# PVCC Non-Partisan Voter Guide



2020 Primary

### **Voting Information**

Candidates appear in this guide in the same order they appear on the ballot unless they have withdrawn from the race.

Some Democratic candidates are still on the ballot, despite having dropped out of the race. This means they **cannot** win representatives.

The presidential primary will be on March 3 in Virginia.

Virginia is an open primary state, which means that *any* registered voter can vote in the Democratic Primary.

The Virginia Republicans party will not hold a primary on March 3. They will officially select a candidate at the party convention.

#### **Voting Requirements:**

- Be registered to vote in Virginia
- Be a U.S. citizen
- Be at least 18 by Election Day, Nov. 3
- Reside at a Virginia address
- Not be convicted of a felony, unless your civil rights have been restored
- Have not been adjudicated mentally incompetent (i.e., legally incapacitated) or, if so, have had their competency (legal capacity) restored

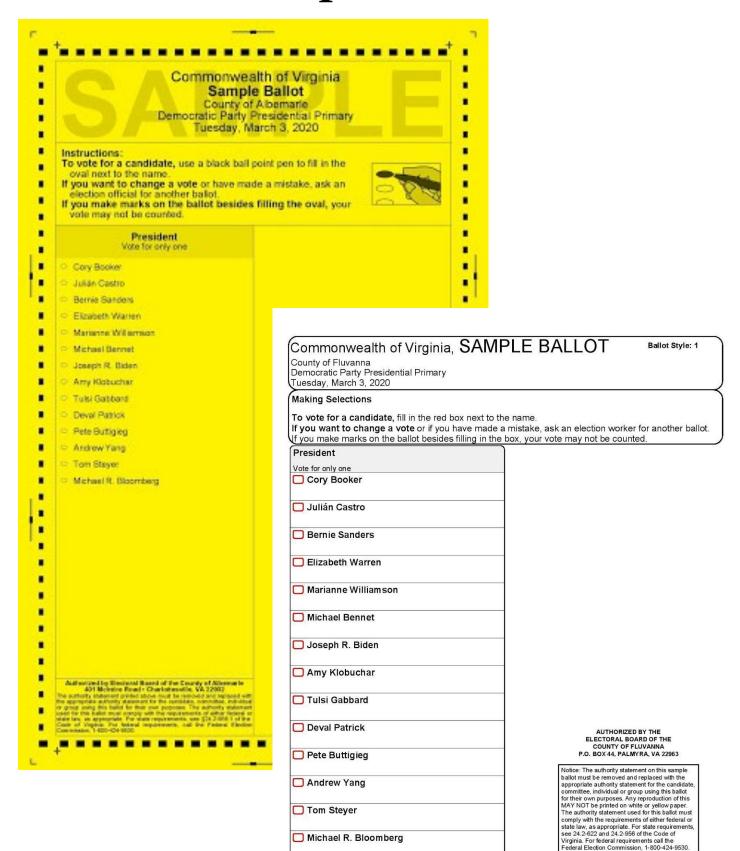
#### **ID** requirements:

- Virginia driver's license or photo ID
- Veteran's ID from Virginia DMV
- U.S. Military ID
- U.S. Passport
- Student ID issued by a Virginia college or private school

#### **How to Find a Polling Location**

You can look up your polling place information by visiting the Virginia Department of Elections website at <a href="https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation/PollingPlaceLookup">https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation/PollingPlaceLookup</a>

### **Sample Ballots**



# Democratic Candidate Bernie Sanders

Candidate Website: <a href="https://berniesanders.com">https://berniesanders.com</a>

Bio: Bernie Sanders was born in Brooklyn, New York. He graduated from the University of Chicago. In 198, he was elected mayor of Burlington, Vermont. He was Vermont's junior Senator from 1991 - 2007 in the House of Representatives. He has been in the Senate since 2007.

#### **Social Issues:**

- Supports "Housing for All"
- Supports the Green New Deal and rejoining the Paris Agreement

#### **Education Issues:**

- Supports guaranteed tuition and debt-free college
- Supports the cancelation of all student loan debt



- Supports "Medicare for All" a public health insurance plan
- Supports elimination of Americans' medical debt



### Democratic Candidate Elizabeth Warren

Candidate Website: <a href="https://elizabethwarren.com">https://elizabethwarren.com</a>

Bio: Elizabeth Warren grew up in Oklahoma and became a teacher, a Harvard Law School professor, and a US Senator. She was Chair of the Congressional Oversight Panel She served as an assistant to President Barack Obama and as a special adviser to the for the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

#### **Social Issues:**

- Supports
   protecting the
   rights of people
   with disabilities.
- Supports expanding social security

#### **Education Issues:**

- Supports the cancelation of student loan debts
- Supports free college for both two-year and four-year colleges

- Supports "Medicare for All" a public health insurance plan
- Supports abortion rights





# Democratic Candidate Joe Biden

Candidate Website: <a href="https://joebiden.com">https://joebiden.com</a>

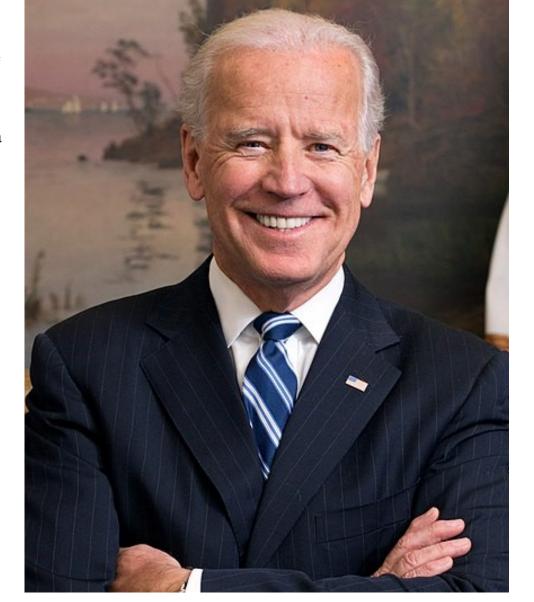
Bio: Joe Biden was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania. He was the Senator of Delaware from 1973 to 2009. Before he was vice president, alongside Obama (2009-2017), he was the Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee from 2007 to 2009.

#### **Social Issues:**

- Supports a clean energy revolution and environmental justice
- Opposes the death penalty and capital punishment

#### **Education Issues:**

- Supports greater accessibility of education
- Supports increasing teachers' pay



- Supports a public option for health insurance
- Supports affordable health care for all Americans



# Democratic Candidate Amy Klobuchar

Candidate Website: <a href="https://amyklobuchar.com">https://amyklobuchar.com</a>

Bio: Amy Klobuchar was born in Plymouth, Minnesota. She graduated valedictorian of her high school and went on to study political science at Yale University. She was elected Minnesota's first female Senator in 2006 and was reelected in 2012 and 2018. She was Ranking Member of the Senate Rules Committee in 2017.

#### **Social Issues:**

- Supports making climate change America's number 1 priority
- Supports rejoining the Paris agreement

#### **Education Issues:**

- Supports rebuilding K-12 schools for better learning conditions
- Supports establishing an ongoing role for

the government to invest in school infrastructure

- Supports a public option for health insurance
- Supports adding support for people who struggle with addiction and mental health to Medicare/Medicaid





# Democratic Candidate Tulsi Gabbard

Candidate Website: <a href="https://www.tulsi2020.com">https://www.tulsi2020.com</a>

Bio: Tulsi Gabbard grew up in Hawaii. She served in the Hawaii State Legislature, followed by two deployments to Kuwait and Iraq as part of Hawaii Army National Guard, and then she returned to serve on the Honolulu City Council. Gabbard has served for seven years on the House Foreign Affairs, Armed Services, and Homeland Security Committees.

#### **Social Issues:**

- Supports renewable energy
- Supports the second amendment and gun safety reform

#### **Education Issues:**

- Supports equal access to education
- Supports elimination of tuition and fees

- Supports a public option for health insurance
- Supports lowering prescription drug costs





# Democratic Candidate Pete Buttigieg

Candidate Website: <a href="https://peteforamerica.com">https://peteforamerica.com</a>

Bio: Pete Buttigieg graduated from Harvard and the University of Oxford. In Sept. 2009, he entered the Navy Reserves through the direct commission officer program. He was deployed to Afghanistan in 2014 he would resigned from his officer's commission in 2017. He was the mayor of South Bend, Indiana from 2012-2019.

#### **Social Issues:**

- Supports
   LGBTQ+
   Americans having
   federal
   nondiscrimination
   protection
- Supports a Green New Deal that will reduce America's emissions to zero by 2050

#### **Education Issues:**

- Supports increasing federal resources for students in low-income schools districts
- Supports increasing teachers' salaries

- Supports "Medicare for All Who Want It" a public option for health insurance
- Supports lowering prescription drug prices



# Democratic Candidate Tom Steyer

Candidate Website: <a href="https://www.tomsteyer.com">https://www.tomsteyer.com</a>

Bio: Tom Steyer was born in New York City. He started and grew a successful investment firm but stepped down in 2012 to focus on philanthropy. In 2013 he founded NextGen America, an environmental advocacy nonprofit and political action committee.

#### **Social Issues:**

- Supports criminal justice system reform
- Supports gun safety reform

#### **Education Issues:**

- Supports free education for kindergarten through higher education
- Supports forgiving certain types of student loan debt

- Supports a public option for health insurance
- Supports reduction of prescription drug costs





### Democratic Candidate Michael R. Bloomberg

Candidate Website: <a href="https://www.mikebloomberg.com">https://www.mikebloomberg.com</a>

**Bio:** Michael (Mike) Bloomberg grew up outside of Boston, Massachusetts. He started his own company, beginning in a one-room office with a groundbreaking idea far ahead of its time: a desktop computer that connected investors to a vast network of information and data. In 2001, just weeks after the 9/11 attacks, Bloomberg was elected mayor of New York City in his first run for public office.

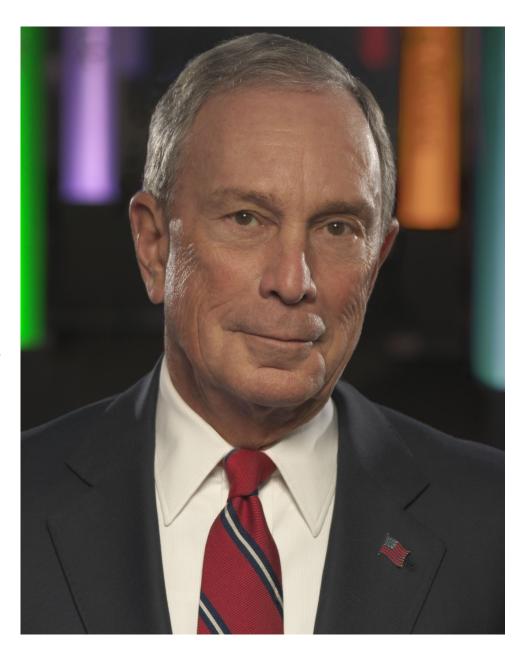
#### **Social Issues:**

- Supports 100% renewable energy by 2050 and investment in clean building
- Supports gun safety laws

#### **Education Issues:**

- Supports making two-year and fouryear public college free for students with the lowest incomes
- Supports making student loans easier to pay back

- Supports a public option for health insurance
- Supports lowering prescription drug prices





# Democratic Candidates That Have Dropped Out



Julián Castro
Website: <a href="https://www.julianforthefuture.com/">https://www.julianforthefuture.com/</a>
Suspended campaign on January 2, 2020



Michael Bennet Website: <a href="https://michaelbennet.com/">https://michaelbennet.com/</a> Suspended campaign February 11th 2020



Cory Booker Website: <a href="https://corybooker.com/">https://corybooker.com/</a> Suspended campaign on January 13, 2020



Deval Patrick
Website: <a href="https://devalpatrick2020.com">https://devalpatrick2020.com</a>
Suspended campaign on January 2, 2020



Marianne Williamson
Website: <a href="https://www.marianne2020.com/">https://www.marianne2020.com/</a>
Suspended campaign on January 10, 2020



Andrew Yang
Website: <a href="https://www.yang2020.com/">https://www.yang2020.com/</a>
Suspended campaign on February 11th 2020

# Republican Candidate Donald Trump

Candidate Website: <a href="https://www.donaldjtrump.com">https://www.donaldjtrump.com</a>

Bio: Donald Trump, the 45th president of the United States, was born and raised in Queens, New York. Trump graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with an economics degree. He first entered into politics in 2016 when he ran for the presidency.

#### **Social Issues:**

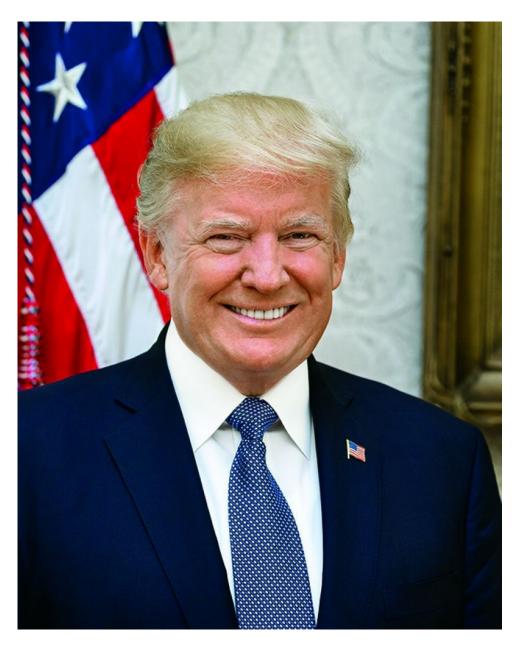
- Supports abortion restrictions
- Supports increasing border security

#### **Education Issues:**

- Supported 20 states and the Virgin Islands to assist the costs of education in areas that experienced hurricanes and other natural disasters
- Supports reforming the Free Application

for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to make the program more accessible to all students

- Supports improving access to affordable healthcare
- Supports ending the opioid crisis





### Republican Candidate Roque De La Fuente

Candidate Website: <a href="https://rocky101.com">https://rocky101.com</a>

**Bio:** Roque De La Fuente was born in San Diego, California. He earned a bachelor's degree in Physics and Mathematics from Instituto Patria and graduated Magna Cum Laude. He then studied **Business Administration** and Accounting at Anáhuac University and the University of San Diego. At the age of 28, Fuente was elected Chairman of the National Dealer Council for the third largest Automotive Company in the world at the time.

#### **Social Issues:**

- Supports preserving the environment
- Supports bringing back small to medium businesses

#### **Education Issues:**

- Supported a "free education system"
- Supports reform of government funding to colleges and trade schools to make them more accessible

- Supports health care reform to make it more accessible
- Supports lowering health care costs





### Republican Candidate Bill Weld

Candidate Website: <a href="https://website">https://website: https://website: https://webs

Bio: Bill Weld first stepped into law as a junior counsel on the U.S. House Judiciary Committee's impeachment inquiry staff during the impeachment process against Richard Nixon. Weld later became U.S. Attorney for Massachusetts, and then was promoted to Reagan's Justice Department. Since then, Bill Weld has been the governor of Massachusetts.

#### **Social Issues:**

- Supports
   decriminalization of
   marijuana and
   exonerating those
   with possessory
   offences
- Supports the Paris Agreement

#### **Education Issues:**

- Supported free tuition to technical skills programs for workers displaced by automation
- Supports a student loan forgiveness program and repealing legislation so that student debt may be renegotiated

- Supports expanding the Affordable Care Act
- Supports lowering prescription drug prices





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