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News and Updates from the Cville Dems (12/15/2022)

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Mark Your Calendars!

- 12/20 VA-04 Caucus seeking volunteers (see below)
- 12/26 POSTPONED (until 1/9) Full Committee Meeting
- 1/09 Full Committee meeting (see below)
- 1/16 Gun Violence Prevention rally (see below)



Meeting: 1/09 Full Committee

In-person at the Central Library Swanson Case Room or [over Zoom](#).

• Voter Protection

DPVA is eliminating its statewide Voter Protection Department, so we and other local committees need to meet and establish our own VoPro committees. Priority #1 is to recruit an army of volunteers to help voters who have Election Day problems, including any voters whose eligibility is challenged. These people

need to be in place for this November's election so we can use that experience to prepare for the November 2024 presidential election, where it could really matter! Kristin Clarens will brief us on the evolving voter protection strategy.

- **2023 Primaries**

There will likely be primaries in June 2023 for City Council, House of Delegates, and State Senate elections. We'll share what we know about the primaries at this meeting.

- **Update on Ranked Choice Voting (RCV)**

Delegate Hudson told the Executive Committee last month that, due to electronic voting equipment limitations, City Council won't have the ability to use RCV in a 6/2023 primary, but could authorize its use starting as soon as the 11/2023 general election. Sally asked the Executive Committee to consider having the Full Committee pass a resolution telling City Council whether we support or oppose an ordinance authorizing RCV for City Council elections.

Sally shared a document with some of her perspectives on RCV (please look it over before the meeting):

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Fg3kC6MJ9Oy-UMCb7txPimSMnceHezVWotJJDXCu7F8/edit>

Two early-January Special Elections that we need to win to Keep Virginia Blue (to protect Abortion Rights, the Environment, etc. etc.)



Aaron Rouse, former Virginia Beach City Councilman (and Virginia Tech and NFL football player) is running for Virginia State Senate in VA-07. Visit



VA-35 (Fairfax County) has a January 7th Special Election. Holly Seibold is a progressive Dem (and Mom and Educator), and this is an important seat for us to keep blue! Visit hollyseibold.com for info about this excellent candidate, and donate [here](#).

<https://rouseforsenate.com> to find out more about this excellent candidate, and donate [here](#).



1/16 Richmond Rally against Gun Violence

Wednesday was the 10th anniversary of the shootings at Sandy Hook Elementary in Connecticut in which 26 first graders and school staff were murdered... one of many mass shootings in our country and of course a few weeks ago in our hometown.

The Charlottesville Coalition for Gun Violence Prevention (CCGVP) has chartered a bus at Noon on Monday 1/16 to go to an MLK Day rally in Richmond to demand passage of sensible, common sense Gun Violence Prevention laws. For more information go to <http://evite.me/DUfpPfTc93>.

VA-04 Looking for Out-of-Area Volunteers for this Tuesday's Firehouse Primary



VA-04 will be holding an unassembled caucus on Tuesday, December 20 and is looking for volunteers to help run the Firehouse Primary. Details [here](#), sign-up [here](#).

Preaching BEYOND the Choir (Why electing Dems matters!)



"Virginia settled a lawsuit brought by the parents of disabled children put at health risk by Gov. Glenn Youngkin's attempt to ban mask mandates in public schools...this battle should have never gone to court. The federal American with Disabilities Act entitles disabled people to reasonable accommodations to live their lives as normally as possible. Youngkin's order and a subsequent law he pushed the General Assembly to pass violated the national statute from the beginning. [Daily Progress, 12/14/22](#)

"Glenn Youngkin actually has the LOWEST net approval rating (+11%) at this point in their terms of any Virginia governor, at least since 1997....Youngkin's right-wing policies and campaigning for extremists like Kari Lake and Paul LePage have not helped in that regard, but still, it's striking to see Youngkin's disapproval rating (41%) a whopping 15 points higher at this point in their respective terms than McDonnell (26%), McAuliffe (26%) and Northam (18%)" [Blue Virginia, 12/9/22](#)



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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