

In 2016, Clinton won HD50 by almost 13 points (53.3% to 40.8%). The incumbent Republican is well-funded but a very right wing conservative who recently lost the election for Circuit Court Clerk to a Democrat. It's time for a Democratic fighter to represent district 50 in 2017.

How We'll Win in 2017: Challenge Lee Carter



After serving 5 years in the US Marine Corps, Lee Carter settled in the city of Manassas. As an experienced United States marine, he is used to tough challenges and is not afraid of a fight. He is up against the House Republican Majority Whip.

Lee is an IT specialist and now repairs oncology equipment. He is a worker's candidate. He said: "My campaign is staying focused on kitchen table issues. Workers in our state worry about how they're going to stay healthy, put food on the table, keep a roof over their heads, send their kids to school, and retire with dignity. I understand firsthand the challenges facing families today, and I'll be a fighter for working Virginians". When he was injured on his job, he didn't get the support he needed from The Commonwealth's Worker Compensation Program. So he knows from personal experience what it means to be an advocate for the interests of workers over the profits of corporations.

He is an advocate of campaign finance reform and limiting the influence of corporations in Virginia politics. He is one of more than 60 Democratic candidates that has pledged to reject donations from utilities like Dominion Energy and Appalachian Power. He is running a people-funded campaign that is not beholden to business interests, unlike the Republican incumbent.

Lee's focus will be on finding solutions to traffic congestion such as expanding mass transit and the services of the Virginia Railway Express. He supports a woman's right to choose, equal pay for equal work, increased protection from domestic violence. He believes in rehabilitation over incarceration for non-violent crimes because that is less harmful to minority communities.

Issues

Medicaid Expansion: Lee advocates expanding Medicaid, which would bring healthcare benefits to 3100 individuals in District 50.

Transportation and Green Energy Economy: Lee supports clean energy and solutions and expanding VA Railway Express and other solutions to limit congestion.

Worker's Rights: Lee will fight to protect workers and raise the minimum wage.

Human Rights: Lee is a strong advocate for defending human rights, including protecting immigrants, LGBTQ, minorities, and women.

Criminal Justice: Lee supports criminal justice reform and rehabilitation.

<http://www.carterforvirginia.com/>

About the Republican Incumbent: Jackson Miller

Jackson Miller was elected to the House of Delegates in November 2006. He has served in House GOP leadership as the Majority Whip since 2012. His legislative committee assignments include Courts of Justice, Commerce and Labor, Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources, and Privileges and Elections. He served as a Captain in the United States Army Reserve, before going on to a career in law enforcement as a police officer in both Arlington and Prince William Counties. Miller was also a member of the Manassas City Council from 2004-2006. Currently, Miller is the partial-owner of Crossroads Realtors in Manassas. He is also a real estate investor who owns and manages residential rental properties. Videos on his website make it clear that there is a well worn path from serving in law enforcement to becoming a realtor. Miller, while simultaneously running to hold his VA 50 Delegate seat, also ran in the special election to fill the Prince William Circuit Court Clerk seat. He lost that election to Democrat Jacqueline Smith by 7% in April 2017.

Issues

Voter Suppression: voted to require voters to prove citizenship, show Photo ID, and have social security numbers verified, measures far more restrictive than other states.

Economy: A strong fiscal and pro-business conservative, Miller's ties to the real estate community keep him voting against any bill that restricts development. He voted against increasing the minimum wage multiple times, supporting a rate that falls below living wages.

Against Immigrants: voted to prohibit sanctuary cities and voted for law enforcement to ask about immigration status during arrest. He voted to prohibit undocumented immigrants from attending public universities.

Against women's reproductive rights: voted to defund Planned Parenthood and voted to require women to have an ultrasound before an abortion.

Anti-LGBTQ: voted to allow private adoption agencies to refuse applicants for religious reasons.

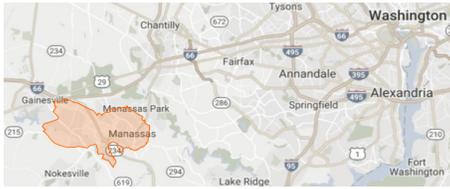
Against gun safety: Against any form of gun safety regulation including limits on the amount of guns an individual can purchase and also voted to allow school officers to carry firearms.

Environment: Miller has a 14% approval rating from the Sierra Club

Potential Strengths: Jackson Miller has held his seat since 2006 and has won reelection with comfortable margins in all his recent VA 50 campaigns. His professional career includes stints in the armed forces and law enforcement. He is also a well know residential realtor who owns his own company and maintains close ties to the local community through partnering with local law enforcement to do community events. He has also raised quite a bit of money for his reelection to the tune of more than \$300k so far. This will make him a formidable opponent in 2017.

Potential Weaknesses: He lost his bid this spring to win the Prince William Circuit Court Clerk seat by 7 percentage points to a Democratic woman candidate. He is very conservative both fiscally and culturally. His votes line up quite well with the most conservative members of his party on most issues. This could make him more vulnerable in a district that Hillary won by 12%.

<http://jacksonmillerva.com/>



VA HD-50: Facts & Stats

Nearby Population Centers

(includes population outside district)

- Linton Hall: 39,380
- Manassas: 39,320
- Sudley: 16,770
- Buckhall: 16,690
- Bull Run: 14,470
- Gainesville: 11,860
- Lock Loman: 3,790

2016 Presidential Results

- Clinton: 14,602 (53.3%)
- Trump: 11,187 (40.8%)
- Johnson: 891 (3.3%)
- McMullen: 462 (1.7%)
- Stein: 251 (0.9%)
- Registered, didn't vote: 16,725 (37.9%)

2015 House of Delegate Results

- Miller (R): 7,820 (58.8%)
- McCullough (D): 5,484 (41.2%)
- Registered, didn't vote: 27,866 (67.7%)

2014 US Senator Results

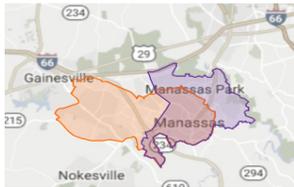
- Gillespie (R): 8,377 (50.0%)
- Warner (D): 7,874 (47.0%)
- Sarvis (L): 474 (2.8%)
- Registered, didn't vote: 24,496 (59.4%)

2013 House of Delegates Results

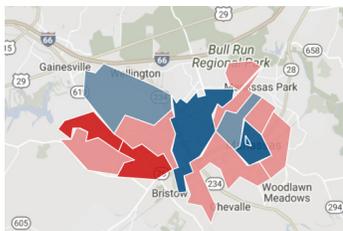
- Miller (R): 9,498 (54.9%)
- Cabellos (D): 7,769 (44.9%)
- Registered, didn't vote: 22,718 (56.8%)

2013 Governor Results

- Cuccinelli (R): 8,167 (47.9%)
- McAuliffe (D): 8,080 (47.4%)
- Sarvis (L): 759 (4.5%)
- Registered, didn't vote: 22,979 (57.5%)



2011 Redistricting map



2014 Senate election results

VA HD-72: Better Know the District (2010 census data)

Geography & Environment

District 50 is comprised of Manassas City and a portion of Prince William County. The district is southwest of Washington, DC and is part of the DC Metro Area. It is predominantly lower- to upper- middle class with proximity to jobs in government and other sectors. Manassas City is an independent jurisdiction that serves as the seat of Prince William County. It surrounds the 38-acre county courthouse, but that county property is not part of the city. It has close proximity to interstate and railway transportation into the heart of the greater metropolitan Washington DC area.

Citizensry

District 50 is composed of a majority of minorities. Whites represent only 49% and most are concentrated in Linton Hall, Gainesville and Buckhall. Hispanics are the largest minority group (26%) followed by blacks (13%), Asians (8%) and Mixed (4%). Of those with Asian ancestry, the largest group is Vietnamese followed by Filipino, Indian, Pakistani, Chinese and Korean. Hispanics, the youngest ethnic group with most falling between age 0-45, are most concentrated in Loch Lomond, Bull Run, Sudley and Manassas. A large number of district households are married or single parent with children under 18 (2nd of 100 districts in number of children). Communities with the lowest number of children are Loch Lomond, Bull Run and Manassas. Only 38% of Prince William County* residents identify as religious with a higher than average number of Catholics, particularly in Manassas. (*Districts 31, 50, 51)

Education

In terms of educational attainment, district levels are close to Virginia's. About 43% have a post-secondary degree while 44% have high school diploma, and 3% (6,772 residents) have no high school diploma. But there's variance within the district for achievement.

| Place | No H.S. Diploma | Bachelors + |
|---------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Loch Lomond | 20% | 17% |
| Bull Run | 20% | 27% |
| Manassas City | 17% | 29% |
| Sudley | 13% | 27% |
| Buckhall | 8% | 43% |
| Gainesville | 6% | 51% |
| Linton Hall | 5% | 50% |

Economy

Residents of district 50 have a median annual income of \$89K which is significantly above the state median of \$63K. Whites have the highest median income with \$102,100, followed by Mixed-Race at \$101,100; Asians at \$97K; Blacks at \$72K; and Hispanics at \$58,700 per year. Of people aged 25 to 64, 69% are employed, 4.5% are unemployed and 25.5% are not in the work force – mostly stay-at-home moms. About 1,402 households are on food stamps. Over 50% of civilians work (in order of prevalence) in professional, retail, construction, healthcare, government, education, or hospitality industries.

Health Status

In the Greater Prince William Area Community Health Assessment done in 2016, the three categories of public health needs and concerns identified were:

- Substance abuse and mental health
 - Obesity, healthy food, & physical activity
 - Access to healthcare (including dentistry).
- The rate of uninsured is slightly higher than Virginia (13% versus 12%) while the country's top-performing areas are at 8%. Manassas has a much higher uninsured rate. An estimated 18,529 people in Prince William County and 1,480 in Manassas would lose coverage if the ACA is repealed. Manassas City's death rate for hypertension and renal disease is twice the rate of Virginia. Opiate overdose resulting in need for emergency care or death is a major problem in both Prince William county and the city of Manassas. There is a relative shortage of health-care providers, including mental healthcare, compared to Virginia overall. (85/100,000 vs US average 210). Air and water quality are respectively 52 and 46 on a scale of 100 – poorer than the US average.

Transportation

Transportation remains an important issue within the district as increasing numbers of federal and high-tech commuters clog the surrounding highways. The largest share of households in Manassas has two cars, followed by three cars. Commutes are longer than the state average, and 5.2% of the workforce in Manassas city have "super commutes" in excess of 90 min – nearly double the national average.

Sources

www.vpap.org

www.statisticalatlas.org

Additional sources available online.