

Delegate John Bell, Democratic Incumbent / 87 / Loudoun County Talking Points

How Close is this Race?

November 2016 Presidential Race

2013 House of Delegates Race

Clinton	Trump	Clinton %	Trump %		Bell (D)	Ramadan (R)	Democrat %	Republican %
22,634	13,272	59.6%	35.0%		10,087	10,274	49.4%	50.3%

Background: Democratic Candidate John Bell

Incumbent delegate, John Bell, served in the Air Force for 26 years before retiring with a Major's rank. He served as a Finance Officer all over the world, rooting out inefficiencies in the military.

Bell currently works in the finance industry helping institutions find cost efficiencies.

He believes we need to celebrate diversity and speaks at many "Faith over Fear" events.

Why this Race Matters most:

It's critical that incumbent Democrat John Bell continue his work on behalf of the citizens of District 87 and all Virginians. We need to keep this seat blue to counter right wing extremism in the Republican-controlled House of Delegates.

Why Democrat John Bell?

John Bell wants to prioritize transportation investments to relieve choke points, push for bus rapid transit and ride sharing, and establish new pricing for toll roads.

Bell believes that education is the key to economic success. He has voted for teacher pay raises and supports full-day kindergarten.

He advocates increasing access of affordable healthcare and he trusts women to make personal decisions about their own healthcare instead of legislators.

Why NOT Republican Subba Kolla?

Advocates lower taxes and fewer regulations for Virginia's working families and small businesses.

Supports better transportation solutions for our growing region. (ed.: Who doesn't??)

Maintaining and continually improving our educational system with a focus on our teachers and students.

Side by Side on Key Policy Issues:

	Democrat Position	Republican Position
Economic Development	Advocates investing in growing industries such as cybersecurity and green tech and public-private partnerships to reduce dependence on federal jobs.	Vague tweets on "creating jobs and improving infrastructure" and "one's ability to succeed based on their own efforts". No details provided.
Transportation	Supports finding cost-effective solutions, prioritizing investments to relieve choke points, bus rapid transit, ride sharing, and lower tolls.	Vague tweets about "improving infrastructure", easing congestion and tolls. No details provided.
Education	Reinvest in our schools to remain competitive, increase teacher salaries, full-day kindergarten.	Vague tweets about reducing class size and increasing teacher pay with no specifics.

Additional information about Democratic candidate:

Bell advocates sensible gun safety regulations including closing the gun-show loophole and universal background checks. Longtime supporter of marriage equality and LGBTQ rights. Bell is against discrimination in any form.