

VOTER SURVEY 2004

**Commonwealth of Virginia
General Assembly**

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**Committee Assignments:
Commerce and Labor
Agriculture, Chesapeake and
Natural Resources
Science and Technology**

Dear Voter,

Happy holidays to you and your family!

Each year I ask for your views and suggestions as I prepare for the annual session of the General Assembly. The 2004 session must make major decisions on budget priorities and tax reform. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey that follows in order that I can have your perspective and recommendations.

Return your completed survey to Delegate Kenneth R. Plum, General Assembly Building, P. O. Box 406, Richmond, VA 23218.

The General Assembly convenes at the State Capitol in Richmond on January 14, 2004. Please feel free to contact me through the constituent hotline at 1-800-889-0229 or at 804-786-1036. My local legislative office number 703-758-9733 is automatically forwarded to Richmond at no long distance cost to you. E-mail me at kenplum@aol.com.

I would be very pleased to have you participate in two public hearings that are being held. The first, with the entire county delegation, will be at the Fairfax County Government Center on January 10, beginning at 9 a.m. I will be having a public hearing along with Senator Janet Howell at the Reston Community Center at Lake Anne on Wednesday, January 7, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

I am honored to represent you in the state legislature. Your participation in the voter survey and public hearings will help me to represent you even better.

Sincerely yours,



Kenneth R. Plum

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1. On November 24, 2003, Governor Mark Warner announced a proposal to reform Virginia's tax system. Please indicate whether you support or oppose the following key parts of the Governor's plan:

- Increase sales tax from 4.5 percent to 5.5 percent.
- Reduce sales tax on groceries from 4 percent to 2.5 percent.
- Increase the cigarette tax by 22.5 cents per pack and allow counties to tax cigarettes.
- Lower income tax rate on first \$20,000 of income and create a new tax bracket of 6.25 percent on incomes over \$100,000.
- Increase the standard deduction to \$4,000 for single taxpayers and to \$8,000 for married taxpayers filing jointly.
- Increase the personal exemption from \$800 to \$1,000.
- Close tax loopholes for corporations.
- Modify the tax deduction for persons who reach age 62 in the future.
- Fully implement the car tax refund by 2008.
- Eliminate the estate tax for working farms and family-owned businesses.

Comments:

2. Indicate whether you support or oppose the following potential actions concerning public education in Virginia.

- Increase state support for public schools k-12 by at least \$500 million to meet the state share of funding of Standards of Quality.
- Provide vouchers or tuition tax credits to families who send their children to private schools.
- Review and revise the Standards of Learning (SOL's) testing program.
- Increase state funding of colleges and universities to at least the level provided to peer institutions by other states.
- Set tuition levels at colleges and universities by market forces.
- Reduce and restrict the number of out of state students in public colleges and universities.

Comments:

3. A plan to extend rail transit 23.1 miles from the Orange Line between East and West Falls Church through Tysons Corner, Reston, Herndon, and Dulles to Route 772 in Loudoun County is being considered. Please indicate whether you support or oppose the following:

Extend rail transit 23.1 miles from the Orange Line to Route 772 in Loudoun County.

Pay for half the cost of construction with federal funds.

Tax commercial properties in the Dulles Corridor to pay the local cost of construction of rail.

Increase of tolls on the toll road to pay a portion of the cost.

Do not build the rail but use more buses instead.

Use the money proposed for rail to build more roads.

Comments:

4. Indicate whether you support or oppose the following possible actions of state government:

Amend the constitution to permit the governor to succeed him/her self.

Amend the constitution to prevent Transportation Trust Funds from being used for any purpose other than transportation.

Limit telephone calls by telemarketers within the state.

Legalize marriage of gay and lesbian couples.

Include sexual orientation among protections of human rights ordinances.

Prohibit the use of cellular phones while driving.

Deregulate the electric utility industry by 2007.

Eliminate the 21-day rule limiting the introduction of new evidence in criminal cases.

Comments:

5. What are the most important actions you feel the 2004 session of the General Assembly should take?

Use additional sheets as necessary. Thank you for responding to the survey. Please return your survey to Delegate Kenneth R. Plum, General Assembly Building, P.O. Box 406, Richmond, VA 23218.

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*Happy
Holidays to
You and Your
Family!
Ken and Jane
Plum*

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PUBLIC HEARINGS **General Assembly 2004 Session**

General Assembly Delegation from Fairfax County
Fairfax County Government Center, Saturday, January 10, 9 a.m.

Delegate Kenneth R. Plum and Senator Janet Howell
Reston Community Center, Lake Anne, Wednesday, January 7, 7:30 p.m.

*Share your views with your elected representatives to state
government on tax reform, budget priorities, Dulles rail,
education, transportation and other issues.*