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## News and Updates from the Cville Dems (10/27/2022)

### 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!

- 10/27 **“Turn Out the Vote Thursdays”** 4:30-6:30 at IX Art Park
- 10/29 **Early Voting on Saturday!** Registrar’s office open 8:30am-5:00pm
- 11/03 **“Turn Out the Vote Thursdays”** 4:30-6:30 at IX Art Park
- 11/05 **Early Voting ends at 5pm**
- 11/08 **Election Day** (including a NEW same-day registration option, see below)

If you (rightly) think that Bob Good is a horrible extremist and a terrible Congressman, please invest a few hours to be the change you want to see!



You have *lots* of good ways to pitch in during the Get Out The Vote (GOTV) push that makes all the difference (ideally sign up at <https://www.mobilize.us/joshforvirginia> but OK to just come out):



- **Wednesdays:** Virtual Phone Bank (6:30-8:30pm)
- **Thursdays:** "Turn Out the Vote Thursdays" (see below)
- **Thursdays:** Virtual Phone Bank (6:30-8:30pm) led by J4VA & Generation Ratify Virginia
- **Saturdays: 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) that we use to take down and input our canvassing data!
- **Sundays: Canvassing in Charlottesville** (1-3pm, see Saturday above for details)
- Any time: contact Josh for Virginia's [Kelsey Cowger](#) if you might be willing to write a Letter to the Editor (*Daily Progress*) highlighting some aspect of why Josh is good for our District.

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



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In case a recap of Biden/Dem accomplishments the past two years would be helpful when talking to voters, here's a partial list:

**Abortion Rights** Protection (contraception and in vitro fertilization may be the next rights on the Republicans target list).

**Civil Rights** (vs. Republican voter suppression limiting mail-in ballots, closing polling places in poor neighborhoods, removing people who haven't voted from the rolls, voter ID, striking down Voting Rights Act protections, eliminating affirmative action and diversity measures). Appointment of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson vs. Brett Kavanaugh, Amy Coney Barrett, etc. And don't forget that Youngkin made Critical Race Theory the main (false) issue of his campaign for Governor.

**Environment/Climate** Change biggest investment ever, \$369 billion, for climate change amelioration in the 2022 Inflation Reduction Act of 2022, rejoined Paris Agreement, and VA Dems support staying in Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI).

**Governmental integrity restored** (vs. the corruption of Trump retaliatory firings of Comey and McCabe and Vindman, Barr incorrectly characterizing Mueller Report findings, etc.)

**Gun Safety** commonsense measures in the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, over decades-long Republican opposition, that will save lives: enhanced background checks, closing the "boyfriend loophole", and providing funding for youth mental health.

**Inflation** (a worldwide problem caused by pandemic supply chain and Russia invading Ukraine), Dems are fighting it via release of strategic oil reserves, Medicare drug price negotiation, Affordable Care Act prices reduced by \$800, pressure on corporations to reduce pandemic windfall profits.

**Infrastructure Modernization** (\$1.2T package to create jobs and improve America's highways, bridges, and airports and also make broadband Internet more widely available).

**January 6th Attack on the Capitol** investigated, hate groups prosecuted (vs. Republicans closely allied with Steve Bannon, Proud Boys, etc.).

**Job Gains** lowest unemployment rate in 50 years and 6.6 million new jobs created, the most by any US President, signed CHIPS and Science Act to strengthen American manufacturing and innovation.

**LGBTQ Rights** (vs. Youngkin and other Republican culture war battles over transgender accommodations and LGBT rights in general).

**Medicare Protection** (McCarthy and Republicans want to cut/change it), \$2,000/yr cap on prescription drug prices for seniors, new authority for Medicare to lower drug prices through negotiation

**Social Security Protection** (McCarthy and Republicans want to cut/change).

**Student Loan Debt forgiveness** (Republicans have sued to block it)

**Tax Reform** new 15% Alternative Minimum tax on large corporations.

**Ukraine Support** (remember Trump impeachment #1?) via sanctions on Russia.

**Veterans Support** passage of the PACT Act to address harmful effects of burn pits and other toxins.

**Women's Issues** Reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act, support for Abortion and other reproductive rights, "boyfriend exception" included in gun safety bill Dems passed.

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## **REPORT Josh Throneburg-Bob Good Candidates Forum**



The two candidates answered questions last night at Hampden-Sydney College (you can watch the video on [WSET](#)) and the contrast could not have been greater.

Rep. Good was his usual unhinged self, spewing mile-a-minute lies and culture war talking points. A few representative lowlights: the Democratic Party is at war with faith and country, Biden is trying to give control of our borders to Mexican drug cartels, and God put fossil fuels in the earth for us to harvest. You get the idea.

In contrast, Josh was measured and confident in answering the questions and demonstrated the compassionate (e.g. LGBTQ rights) and common-sense (fossil fuel is a finite resource we need to wean ourselves from in favor of renewables) approaches he'll take as our representative in Congress. He also pointed out that Bob Good was one of only 12 members of Congress to vote AGAINST the PACT Act, which provides needed medical help to

veterans who have been sickened by military burn pits... and he expressed his disappointment that none of the questions had touched on abortion or women's issues.

Josh ended with a call for everyone – including his opponent – to support democracy no matter which candidate the voters choose. He certainly made a great case for the voters to choose him!

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## **Virginia Now Has Same-day Registration (new rules)!**

- From now through November 5, anyone living in Charlottesville who's eligible to become a Virginia voter can 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 if you're not registered on Election Day, 11/8, you can go to your precinct polling place to register to vote and submit a provisional ballot. Your polling place is determined by where you live; to find your correct polling place, contact the Charlottesville Voter Registration Office at 434-970-3250 or go to [iwillvote.com](http://iwillvote.com) (but if you go to the wrong precinct, poll workers there will redirect you to the right place).

This is important, please spread the word! (especially to UVA, Piedmont, and 18 year-old high school students)!

Note: for more voting information see <https://cvilledeems.org/voter-info>.

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

People get together every Thursday from 5:00-6:30 pm outside of Brazos Tacos at Ix Art Park. With only a few weeks to go, we're ramping up phone calling (including fun calls to appreciative newly-registered voters!) and door-knocking to help potential voters become better acquainted with Josh and committed to voting for him. In addition to helping get Josh elected, it's fun and a great way to get to know other Dems. Rain cancels, threat of rain does not.



If you plan to attend, please sign up using this link:  
<https://www.mobilize.us/joshforvirginia/event/475179/>

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## **REPORT: "Protect Our Democracy" Event (10/22)**



This first Protect Our Democracy Forum, sponsored by a coalition of nonprofits including the Cville Dems and Albemarle Dems and UDems, went pretty smoothly. Lead organizer Kirk Bowers (Piedmont Group Sierra Club) said in summary: "It was inspirational and informative at the same time. The speakers were excellent... Turnout was 50-60 people, a mix of students and the community." Here's [NBC29's Forum coverage](#) and a couple of photos from one of the rooms.

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## **REPORT: Full Committee Meeting (10/24)**

**Treasurer's Report:** We're in good fiscal shape and can donate a bit more to Josh's Campaign.



**Throneburg Campaign:** The 5th District Candidate Forum is 10/26, only two "Turn Out the Vote Thursdays" left at 1x (4:30-6:30pm), sign up to help the campaign at [www.mobilize.us](http://www.mobilize.us)!

**Election Day Preparations and Reforms:** Precinct Chairs are signing people up to do shifts (at a table, under a tent) at the polling locations greeting voters and providing a look at a sample ballot; please volunteer to help! Jim Nix and Registrar Taylor Yowell shared a document outlining Election Office hours and procedures (including the new same-day provision). Registrar Taylor Yowell shared a document giving training details for Charlottesville's awesome election officers.

**Actions Called For:** Committee members were strongly encouraged to submit public comments by the October 26 deadline (1) opposing

withdrawal from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) and (2) opposing the Virginia Department of Education's draft changed guidelines on various protections/accommodations for transgender students.

**Caution re Jerry Miller:** Jerry Miller, local businessman and social media “show” host, who's now a Albemarle County BOS candidate, has recently made negative social media posts based on information he claims was “whispered” to him by local Democrats. Be very careful if speaking with him... or perhaps avoid it.

**Kudos:** Ariana Smith, daughter of Committee member Renata Germino and granddaughter of former Committee member Virginia Germino, helped organize a [student walkout](#) of a Bob Good UVA Law School appearance. What a family!

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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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