



Arlington GOP Voter Advisory

Tuesday, November 8, 2016

U.S. President & Vice President: Donald J. Trump & Mike Pence



Donald J. Trump is the very definition of the American success story, continually setting the standards of excellence while expanding his interests in real estate, sports, and entertainment. He is a graduate of the Wharton School of Finance. An accomplished author, Mr. Trump has authored over fifteen bestsellers, and his first book, *The Art of the Deal*, is considered a business classic and one of the most successful business books of all time.

As the voice of the American worker, Donald Trump will get the economy moving again. The days of beating up the working class are over - change is here. Those who work the hardest will no longer be punished by bad trade deals sending our manufacturing jobs to countries who cheat America.



On the day Donald Trump becomes president, America will be safe again. We must address the growing threats we face both on our streets and outside America. We will defeat the barbarians of ISIS, stopping the attacks in our cities and towns. We will support our law enforcement officers, giving them the resources needed to remain safe and protect their communities.

U.S. House of Representatives: Charles Hernick (R)



Charles has gained local, national, and international media attention because of his distinguished, multi-cultural background and plans to:

1. Improve conditions for small businesses through lower taxes and fair regulations.
2. Improve national security by taking care of our troops and veterans and focusing more on cyber-security and radical Islamic terror.
3. Make government more efficient and responsive to its employees and taxpayers through better IT and systems to reward innovation and top performance.

Charles is an ecologist and economist who has worked as a U.S. federal government consultant across the United States and in over a dozen countries in Latin America and Africa. He grew up in a bilingual household and is fluent in Spanish. He entered the workforce at the age of 15 cleaning hotel rooms and has a B.S. in Ecology and an M.A. in international relations.

Join us on election night at Texas Jack's (2761 Washington Blvd., Arlington) 6:30-9:30 PM to mark this historic occasion and watch the election results.

Arlington County Bond Referenda

While Arlington GOP applauds this year's addition of a major line item description within each bond referendum, we continue to call for separate votes on each large item. The practice of bundling large projects reduces voters' ability to make a choice on each. In this context, we urge the following:

1. Metro & Transportation: \$58,785,000

Arlington GOP Recommendation: NO

While Arlington GOP supports adequately funding Metro, a key component of our regional economy, as well as street repaving, Metro's continued poor performance and safety track record runs deeper than insufficient funding. Managerial and cultural changes must occur and given that Metro's management has been unwilling to make such structural reforms, we believe that change will not occur until voters send a signal that they will not tolerate the status quo. We therefore urge a NO vote.

2. Local Parks & Recreation: \$ 19,310,000

Arlington GOP Recommendation: NO

Arlington GOP urges a NO vote. While we support adequate funding for park improvements and acquisitions, the County currently maintains a surplus of Local Park and Recreation Bond funds authorized in previous referenda in excess of \$60 million. With the gold-plated Long Bridge Park Aquatics Center on hold, those funds should instead be used for the described projects, rather than authorizing additional debt.

3. Community Infrastructure: \$ 98,850,000

Arlington GOP Recommendation: NO POSITION

Arlington GOP takes no position. This bond is for a collection of projects, some with greater merit than others, with a \$46.5 million improvement to the Lubber Run Community Center being the largest. We support a long overdue renovation; however, the high price tag is in part due to the inclusion of building new office space for the parks department. The local neighborhood is divided on this issue, and we believe that office space could be more affordably acquired from vacant space elsewhere in the County.

4. Arlington Public Schools: \$138,830,000

Arlington GOP Recommendation: YES

Arlington GOP urges a YES vote, as additional room is needed to alleviate school overcrowding. Still, we are concerned that the costs associated with providing additional seats for students have generally exceeded those of our regional neighbors. Arlington GOP urges the School Board to focus on cost-efficient capacity expansion by adjusting design elements where appropriate to reduce per-student construction costs.

Virginia Constitutional Amendments

1. Right to Work

Arlington GOP Recommendation: YES

Arlington GOP urges a YES vote. We believe that not only does Virginia's Right to Work law improve economic competitiveness and job growth in the Commonwealth, but also that no worker should be forced to join a politically motivated organization as a condition of employment. This amendment would solidify that protection.

2. Property Tax Exemption

Arlington GOP Recommendation: YES

Arlington GOP urges a YES vote. Exemption from taxes on their homes helps express, in some small part, the immense gratitude of the community for the extraordinary sacrifice of first responders killed in the line of duty. This is similar to an existing provision made for the spouses of members of the armed forces who have been killed in action.