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## News and Updates from the Cville Dems (10/7/2022)

### 4 easy ways you can support Cville Dems today:

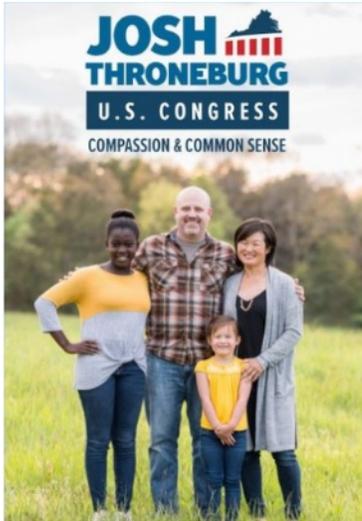
- Participate in “Turn Out the Vote Thursdays” (see below)
- Forward this to friends who aren’t politically engaged but might want to know what the Cville Dems do and stand for
- Like/Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) (and like some of our posts!)
- Tell all your friends about [Josh Throneburg](#) and encourage them to vote for him.

### Mark Your Calendars!

- 10/07 Community Climate Collaborative (3C) [5th anniversary party](#)
- 10/09 3-6pm Albemarle County Dems [BBQ fundraiser](#) (new date and place — Fry’s Spring Beach Club but parking is 4 minutes away at Jefferson Park Baptist Church, [2505 Jefferson Park Avenue](#))
- 10/10 Swords into Plowshares demonstration re: statue repurposing 9am demonstration + court hearing 10am, Charlottesville District Court, 315 E High St.
- 10/10 6:00-8:00pm [Charlottesville/Albemarle NAACP Forum](#)

(Zoom, Josh Throneburg will be there)

- 10/11 6:45pm Prof. Danielle Citron in conversation with Prof. William Hitchcock (see below)
  - 10/22 Noon-3pm International Day of Democracy celebration (see below)
  - 10/24 Cville Dems Full Committee Meeting 6:30pm
  - 10/26 Josh Throneburg-Bob Good Hampden-Sydney Candidates Forum 7-8pm (details TBA)
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## Josh Throneburg Campaign Update (32 Days until Election Day!)

If you want to help the Josh's Campaign #FlipThe5th and unseat Bob (No)Good, you have *lots* of good ways to pitch in these last 4½ weeks:

### 1. Josh Throneburg fundraiser Friday, Oct. 14, 5-7pm

Hosts are Susan and L.F. Payne.

Tickets start at \$50; [RSVP online](#) or call [540-309-7392](tel:540-309-7392).

### 2. Come out to "Turn Out the Vote Thursdays" (5-7pm at Ix Art Park)

Come out for a bit of socializing and a good bit of election action (see below)! If you plan to attend, please sign up using this link:

<https://www.mobilize.us/joshforvirginia/event/475179/>

There will be training on MiniVAN for those who need a refresher or haven't ever used it (don't worry, it's not hard!).

### 3. Other weekly opportunities you can sign up for at

<https://www.mobilize.us/joshforvirginia/>

- Tuesdays: Virtual Phone Banking (6:30-8:30pm)
- Wednesdays: Nights Virtual Phone Bank (6:30-8:30pm)
- Thursdays: Virtual Phone Bank (6:30-8:30pm) led by J4VA & Generation Ratify Virginia
- Saturday Canvassing in Charlottesville (10am-Noon , 1-3pm) — meet at Josh's Pantops office at 302 Hickman Rd. in the parking lot at the back of the building, where the office

entrance is! Before you arrive it's a crucial time saver that you download the "Minivan" app (for [Apple](#) or [Android](#) phones/tablets) we use to take down and input our canvassing data!

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## October 11th Speaker event: Prof. Danielle Citron on Privacy, Surveillance, and Love in the Digital Age

UVA Law Professor and MacArthur Fellow [Danielle Citron](#), an international expert on online privacy and abuse, will speak about the latest

developments at the intersection of technology, public policy, and our daily Internet-driven lives at 6:45pm Tuesday October 11th at the Downtown Library's Swanson Case Room and also on [Zoom](#); please mark your calendars to join us!

Prof. Citron will be "in conversation" with UVA History Prof. [William Hitchcock](#), co-host of the *Democracy in Danger* podcast. Q&A will follow. Full information is on our website's [event page](#).

Copies of her new book *The Fight for Privacy: Protecting Dignity, Identity, and Love in the Digital Age* (coming out the week before she speaks!) will be available for purchase. From her publisher's website:

**"The essential road map for understanding—and defending—your right to privacy in the twenty-first century.**

Privacy is disappearing. From our sex lives to our workout routines, the details of our lives once relegated to pen and paper have joined the slipstream of new technology. As a MacArthur fellow and distinguished professor of law at the University of Virginia, acclaimed civil rights advocate Danielle Citron has spent decades working with lawmakers and stakeholders across the globe to protect what she calls intimate privacy—encompassing our bodies, health, gender, and relationships. When intimate privacy becomes data, corporations know exactly when to flash that ad for a new drug or pregnancy test.

Social and political forces know how to manipulate what you think and who you trust, leveraging sensitive secrets and deepfake videos to ruin or silence opponents. And as new technologies invite new violations, people have power over one another like never before, from revenge porn to blackmail, attaching life-altering risks to growing up, dating online, or falling in love.

**Prof. Danielle Keats Citron** teaches Law at the University of Virginia. A 2019 MacArthur Fellow, she serves as the vice president of the Cyber Civil Rights Initiative and lives here in Charlottesville. Her latest book, **The Fight for Privacy: Protecting Dignity, Identity, and Love in the Digital Age**, will be out in October 2022. Her first book, “Hate Crimes in Cyberspace” (Harvard University Press, 2014), was named one of the 20 Best Moments for Women in 2014 by the editors of *Cosmopolitan* magazine

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## **Executive Committee Meeting (Monday 10/24, 6:30 pm over **Zoom**)**



We'll fill the Committee in on two important and evolving developments that may impact City elections in coming years:

1. Thanks to a 2020 bill successfully introduced by our own Delegate Sally Hudson, the Cville Dems will eventually decide whether we want to take a position on Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) for City Council elections (see below). If City Council decides at some point to adopt an ordinance to use RCV, then Cville Dems could consider whether and how our nominating process for City Council candidates would interact with the RCV system.
2. Due to population shifts in Charlottesville, in 2023 new precinct lines will be drawn. This last happened in 2011, after the 2010 Census.

For those not familiar with Ranked Choice Voting: Under RCV a voter lists their first choice candidate for each position, followed by a second choice, and so on. If no candidate wins a majority outright, the candidate with the smallest number of votes is eliminated, and voters who have chosen that candidate have their second-choice vote activated. The process continues until a candidate has a majority.

Delegate Hudson has prepared this extremely useful FAQ sheet explaining it:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/11D57T6N6nL3kbXIm0OUUvj\\_xbtTeEoOnmdScRkxTAZo/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/11D57T6N6nL3kbXIm0OUUvj_xbtTeEoOnmdScRkxTAZo/edit?usp=sharing)

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## **Voter Registration (VR) team rolls on!**

In addition to registering people every Saturday morning at the outdoor Ix Market, the VR team

shows up at lots and lots of community events. If you might like to be part of this crackerjack team, led by Suzanne Michels and Barbara Shenefield, please contact Suzanne: [suzemichels@gmail.com](mailto:suzemichels@gmail.com)



## PROTECTING OUR DEMOCRACY

*Join the conversation on the Grounds of the University of Virginia*

- What are current domestic threats to our democracy?
- Where does Virginia stand in the fight to preserve our democratic institutions?
- What actions can we take to address these threats?



**Saturday • October 22nd • Noon to 3 pm**  
**UVA Grounds • Newcomb Hall (3rd Floor)**

*Pizza and refreshments during networking. • Raffles for door prizes.*  
*Free and open to all students everywhere and to the general public.*

## Protecting Our Democracy (10/22 event)

Democracy is not a spectator sport! A coalition of a dozen community nonprofits and UVA student organizations, including Cville Dems and Albemarle Dems, has organized a

**Protect Our Democracy** event to be held at UVA (Newcomb Hall, 3rd Floor) on **October 22, Noon-3pm**, to address current threats to our democracy and discuss where Virginia stands in the fight to preserve our democratic institutions.

Featured speakers include:

- **Bruce Williams**, Professor of Media Studies at UVA
- **Clay Jones**, award-winning political cartoonist and regular CNN contributor
- **David Pepper**, author of *Laboratories of Autocracy* and former chair of Ohio Democratic Party
- **Sally Hudson**, Virginia House of Delegates, District 57
- **William Hitchcock**, Professor of History at UVA and co-host of the

## Program Schedule:

- **Noon-12:30pm** — Registration and organization tabling
- **12:30-1:30pm** — Speaker sessions 1 or 2 (attendee choice)
- **1:30-2:00pm** — Networking lunch (pizza) and refreshments
- **2:00-2:50pm** — "Unconference" (student-led and facilitated session)
- **2:50-3:00pm** — Concluding remarks

Questions? Call Kirk at 434-249-1439.

To RSVP if you're pretty sure you'll attend (space is limited):

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/protect-our-democracy-forum-tickets-429413396027>

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## Voter Registration and Voter Information (updated information)

Check out the [just-updated information on our website](#) about these topics (with addresses and contact information for City and Virginia offices and resources).

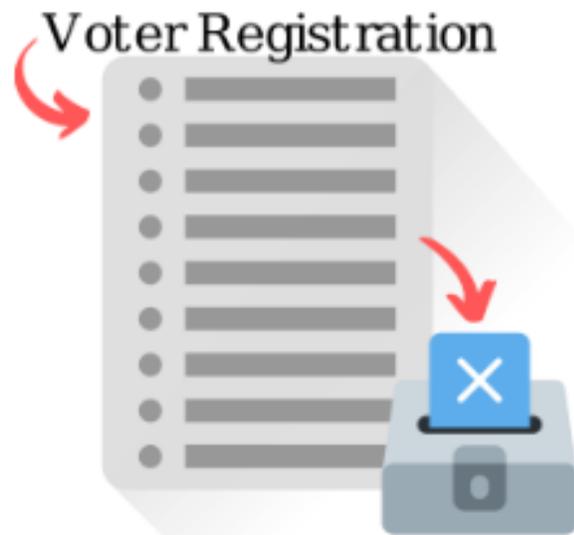
Now that Virginia is a same-day registration state, the rules are a bit different! Two things we'll flag here:

- **After regular voter registration ends on October 17**, people living in Charlottesville who are eligible to become Virginia voters can, from 10/18-11/5, go to the Registrar's Office (City Hall Annex, 7th St. NE off of Market St.) to register to vote and cast a provisional ballot.
- **Even on Election Day (11/ 8) itself**, they can go to their mailing address-based polling place, fill out a voter registration application form, and cast a provisional ballot (to find the right polling place, refer to the updated webpage above or call the Voter Registration Office at 434-970-3250).

These are important changes, please spread the word!

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## "Turn Out the Vote Thursdays" Good Turnouts, Good Results!





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**People get together every Thursday from 5-7pm outside of Brazos Tacos at Ix Art Park.** With only a few weeks to go, they're ramping up phone calling and door knocking to help potential voters become better acquainted with Josh and committed to voting for him.

We hope you'll continue (or begin) coming out on Thursday nights to make phone calls and/or canvass. In addition to helping get Josh elected, it's fun and a great way to get to know other Dems!

Rain cancels but the threat of rain does not.

If you would like to make a donation to cover the costs of postcards and stamps, contact Nancy Damon at [nancycdamon@gmail.com](mailto:nancycdamon@gmail.com)

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## **Volunteer Profile:** **Renata Germino**

Renata Germino grew up in Charlottesville and graduated from Charlottesville High School. She attended Duke University as an undergrad and then Harvard for a Master's in Education.

She taught in Prince George's



County MD and Arlington, VA before teaching overseas (with her husband Anthony) in San José, Costa Rica and Nicosia, Cyprus (ease of getting overseas gigs is one of the best parts of being a teacher!) before moving back to Charlottesville to raise their children here. She has devoted much of her career to working with immigrant and refugee students and their families.

Her immediate family lives in the Key Rec precinct: Ariana Smith is a UVA law student (studying immigration law), Maya Smith is studying Social Work at Eastern Mennonite, and Anthony Smith is the assistant principal at CATEC.

Many of us knew her late mother Virginia well, an ardent Dem who said what needed to be said and didn't mince words. After Virginia passed away and Sharon Webb moved to NY, Renata decided that, out of respect for both of them, it was time to get involved in Dems work!

Renata loves live music (almost any kind), exercising, walking Maisy the dog, and spending time with friends (super important to her!).

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## **Preaching BEYOND the Choir (Why electing Dems matters!)**

### **State**

#### **Bob Good continues to dodge debate invitations**

One of the latest is a local one, the Candidate Forum hosted by the [Senior Statesmen](#) (Westminster Canterbury of the Blue Ridge, 1:30pm Wednesday October 12). Rep. Good's stated reason: "scheduling difficulties". Good and his staff have had several years in office to figure out how to schedule things, but they're apparently still really bad at it... or they're afraid to debate. On the other hand, Josh Throneburg is competent, and he'll be there! [NBC29, October 3, 2022](#)



#### **Republican Voter Suppression may have come to Virginia**

"Local registrars across Virginia began scrambling Wednesday to process about 107,000 voter records dumped on them overnight by the state Department of Elections, where computer network failures had left applications in limbo for months." State officials blamed it on technical network issues but refused to provide any details.



## Gov. Youngkin Practicing the Worst Kind of Cronyism

'Richmond-based Poolhouse made the single, winning bid for the project and received a \$268,600 contract to produce the "Governor's Welcome Project" ad, The Richmond Times-Dispatch [reported](#).

Poolhouse produces ads for Republican campaigns and political action committees, as well as companies and advocacy groups. It worked on Youngkin's winning campaign last year and continues to work with his PAC... According to [VPM News](#), the tourism agency initially gave Poolhouse the contract without soliciting any bids at all.' [Daily Progress, October 5, 2022](#)

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## National

### Marijuana Decriminalization

"[Pres.] Biden on Thursday pardoned all prior federal offenses of



simple marijuana possession, a move that senior administration officials said would affect thousands of Americans charged with that crime...As part of the announcement, Biden also encouraged governors to take similar steps to pardon state simple marijuana possession charges, a move that would potentially affect many thousands more Americans." [CNN, October 6, 2022](#) [Editor: this is a big win for justice in general, and a big win for POC communities that have been victimized by unequal enforcement of these laws.]

### Republican Effort to Suppress Black Voting Power now at Supreme Court

"At issue is Alabama's congressional redistricting plan adopted by the Republican state legislature after the 2020 census. More than a quarter of the state's population is African American, but in only 1 of 7 districts do minority voters have a realistic chance of electing the candidate of their choice. Black voters are either concentrated in that district so they are a supermajority there or spread out across the remaining six districts so that their voting power is diluted." [NPR, October 3, 2022](#)

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## Partner Organizations

Our friends the [UVA Dems](#), [Albemarle Dems](#), [Greene County Dems](#), [Nelson County Dems](#), and (the new!) [Charlottesville Area Young Democrats](#) are doing good things too, check them out!

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### **Charlottesville Democratic Party ("Cville Dems")**

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