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September 12, 2018 Candidate Forum

Abigail Spanberger
Democratic candidate, U.S. House of
Representatives
7th District



Joe Walton
Libertarian candidate, U.S. House of Repre-
sentatives
7th District



Greg McQuade, Moderator
WTVR-TV (CBS) news reporter, anchor



NOTE: Republican 7th District U.S. House of Representatives incumbent Dave Brat was invited and encouraged to attend this event, but is scheduled to be in Congress on this day and on the second Wednesday of October as well, and could not accept the invitation.

October 10, 2018

Nelson Reveley
President, board of directors, RVA Rapid Transit



November 14, 2018

Kevin Hall
Executive director, the Virginia Lottery

Kevin Hall is executive director of the Virginia Lottery. Prior to that, he served in key legislative, management and communication roles for two Virginia governors and a United States senator, in Richmond and in Washington, D.C. Since 2009, Hall served as communications director and senior policy advisor for U.S. Sen. Mark R. Warner on Capitol Hill. Hall's policy focus in the Senate included research into the impact of disruptive digital business models on the U.S. workforce and on the economic experiences and expectations of consumers. Those are issues that the Virginia Lottery is successfully addressing every day. Between 2002-08, Hall was press secretary for Mark Warner and Tim Kaine when each served as governor. In that role, he advised agencies across state government in an effort to maximize public awareness about initiatives and opportunities benefitting all Virginians. Hall, a Richmond native, is a former print and broadcast news reporter and editor for the Associated Press and the Virginia News Network. He spent more than a decade covering Virginia government as a news reporter, including the events surrounding the initial 1988 launch of the Vir-



December 12, 2018

Jeff Schapiro

Political columnist, the Richmond-Times-Dispatch

Jeff E. Schapiro is politics columnist for the Richmond Times-Dispatch. He has covered campaigns and government for more than 35 years, a period during which Virginia has emerged as a decisive swing state prized by the national political parties. Schapiro joined the *Times-Dispatch* in 1987 after reporting from the state Capitol for United Press International and Virginia Business magazine. He has covered nine gubernatorial campaigns, 10 governors, every session of the General Assembly since 1981, 10 presidential primaries and conventions, as well as dozens of congressional and legislative elections. Schapiro's column appears in the Times-Dispatch Wednesday and Sunday. It is also carried by other Berkshire Hathaway-published newspapers in Virginia. Schapiro's video column is posted Thursday to the Times-Dispatch's website, richmond.com<<http://richmond.com/>>. Schapiro can be followed on Facebook and [Twitter.com](http://twitter.com)<<http://twitter.com>> at @RTDSchapiro. Schapiro has been recognized by the Virginia Press Association for his coverage of the Bob and Maureen McDonnell corruption scandal, attempts to dismantle the state's monopoly on liquor sales, the political influence of the tobacco industry and the historic renovation of the Jefferson-designed state Capitol. Schapiro is a 2015 inductee of the Virginia Communications Hall of Fame at Virginia Commonwealth University. Since 1991, Schapiro has been a correspondent for The Economist, the British newsmagazine, covering Southern politics and culture. Schapiro also has contributed to State Policy and Legislative News, the magazine of the National Conference of State Legislatures, and Regardie's Magazine, writing on Virginia topics for the Washington-area publication. Before moving to Virginia in 1979 for a position in UPI's Richmond bureau, Schapiro worked on daily newspapers on the Louisiana Gulf coast and in the northern New Jersey suburbs of New York City. Schapiro is an analyst for WCVE-FM, Richmond's public radio station, and has discussed Virginia politics on national and regional television and radio programs. A native of New York City, Schapiro graduated from Georgetown University with a bachelor's degree in history. His wife, Clare, is a food columnist for the *Times-Dispatch*.



January 16, 2019

Doug Pick, CEO, FeedMore

Douglas "Doug" Pick joined FeedMore, Central Virginia's core hunger-relief organization, as President and Chief Executive Officer in November 2012. Under his leadership, FeedMore is focused not only on nourishing the community but also on empowering lives. FeedMore collaborates with hundreds of organizations to serve over 205,000 at-risk children, families and seniors through its Central Virginia Food Bank, Meals on Wheels and Community Kitchen programs. This year, FeedMore provided 23 million meals to hungry neighbors of all ages and circumstances throughout Central Virginia. Pick is the Vice Chair for the VA Federation of Food Banks. He Co-Chair's the VCU Health System Steering Committee for Determining Social Determinants of Health He served as the Facilitative Leader for the RVA Food Collaborative, an adjunct function of the Capital Region Collaborative's Healthy Community Initiative. Pick serves on 3 national task forces with Feeding America: Collaborating for Clients; Cultural Change; and Innovative Development Practices. He was honored to serve on the Governor's Council on Bridging the Nutritional Divide, where he Co-Chaired the Sub-Committee on Supporting VA Agriculture. Pick was a long standing board member of Richmond's Center Stage. He served on the Board of the Chesterfield Public Education for 12 years, 3 as Chairman. As the Chief Sherpa, Pick led his own executive coaching and leadership consulting company, Travrse, 2010-12. He is an ICF Professional Certified Coach from the Georgetown University Program Prior to this role, he spent 12 years as an executive with Capital One in Richmond, Va., where he was highly regarded for his ability to drive complex, corporate-wide change. His leadership positions included: Creating the company's project management discipline; Co-founding an international software subsidiary in Shanghai, China; Spearheading the company's national leadership role in four telethons including 9/11 and Katrina; Establishing Capital One University as its first Dean; Co-leading significant improvement in the Customer Experience; and Leading meaningful acceptance of Process Management excellence. Before joining Capital One, Pick was a Senior Vice President and Business Information Officer at Central Fidelity. He began his career at IBM holding numerous sales, marketing and consulting managerial positions over 19 years. He is a 1977 graduate of UVA's McIntire School of Commerce. He was the Commerce School's Representative to UVA's Student Council where he served as Treasurer for 2 years. He has a grown daughter, Jessica (31) and son, Marshall (28). His partner of 10 years, Jerri Kumery, is the Ballet Master of Richmond Ballet and Repitituer with the George Balanchine Trust.



February 13, 2019

Lisa Simms, Executive director, Venture Richmond

Lisa Sims was appointed executive director of Venture Richmond in late 2017. She has been with the organization since 2006, shortly following the merger that created the organization, serving as deputy director for the previous five years. Lisa was initially hired as the director of events and the director of the Richmond Folk Festival, an event that has grown to become the largest annual music festival in Virginia. The Richmond Folk Festival is recognized by the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Arts Council as a national model for the quality and diversity of its programming, and for its community engagement. It continues to be the largest folk festival of its kind in the country. She has also been responsible for directing all Venture Richmond signature events including Easter on Parade, the 2nd Street Festival, Friday Cheers, TEDxRVA, RVA Fireworks on the James and the opening ceremonies of the 2015 UCI World Championship. She also serves as co-director of Dominion Riverrock, in partnership with Richmond Sportsbackers. During her tenure, Lisa has worked with the Venture Richmond board of directors and community leaders to design, develop and implement key strategic economic development and promotional initiatives. She leads cross-functional teams that include marketing, media development, public relations, infrastructure development and community engagement to increase downtown Richmond's economic vitality. "I love Richmond, have lived in the city for nearly 20 years, and I'm proud to have had three children graduate from Richmond Public Schools," Sims said. "I've seen downtown change dramatically over the last two decades, and I'm proud to be a part of an organization that has contributed to those positive changes. . . . My heart is in the city of Richmond."



March 13, 2019

Marland Buckner, MB (squared)

Co-founder and principle of MB² Solutions LLC

Marland Buckner serves as co-founder and principal of MB² Solutions LLC (formerly named Global Strategic Partners from 2008-2015) a public affairs firm with offices in Washington, D.C., and Richmond, Virginia. Prior to co-founding MB², Buckner served for seven years as director of federal government affairs for Microsoft Corporation in Washington, D.C. During his tenure at Microsoft, Buckner worked closely with senior leadership and executive staff to integrate Microsoft's philanthropic, policy and political efforts. As director of government affairs, Buckner represented Microsoft across a range of areas including education, workforce development, as well as interactive entertainment. As co-chair of a technology industry partnership, Buckner helped to drive policy and political consensus for reform of the nation's high-skilled immigration system in the early 2000s. In 2005, Buckner was recognized by Microsoft for leading the company's efforts to create a first of its kind \$20 million partnership with the U.S. Department of Labor to provide technology skills training through a network of community technology learning centers nationwide. Before Microsoft, Buckner served in several staff roles in the U.S. Congress, as legislative assistant to Sen. Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.) as well as senior policy advisor and chief of staff to then-Congressman Harold Ford Jr. (D-Tenn.-09). Buckner has served as a policy analyst at two Washington, D.C.-based think tanks, the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies and the Progressive Policy Institute. Buckner's writings have appeared in a variety of publications, and he frequently serves as a commentator and panelist on policy and political issues. Buckner earned his B.A. in political science and history and his M.A. in history from the University of Saskatchewan, Canada, and completed his doctoral examinations in American studies at the College of William and Mary. He also holds a certificate in business administration from Georgetown University. Buckner serves on the boards of the Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food and Agriculture in Alexandria, Va., and Communities In Schools of Richmond.



April 10, 2018

John V. Moeser

Professor Emeritus of Urban Studies and Planning at VCU

Dr. Moeser taught at VCU for 34 years. Upon his retirement, he was invited to become Senior Fellow at the Bonner Center for Civic Engagement at the University of Richmond where he served for 12 years. Altogether during his 46 years, he taught classes, wrote books, journal articles, and multiple commentaries dealing with race, poverty, politics, and political power in Richmond and the Urban South. He has been extensively involved in state and local government commissions and multiple non-profit organizations.



May 8, 2019

Martha Shickle

Executive Director, Richmond Region Planning District Commission (RRPDC)

A native of the Northern Shenandoah Valley, Shickle earned a bachelor of arts degree in sociology from the College of William and Mary and a master of public administration degree from George Mason University. In 2013, Shickle received the Garland Thayer Award from People Incorporated, which recognizes the contributions of community leaders who embody the nonprofit's work to help economically disadvantaged people. She was named as one of Virginia's "Top 40 Under 40 in Housing" by the Virginia Housing Development Authority and Virginia Housing Coalition in 2012. "She is the right leader at the right time to direct the commission during this period of great progress in the Richmond region," said David Williams, chairman of the RRPDC and a member of the Powhatan County Board of Supervisors. "We were impressed with the way she immerses herself in serving the people of the community. Her expertise in regional collaboration and record of success in Virginia make her a wonderful complement to the Richmond region." The Richmond Regional Planning District Commission is an intergovernmental agency that facilitates collaboration among the nine local jurisdictions in the Richmond region. The 33-member RRPDC board includes 22 elected officials, seven local Planning Commission members and four citizens representing the 1 million residents of the town of Ashland, the city of Richmond, and the counties of Charles City, Chesterfield, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico, New Kent and Powhatan. The RRPDC is the contracted agency to administer the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO), a federally-designated forum for regional transportation decision-making and funds-allocating. The RRTPO is responsible for planning and programming regional transportation projects. It is the region's only transportation body composed of elected officials from all nine local jurisdictions and officials from regional, state and federal transportation agencies. RRPDC has joined with the Greater Richmond Chamber of Commerce to create the Capital Region Collaborative, which engaged residents in a community-wide process of identifying eight priority areas for improving quality of life in the region. As part of that cooperative effort, the RRPDC is building a regional indicators program that benchmark the region's progress over time and compare it to peer communities.



June 5 or 19, 2019 (cannot be confirmed until 6-8 weeks prior...stay tuned)

The honorable Ralph Northam

Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia

Before he was inaugurated as the 73rd governor of the commonwealth of Virginia, Ralph Northam served as an Army doctor, pediatric neurologist, business owner, state senator and lieutenant governor. A native of Virginia's Eastern Shore, Gov. Northam was educated at the Virginia Military Institute (VMI), where he graduated with distinction. After graduation, Gov. Northam was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Army. He served eight years of active duty and rose to the rank of major. He attended Eastern Virginia Medical School and then traveled to San Antonio for a pediatric residency, where he met his wife Pamela, a pediatric occupational therapist at the same hospital. Gov. Northam did his residencies at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center and served as chief neurological resident at Johns Hopkins Hospital. As an Army doctor, he served in Germany, treating soldiers wounded in Operation Desert Storm. When Gov. Northam and Pamela returned home, they chose to build their life in Hampton Roads. He began practicing pediatric neurology at Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters in Norfolk. He established Children's Specialty Group, his current medical practice, to provide expert pediatric care for patients. Gov. Northam also served as assistant professor of neurology at Eastern Virginia Medical School, where he taught medicine and ethics. Gov. Northam volunteered as medical director for the Edmarc Hospice for Children in Portsmouth, where he spent 18 years caring for terminally ill children. Gov. Northam approaches public service with the same passion he brought to his military and medical service. He is committed to working with leaders from both parties to build a Virginia that works better for every family, no matter who they are or where they live. Gov. Northam is the first native of the Eastern Shore to serve as governor since Gov. Henry A. Wise took office 1856. He is also the first VMI Keydet to serve as governor since Gov. Westmoreland Davis took office in 1918.

