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## Virginia Redistricting Referendum

Congratulations! On April 21, Virginia voters approved the constitutional amendment to give the State legislature power to redraw congressional lines—until 2030. This is the first step in fighting back against the Trump administration and Republican efforts to undemocratically secure a majority in Congress.

We should pat ourselves on the back for the work we put into the election. If the results are certified, Charlottesville will be in the 6th Congressional District, which spans from Albemarle County to

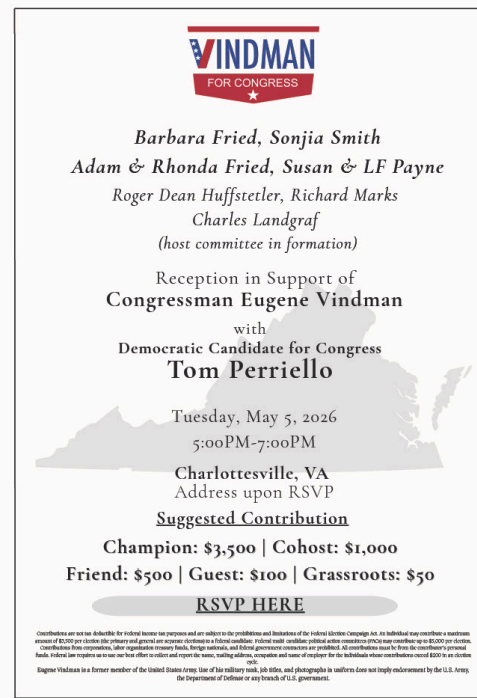
Blacksburg. It is the fifth youngest district in the nation and contains five major universities.

However, multiple lawsuits have been filed with the Virginia Supreme Court challenging the validity of the amendment. The election cannot be certified by the Virginia Department of Elections until the court rules. At the center of the case is whether the General Assembly properly moved the amendment through the constitutional process.

Learn more about the legal cases and issues in [this article](#).

## Vindman and Perriello Reception

On Tuesday, May 5, Congressman Vindman and former Congressman Perriello will be holding a joint reception in Charlottesville. This is a great opportunity to hear from Congressman Vindman about his campaign and the work he has done in Congress, and to show support for Virginia Democrats. Tickets are available for purchase at [this link](#).



The poster features the 'VINDMAN FOR CONGRESS' logo at the top, which includes a red star. Below the logo, the names of the hosts are listed: Barbara Fried, Sonjia Smith, Adam & Rhonda Fried, Susan & LF Payne, Roger Dean Huffstetler, Richard Marks, and Charles Landgraf (host committee in formation). The event is in support of Congressman Eugene Vindman with Democratic Candidate for Congress Tom Perriello. The date and time are Tuesday, May 5, 2026, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM in Charlottesville, VA. A suggested contribution table lists Champion (\$3,500), Cohost (\$1,000), Friend (\$500), Guest (\$100), and Grassroots (\$50). An 'RSVP HERE' button is at the bottom. A small disclaimer at the very bottom states that contributions are not tax deductible and are subject to the conditions and limitations of the Federal Election Campaign Act.

**VINDMAN**  
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**Tom Perriello**

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Address upon RSVP

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Eugene Vindman is a former member of the United States Army, title of his military rank, job title, and photographs in uniform does not imply endorsement by the U.S. Army, the Department of Defense or any branch of U.S. government.

## Candidate Coffeehouse - May 31

Join Cville and Albemarle Dems on May 31 to meet fellow Democrats and four candidates for the Fifth (or Sixth) Congressional District: Tom Perriello, Rob Tracinski, Suzanne Krzyzanowski, and Beth Macy. We will discuss our current political landscape and the road ahead.

This is a great opportunity to connect with local Democratic committee members and to learn more about the candidates' positions on issues that matter most to you.

This event will be held from 12 PM to 4 PM at FIREFLY Restaurant and Game House (1304 E Market St). To register, please reserve a ticket at [this link](#). See you there!

## Rural Democrats Tackle Tough Issues at their Annual Retreat

Members of the Rural Caucus of the Virginia Democratic Party met for a jam-packed weekend at the Wintergreen Resort to learn and share “innovative strategies on how to work and win in rural areas. Kendall Scudder, the Texas Democratic Party Chairman, took the roof off Saturday night in his speech about Virginia’s Vote YES campaign and the imperative for Democrats to remember who we are.

An attendee captured much of the Texas Party Chair’s speech on video that you’ll be able to watch this week by following C’ville Dems on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

The retreat was attended by nearly 300 enthusiastic members from across the Commonwealth who heard presentations from district candidates and labor leaders, among many others.

Lively discussions surrounded data centers, and attendees learned about policy reform offered in the Rural New Deal. The Young Democrats announced their decision to ban AI image generation in their communications efforts, attendees listened as a panel from the LGBTQIA+ community told about the struggles and successes of growing up in rural Virginia, and Dr. Devereaux explained the important push for Universal Healthcare.

For more info on Virginia’s Rural Caucus, [visit their website](#).



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**Full Committee Meeting**

Cville Dems will have its bimonthly Full Committee Meeting on Monday, May 18, in the Forest Hills Park Pavilion from 6:30 PM to 8 PM. We will discuss organizational matters following the referendum victory and how to prepare for the upcoming primaries and the midterms. See you all there!

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## Upcoming Events

- **May 5** - Perriello and Vindman Reception
  - **May 18** - Full Committee Meeting
  - **May 31** - Candidate Coffeehouse
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## Partner Organizations

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

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