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## Economic Security and Opportunity for All Virginians

### About Justin Fairfax

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### Modest Beginnings to Great Success

Justin Fairfax was raised primarily by a single mom and his grandparents in a neighborhood besieged by guns, drugs and gangs. He saw childhood friends fall victim to the culture of crime and violence that threatens many Virginia communities. Those experiences led him to a career in public service, starting with his tenure as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia. Justin is committed to ensuring that every child and family in Virginia has the same opportunities that he had to succeed.

### Campaign Overview

Justin is a proven statewide vote-getter in Virginia. He shocked the pundits in 2013 by **winning nearly 49% of the vote** in the Democratic primary for Attorney General and winning the endorsement of *The Washington Post*. Democrats have a history of nominating highly qualified young candidates and African American candidates to statewide offices. Chuck Robb, Don Beyer, and Tim Kaine were all between the ages of 39 and 44 years old when elected Lt. Governor – Justin will be 38. Doug Wilder (1985 and 1989), Donald McEachin (2001), and of course, Barack Obama (2008) were all African-American statewide Democratic nominees. Justin plans to focus his attention as Lt. Governor on the issues that he believes are most important to Virginia’s working families and children. **He will help enact policies to grow and diversify Virginia’s economy, protect small businesses and jobs, ensure access to high-quality education, reduce gun violence, and protect our civil rights, our workers, and the environment.**

## **Justin's Focus**

### **Economic Security and Opportunity**

- Strengthen and diversify Virginia's economy by developing industries and opportunities that create jobs and decrease the Commonwealth's reliance on federal funds and contracts.
- Bring broadband internet to communities without it to stimulate business development, job creation, and grow local economies.
- Ensure access to capital and fair lending practices so that people can own homes, start small businesses, and attain higher education and vocational training.

### **Education**

- Fight for transparency, fairness, and affordability in the student lending market.
- Reduce the burden of student loan debt by implementing state-based loan refinancing and restructuring programs.
- Expand early childhood education programs and educational opportunities to keep kids in school and out of jail so that they become successful, productive citizens.
- Reform SOLs (Standards of Learning).

### **Criminal & Juvenile Justice Reform**

- Implement mental health and substance abuse reforms to divert those who need treatment.
- Work with legislators, the Governor and the Attorney General to restore voting rights to non-violent offenders and incentivize good citizenship.
- Hold elected officials accountable through open government, oversight & common-sense ethics reform.

### **Protecting the Rights of all Virginians**

- Protect women's reproductive and healthcare rights.
- Support marriage equality and non-discrimination measures.
- Support equal pay for equal work.

### **Protecting Our Environment**

- Implement the Clean Power Plan.
- Address climate change and rising sea levels.
- Take measures to combat climate change and promote clean, alternative energy.

### **Reducing Gun Violence**

- Promote universal criminal background checks.
- Ban high-capacity magazines and assault weapons.
- Keep guns out of the hands of dangerous individuals.