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2025 Sheriff Candidate Survey

Name: _____ Position Sought: _____
Address: _____ Locality: _____
City/State/ZIP: _____
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1. Recent decisions of the United States Supreme Court acknowledge what credible scholars and sensible Americans have understood for generations: the **Right to Keep and Bear Arms** is a fundamental, individual right of the people. It belongs to all law-abiding citizens and is not some “collectivist” right only to be exercised by politically powerful ruling elites.

Do you agree that the right to keep and bear arms is an individual right and should be treated as a fundamental right deserving respect and protection from hostile government restrictions and infringements?

Yes _____ No _____

2. During the 2013 Legislative Session, legislation (HB 2340) was introduced to prevent any agency, political subdivision, or employee of Virginia from assisting the Federal government of the United States in any investigation, prosecution, detention, arrest, search, or seizure, under the authority of any federal statute enacted, or Executive Order or regulation issued, after December 31, 2012, that infringes on the individual Right to Keep and Bear Arms by imposing new restrictions on private ownership, private transfer of firearms, firearm magazines, ammunition, or components thereof.

Will you publicly SUPPORT this type of legislation?

Yes _____ No _____

3. In the 2020 Legislative Session, gun control advocates succeeded in passing legislation establishing “universal background checks” to criminalize all direct, private gun-transfers.

In addition, under the “universal background check” scheme, the Right to Keep and Bear Arms would be the only right enumerated in the US Constitution that would require permission from the government to exercise that right.

Will you publicly SUPPORT legislation to repeal the “universal background check” legislation passed into law in 2020?

Yes _____ No _____

4. Gun control advocates have attempted to ban various classes of firearms and related items such as:

- semi-automatic copies of popular military rifles and carbines (strictly due to their cosmetic appearance when they are, in fact, identical in function to standard semi-automatic hunting rifles)
- inexpensive and affordable handguns (frequently demonized with the racist and fear inducing "Saturday Night Special" label)
- high-capacity magazines (standard capacity magazines misrepresented as “high-capacity, based solely upon an arbitrary definition of what is “high-capacity”)
- expensive, top shelf guns (like .50 caliber rifles)
- etc.

Will you publicly OPPOSE legislation in the Virginia General Assembly to enact gun bans against otherwise qualified, law-abiding citizens?

Yes _____ No _____

5. Most firearms experts recognize that mechanical devices, such as trigger locks on loaded guns, create an extremely dangerous condition, whereby a gun can be fired accidentally. In addition, these dangerous "lock up your safety" devices may render a firearm ineffective when most needed and leave an individual or family defenseless and vulnerable to attack.

Will you publicly OPPOSE legislation in Virginia General Assembly to mandate use of trigger locks or other such potentially hazardous "safety" devices which have the effect of making it difficult, if not impossible, to have a gun available to defend your home and family?

Yes _____ No _____

6. During the 2007 Legislative Session, HB 2413 was enacted into law to make it easier for all otherwise qualified retired law enforcement officers to qualify to carry concealed firearms without a permit.

Will you make your office available (with the expenses born by the individual retired officer) to provide the shooting qualifications/range time necessary to increase the number of retired officers qualified to carry a firearm concealed?

Yes _____ No _____

7. A few states, such as California, have implemented Red Flag laws, also called Gun Violence Restraining Orders (GRVO), Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPO), or Emergency Substantial Risk Orders (ESRO). Unlike a Temporary Detention Order (TDO), the fact that the accused is left free and unsupervised instead of the Court mandating psychiatric observation, detention, or supervision proves that these are really gun-confiscation laws disguised as “gun-violence prevention” or “suicide prevention” laws and are being pushed hard at both the state and federal levels.

Red Flag laws allow a judge to direct the police to confiscate a person's firearms merely on the word of another that the gun owner is a danger to himself or others. The accused does not get any due process, or even any notice, before the police show up at his door to remove all his firearms. Only after a period of time can the gun owner petition the court to return his firearms. The court can deny the petition for as long as they choose.

Red Flag laws strip a citizen of not only his right to keep and bear arms, but also his right to due process and presume guilt in advance of a crime being committed.

In the 2020 Legislative Session, a Red Flag bill was passed, and Governor Ralph Northam signed it into law.

Will you publicly SUPPORT legislation to repeal the Emergency Substantial Risk Order that was signed into law?

Yes _____ No _____

8. During recent Legislative Sessions, legislation was enacted to make it easier for persons who possess Virginia concealed handgun permits (CHPs) to carry their guns on school grounds while dropping off/picking up their children.

Will you publicly SUPPORT legislation to further allow and protect Virginia's CHP holders to possess/carry their concealed handguns on school grounds?

Yes _____ No _____

Feel free to attach additional comments to this survey. Please consider keeping a copy of the survey and your answers for your records.

Candidate Authorization
My signature affirms that the answers given above accurately represent my beliefs as a candidate for elective office.
<div>Candidate's Signature _____ Date _____</div>