



VA HD-72 District Primer

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This district has long been a Republican stronghold, but in 2016 Clinton defeated Trump by 3.9%. With no incumbent running, we have an even playing field. Republican contender Whitlock is in lock-step with the most conservative Republican agenda – not in line with the district majority. Schuyler VanValkenburg is going to win this election in 2017!

How We'll Win in 2017: Schuyler VanValkenburg



Schuyler VanValkenburg, a high school teacher from Lakeside, Virginia, is the democratic candidate. Originally from Johnstown, NY, he has lived in Virginia since coming here for college, first to pursue his undergraduate degree at the University of Richmond and then a Masters in History at Virginia Commonwealth University. He met his wife as an undergraduate with whom he has three children. He has been teaching

in Henrico County's public middle school and high school for twelve years. He currently coaches We the People constitutional competitions at Glen Allen High School in addition to teaching.

Schuyler's personal and professional experiences have invigorated him in the fight to make Virginia a national leader in education. He knows firsthand the immeasurable impact an high quality education can have and is committed to ensuring a quality education for every child across the commonwealth. He also knows how important it is to provide equitable access and opportunities for every citizen, whether it is ensuring a democracy where every voice is heard and every vote counted, increasing job growth, or blocking bills that are discriminatory and that threaten our constitutional right to equal protection. Schuyler has stated upon deciding to run for office, "America, and Virginia, are at their best when they fulfill their promises for all their citizens. I want to do my part to make that happen..."

Key Issues

Economic

Updating the tax code to address special interest tax breaks
Promote infrastructure spending to bring quality jobs to all Virginians

Education

Create a Student Loan Authority to ease the student loan crisis
Increase pre-K for all Virginians

Healthcare

Expand Medicaid to address the coverage gap in Virginia
Fight the opioid crisis and treat addiction as a disease

Equality

Fight any attempt to pass "bathroom bills" or "religious freedom bills"
Fight for reform in the criminal justice system
Push back on attempts to infringe on women's health programs and work to end the gender pay gap
Promote child leave policies for parents to balance family and work
End all barriers to voting including discriminatory Voter ID laws

<http://www.schuylervanvalkenburg.com>

About the Republican Challenger: Eddie Whitlock

Edward "Eddie" Whitlock ran unsuccessfully in VA District 12's GOP primary for the state senate seat in 2015. Whitlock won the D72 GOP Delegates primary on June 13th with 67.22% of the vote and 4137 out of 6140 total GOP votes.

Whitlock received his B.A. in political science from the University of Richmond in 1983 and his J.D. in 1987. His experience includes working as an attorney and serving on the Board of Directors for the Henrico County Economic Development Authority. He has served as chairman of the Henrico County Republican Committee.

Eddie Whitlock is in lock step with the most conservative positions of the VA GOP. Whitlock is against women's reproductive rights, common sense gun safety, and wants to repeal the ACA. He will fight against implementing the Medicaid expansion. He is pro-development and anti all regulations. He is against government spending of all kinds and opposes even needed infrastructure improvements like roads and bridges unless they pass the "Whitlock Test": A project proposal must prove it can't be done better by the private sector and as cheaply as possible, while proving it is essential for public safety, education, or roads. If it fails any of these criteria, he will vote against it. He supports all anti-immigration legislation. Whitlock also supports "school choice" which negatively affects Virginia's public schools.

Current Issues

Public Services and Economy

Whitlock is an archconservative whose desire to balance the budget and lower taxes for the rich overrides the need to invest in infrastructure, education, healthcare, emergency services, and any help for low income workers and the poor.

Healthcare

Against Medicaid expansion even though it would bring much needed revenue and jobs into the state and ease the strain on emergency facilities.

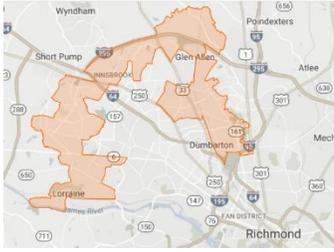
Civil Liberties

Opposes a woman's right to choose and supports anti-immigration legislation and discrimination against LGBTQ people and others.

<http://www.whitlockfordelagate.com/issue>

Recent Elections

In this traditionally-Republican district, Clinton won by 3.9% in 2016. However, Johnson took 4.5%, showing a divided Republican electorate. Gillespie won the district by 6.5% over Warner in the race for US Senator in 2014. The past two State Delegate races in 2015 and 2013, the Republican incumbent ran unopposed and the majority of the population did not vote (73% in S2015 and 60% in 2013 did not vote.)



VA HD-72: Facts & Stats

Population Centers

- Tuckahoe: 46,260
- Short Pump: 26,500
- Laurel: 15,800
- Glen Allen: 15,590
- Lakeside: 12,490
- Dumbarton: 7,600
- Innsbruck: 7,400

2016 Presidential Results

- Clinton: 19,079 (48.6%)
- Trump: 17,531 (44.7%)
- Johnson: 1,762 (4.5%)
- McMullin: 597 (1.5%)
- Stein: 288 (0.7%)
- Registered, didn't vote: 15,915 (28.8%)

2015 House of Delegate Results

- Massie (R): 13,664 (100%)
- Registered, didn't vote: 37,118 (73.1%)

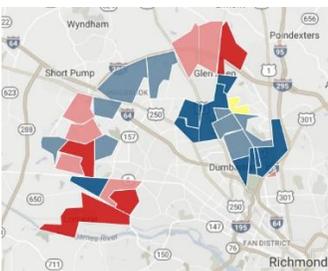
2014 US Senator Results

- Gillespie (R): 13,333 (51.5%)
- Warner (D): 11,667 (45.0%)
- Sarvis (L): 893 (3.5%)
- Registered, didn't vote: 26,726 (50.8%)

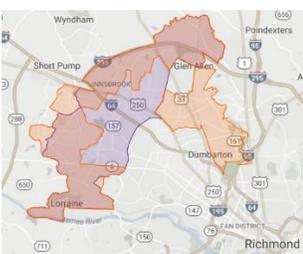
2013 House of Delegates Results

- Massie (R): 20,784 (93.5%)
- Registered, didn't vote: 31,209 (60.0%)

2016 US President precinct results



2011 redistricting (orange is new)



VA HD-72: Better Know the District

Geography & Environment

Located in northwestern Henrico County, district 72 is part of the Richmond metro area and is located north and northwest of Richmond forming a ragged semicircle around it. The area has greatly increased in population and become a suburb of Richmond with medium population density. It is served by interstates 64 & 95, and most commute times are 30 minutes or less.

Citizenry

In terms of age, the population of District 72 is similar to Virginia except for having more 25-29-year-olds and fewer 18-21. The district is 70% white with below VA averages of minorities (black 13% vs 19%, Hispanic 6% vs 8%) with the exception of Asians (9% vs VA 6%). Innsbruck and Short Pump are primarily white with large Asian populations (21% & 17%) who are primarily of Indian descent (21%) followed by Vietnamese (5%), Chinese (5%) and Korean (4%). Most non-Asian minorities live in the Dumbarton/Laurel/Lakeside areas where the percentage of blacks (25%) is nearly double that of the district. The most common non-English language spoken at home is Spanish followed by various Asian languages. Of the 17,000 households, 52% are married, but this varies geographically ranging from 62% in Short Pump to 21% in Dumbarton. Thirty-two percent have children under 18. Fifty two percent of the people in District 72 affiliate with a religion. 6% are Catholic, 8% are another Christian faith, 0.2% are an Eastern faith, and 4.6% affiliate with Islam. There are 3 mosques, 2 Buddhist temples and 2 Hindu centers within or close by the district.

Education

Education varies geographically.

Location	Above BA/BS	BA/BS	No H.S. Diploma
Tuckahoe/Short Pump/Innsbruck	8%	59%	5%
Glen Allen	2%	34%	8%
Dumbarton/Lakeside/Laurel	1%	26%	16%
D 72	5%	35%	8%
VA	4%	47%	13%

Economy

District 72 has a strong economy with unemployment at 4.5% among people aged 25-64, and a median household income of \$71,500 vs \$63,900 for the state. The highest median incomes by ethnic group are: Native American \$118,200, Asian \$89,300, white \$76,000, and \$45,000 for blacks, Hispanics and mixed race. Only 1,728 (5.3%) households are receiving food stamps, which is lower than the statewide average of 9.1%. Among married couples with children under 18 at home, 68% both work and 29% are stay-at-home moms. The most common occupations are in (in order of frequency) management, administrative, sales and related, business, and education within the industries of healthcare, finance & insurance, retail, professional and education.

Health Status

The population of District 72 is generally healthy with good access to healthcare. Only 2,200 would gain healthcare coverage by closing the Medicaid gap. In Henrico County, the number of uninsured people decreased from 13% in 2013 to only 6% in 2016 demonstrating the importance of the ACA to the region.