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RE: Virginia General Assembly November Elections

The results of Tuesday's state legislative primaries in Virginia are the latest clear sign of momentum for Governor Glenn Youngkin and Republicans heading into the fall's pivotal General Assembly races. The open-seat environment, strength of Governor Glenn Youngkin's image and agenda, a unified Republican Party, the extreme, out-of-step leftist agenda being pushed by Democratic candidates (not to mention their constant Democratic infighting), and a strong slate of Republican candidates that reflect the Commonwealth are all set to define the 2023 legislative midterms.

The bottom line? Governor Youngkin and Republicans are getting stronger now that we have nominated a strong slate of candidates and are building momentum as we head into summer.

STATE OF THE RACE

Given the new district lines and open seat environment – the most in modern times – Governor Youngkin had an unprecedented opportunity to impact races across the state and help ensure our party nominated dynamic, passionate, and knowledgeable public servants who can win in November. And he did. **In the 10 contested Republican primaries for the General Assembly, where the Governor endorsed, all 10 won their races.** The Governor was willing to engage both directly with those candidates and fund critical get-out-the-vote programs to ensure they were successful.

Bill Woolf SD30	Del. Tara Durant SD27	Del. John McGuire SD10	Lee Peters HD65	Del. Jason Ballard HD42
Sen. Bryce Reeves SD28	Del. Emily Brewer SD17	Mike Dillender HD84	Del. Buddy Fowler HD59	John Stirrup HD21

The fact is, an open seat environment, with a well-liked Governor who is directly working these races, while advancing a popular agenda that moves Virginia forward – is cause for optimism as we look to hold the majority in the House and flip the Senate. It is still a challenging climb, but the strength of Governor Youngkin's image, job approval, and the support of his commonsense agenda is critical to a successful November.

GOP UNIFIED – DEMOCRATS WARRING

The Republican Party comes out of the primary season unified and working together toward a common goal. The Governor along with House and Senate leadership are all on the same page; we are working together to run a coordinated and unified campaign. Meanwhile, the Democrats come out of primary season scattered and fighting amongst themselves. Warring factions in Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads continue to attack each other while different segments of their party's base accuse each other of disrespect. The fact that a majority of their Senate Committee chairs were in primaries yesterday further illustrates the war taking place within their party heading into the general election.

Richmond Times-Dispatch

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Lucas accuses N.Va. Dems of backing Spruill to force her out

VIRGINIA MERCURY

6/14/23

Why Democratic officials won't let a would-be candidate run for the Virginia House

FAR LEFT VIRGINIA DEMOCRATS

After the primary results from last night it is clear the radical progressive left is now in complete control of the Democratic Caucus in Virginia. Gone are the reasonable Democrats who would put Virginia first. They have been replaced with new nominees who would find like-minded comrades in the most liberal legislatures in the country. Four Democratic incumbents lost election last night and were replaced by far-left progressives who want to ban gas stoves, prevent the sale of gas-powered cars and trucks in the state, limit parents involvement in their children's education, repeal our Right to Work laws, allow Californians to have a say in our daily lives, support a soft on crime and criminals policy that puts our safety at risk, and force everyone to adopt their radical woke worldview. Imagine what today's Democrats would think and say about Mark Warner's 2001 campaign song.

Compare their nominees to those nominated on the Republican side. Across the Commonwealth, Republicans nominated serious, professional, and grounded public servants who are ready to find commonsense solutions to the challenges we face. Voters want to send people to Richmond who will work with Governor Youngkin to advance an agenda that keeps our communities safe, provides a world class education to our kids, grows the economy in every region of the state, and makes it just a little easier to live, work, and raise a family here. Republican nominees are running to deliver results for their communities and improve the lives of the people they hope to serve. The choice could not be clearer.

UNPRECEDENTED COORDINATED CAMPAIGN

Heading into the primary, Virginia Democrats spent millions attacking each other and pushing a far-left, out-of-touch agenda while their leaders in Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads engage in endless sniping.



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We've tracked spending in 29 different 2023 VA State Legislative Primaries, with 6 seeing at least \$500K.


State House Primaries:

- \$1.1M
- \$0.3M

State Senate Primaries:

- \$6.2M
- \$1.2M

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Will the center hold in N.Va. primaries in a wave of change?

Meanwhile Governor Youngkin, the RSLC, and the House and Senate caucuses built and launched an unprecedented, data-driven coordinated campaign to win Republican majorities in the Virginia House and Senate. This effort, unlike anything ever seen in Virginia legislative races before, will bring an overwhelming level of force, coordination, and focus to bear with the singular goal of winning.

We will target voters who do not typically vote in off-year elections, compete for swing voters, expand upon the historic Youngkin coalition of 2021, and grow our Republican base.

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“It’s a smart move, said **Larry Sabato**, president of the Center for Politics at the University of Virginia, who said (Governor Brian) Kemp “did a very effective job” of turning out absentee and early voters last year after a close call against (Stacey) Abrams in 2018.

“This tells me he’s focused on turnout, which is exactly right,” Sabato said of Youngkin. “The voters are out there — you just have to get them to the polls and you have to do that more than the other side.”

GOP CANDIDATES THAT REFLECT VIRGINIA

In 2021, Governor Glenn Youngkin brought Virginians together and won an election most pundits had written off. He brought together a coalition of Republicans, Independents and sensible Democrats who were ready for a New Day in Virginia.

The Republicans running in battleground races across the Commonwealth reflect Virginia. Consider this – the entire slate of state senate candidates in battleground districts is either a woman, minority, or either retired law enforcement or military.

Likewise, in the House, we have a bevy of talented, diverse candidates – including Lee Peters, the GOP nominee in House District 65 encompassing Fredericksburg City and part of Stafford County and Spotsylvania County. Lee is an African American who, after serving in Marine Corps for 12 years, continues to serve as a law enforcement officer.

Virginians have a shot to strengthen the Spirit of Virginia by electing a Republican majority in the House of Delegates and Senate of Virginia this November.