day's news makes it clear that the partisan divide is widening into a chasm as Republicans enthusiastically embrace extreme and authoritarian positions.

For those waiting for things to get bad before (re)engaging politically... perhaps now is the time?



Abortion

National — Given the apparent readiness of the Supreme Court to overturn *Roe v. Wade*; “Abortion bans set to take effect if *Roe v. Wade* is overturned could mean lengthy prison sentences for people who have an abortion, the physicians who perform them or those who help people access the procedure...” Republicans politicians deny this is really a big deal.

Nebraska — Republican Gov. Pete Ricketts calls for a total abortion ban, including in cases of rape or incest.
Oklahoma — Republican-controlled Oklahoma passes abortion ban from time of fertilization (with exceptions for rape and incest).

Election Integrity

Pennsylvania — MSNBC: “Far-right election denier Mastriano wins GOP race for governor in Pennsylvania”.

Immigration

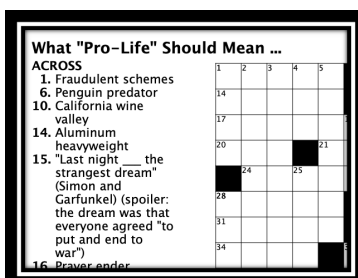
Texas — Gov. Greg Abbott doesn't want Texas to pay to educate immigrant (brown) children.

LGBTQ

Texas — The Texas Supreme Court refused to halt Gov. Abbott's Administration's child abuse investigations of parents pursuing medically accepted treatments for their transgender children.

Racism

National — Even after the Buffalo mass shooter cited white supremacist “great replacement” ideology as his motivation, Republicans refuse to disavow it and its mainstreaming by Tucker Carlson, Rep. Elise Stefanik, and others.



Cross Words for Republicans

To end on a slightly lighter note... my good friend Jeff Linder is an accomplished crossword puzzle constructor. The threat to *Roe* moved him to build a puzzle around the theme “What Pro-life Should Mean”. He explains:

For years, Republicans have used the “pro-life” label to oppose abortion, with mounting success at the state and federal levels. Yet the Republicans’ conception of life is that it begins at fertilization and apparently ends at birth. They rabidly yell about killing babies, yet vociferously oppose laws that would curb gun violence, promote breathable air and drinkable water, guarantee affordable health care, housing, and education, ensure security from hunger, etc., etc., etc.

*The Democrats need to coopt and repurpose “pro-life”, to make clear that **you can’t be “pro-life” while sabotaging the health and welfare of the living.** We should pound this message home via billboards, TV ads, and t-shirts!*

If you enjoy crosswords, check out Jeff’s Dem-supportive puzzle at <https://JeffsPuzzles.com>.

Partner Organizations

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

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