



# VOTER GUIDE 2018

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**Fall 2018**

Dear Constituent,

Tuesday, November 6, is a critically important election for our country and for our community. I share concern expressed by many about the campaigns, but the outcome of the elections is too important to stay away from the polls. Inside I have listed the offices to be filled this year and the state Constitutional amendments and local referenda on the ballot. Respectfully, I have included my recommendations for your vote. I hope you will find this guide helpful.

I will be returning to Richmond in January for the annual General Assembly session. Please take a few minutes to respond to the survey on my website, [www.kenplum.com](http://www.kenplum.com), after November 1 to let me know your views on state issues.

You can talk with me and Senator Janet Howell at a pre-session Public Meeting on Wednesday, December 12, 2018, 7:30–9:00 pm at the Reston Community Center at Lake Anne Plaza, Reston. You do not need to pre-register; just come and talk to us about issues of importance to you that might be considered by the General Assembly.

I hope that you will keep up with my work and with Virginia news through my weekly electronic *Virginia E-News*. Subscribe for free on my website, [www.kenplum.com](http://www.kenplum.com). My commentary in the e-newsletter and in the *Reston Connection* and the electronic *Reston Now* will keep you up to date with my stand on issues.

Become my friend on Facebook at Kenneth R. Plum. I address many social and political issues on social media. Connect with me on LinkedIn at Delegate Ken Plum. My weekly television show, *Virginia Report*, runs on Reston Comcast 28 and Verizon 1981 and is available at [rctv28.com](http://rctv28.com) and on You Tube.

If you have questions or concerns about issues or programs of state government, please call my office at 703.758.9733 or email me at [kenplum@aol.com](mailto:kenplum@aol.com). We will do all we can to respond to your needs or refer you to others who may be of assistance. I am available to speak to your community or business organization.

I am honored to represent you in the House of Delegates. I work full-time as your delegate. Jane and I wish everyone a happy and peaceful holiday season!

Sincerely yours,



Kenneth R. Plum

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## On the Ballot

**General Election is Tuesday, November 6. Polls open at 6 am and close at 7 pm.**

For a complete list of candidates on the ballot, go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/upcoming.htm>.

## Members of Congress

For **United States Senate**, I recommend that you vote for **Tim Kaine**.



**U.S. SENATE**

**Timothy Kaine**

## House of Representatives

To find the Congressional District in which you live, go to <http://www.house.gov/representatives/>.

For persons in the Eleventh Congressional District, I recommend a vote for **Gerry Connolly**.



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Eleventh Congressional District

**Gerry Connolly**

For persons in the Tenth Congressional District, I recommend a vote for **Jennifer Wexton**.



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Tenth Congressional District

**Jennifer Wexton**

## More Election Information

Access your Virginia voter record to update your registration, apply to vote absentee, and view your polling place, election district, absentee ballot status, voting history and what's on your ballot for the upcoming election at <http://elections.virginia.gov/citizen-portal>, the **Virginia Department of Elections Citizen Portal**.

If you are already registered at your current address, you do not need to register again. **All voters must provide an acceptable form of photo identification (photo ID) at the polls.** Acceptable forms of identification are listed on the Virginia Department of Elections Citizen Portal above.

To find the location of your polling place, go to the Virginia Department of Elections Citizen Portal above.

## Absentee Voting

There are 19 valid reasons to vote absentee in Virginia, including working and commuting to and from home for 11 or more hours between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Election Day. Check to see if you are eligible at the Virginia Department of Elections Citizen Portal.

For information on absentee voting by mail or in person, call the Office of Elections at 703-222-0776 (TTY 711) for application information and schedule of in-person absentee voting.

## Article X. Taxation and Finance, Section 6. Exempt Property

**Question 1:** Should a county, city, or town be authorized to provide a partial tax exemption for real property that is subject to recurrent flooding, if flooding resiliency improvements have been made on the property?

**YES** I recommend that you vote "YES."

**Explanation:** Generally, the Constitution of Virginia provides that all property shall be taxed. The Constitution of Virginia also sets out specific types of property that may be exempted from taxation. For example, the Constitution of Virginia allows the General Assembly to permit localities to provide a partial exemption from real estate taxes as an incentive for property owners to make substantial improvements to existing structures by renovating, rehabilitating, or replacing those structures.

**Question 2:** Shall the real property tax exemption for a primary residence that is currently provided to the surviving spouses of veterans who had a 100 percent service-connected, permanent, and total disability be amended to allow the surviving spouse to move to a different primary residence and still claim the exemption?

**YES** I recommend that you vote "YES."

**Explanation:** The proposed amendment would allow the surviving spouse of any veteran who has been determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to have a 100 percent service-connected, permanent, and total disability to continue to claim the tax exemption currently provided, even if the surviving spouse moves to a new principal place of residence that is owned by the surviving spouse.

**More information on both amendments is available at:**

<https://www.elections.virginia.gov/election-law/referenda/index.html>.

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*These are the 2018 Fairfax County Public Safety bond questions that will be on the Nov. 6, 2018 general election ballot. More information at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bond/bonds>.*

## Public Safety Bond

**Question:** Shall Fairfax County, Virginia, contract a debt, borrow money, and issue bonds in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$182,000,000 to provide funds, in addition to funds from public safety facilities bonds previously authorized, to finance, including reimbursement to the County for temporary financing for, the costs of public safety facilities, including the construction, reconstruction, enlargement, renovation and equipment of civil and criminal justice facilities, police training and operational facilities and stations, fire and rescue training facilities and stations, including fire and rescue stations owned by volunteer organizations, and the acquisition of necessary land?

**YES** I recommend that you vote "YES."

**Explanation:** For the Fire and Rescue Department, plans include \$73 million to renovate or replace five aging fire stations.

For the Police Department, \$59 million.

- **Mason District Police Station** (\$23 million): Renovate and make a minor expansion of this station to upgrade building systems and infrastructure.
- **Criminal Justice Academy** (\$18 million): Renovations and upgrades to this outdated facility that trains 2,300 police and sheriff's recruits and officers per year.
- **Police Evidence Storage Building** (\$18 million): Renovate, expand or replace this building that is used to store critical evidence for courts.

For the Adult Detention Center and the Judicial Center, \$55 million.

- **Adult Detention Center** (\$45 million): Upgrade outdated security systems and replace major building systems in all three wings of the detention center.
- **Jennings Judicial Center** (\$5 million): Courtrooms require improved lighting, ADA upgrades, wall and ceiling replacement/repairs and technology upgrades.

## Constituent Survey

Each year I survey constituents on issues of concern to them and on issues that are likely to be considered by the General Assembly. Please take a few minutes to respond to the survey that will be on my website, [www.kenplum.com](http://www.kenplum.com), after November 1—click on Constituent Survey 2019. Your views are important to me. If you do not have adequate space on the survey document, please send me an e-mail at [kenplum@aol.com](mailto:kenplum@aol.com). I would be pleased to meet with individuals or groups. Send me an e-mail or call my office at 703.758.9733 to arrange a time. If you do not have access to a computer to complete the survey, leave your name and address on my office phone and a copy will be mailed to you.

## Friends of Delegate Ken Plum

Thanks to my Friends who contribute to my campaign that allows me to print and mail publications like this to my constituents. If you would like to support my efforts to stay in touch with voters, please consider making a contribution to Friends of Delegate Ken Plum, a campaign committee whose receipts and expenditures are publicly reported and available on [www.vpap.org](http://www.vpap.org). Checks payable to Friends of Delegate Ken Plum may be mailed to 2073 Cobblestone Lane, Reston, VA 20191-4039 or made securely online at <https://secure.actblue.com/contribute/page/kenplum>.

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### **Save the Date**

#### **Pre-Session Public Meeting General Assembly Session 2019**

Delegate Kenneth R. Plum with Senator Janet Howell  
Wednesday, December 12, 2018; 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Reston Community Center at Lake Anne  
Lake Anne Plaza, Reston

Talk with your elected representatives about issues before the General Assembly.

Pre-registration not required.

Written testimony appreciated but not required. Students welcome.