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2009 Virginia House of Delegates Candidate Questionnaire:

1. Specifically, what unique qualities and/or qualifications will you bring to the office you seek?

I serve on the Executive Committee of the Constitution Party of Virginia and I'm the Constitution Party candidate for the Virginia General Assembly, House of Delegates, District 85 (in Virginia Beach). I support limited government, lower taxes and less government spending. I am opposed to socialism. Once elected, I hope to achieve the goals listed on the platform of the Constitution Party. You may read the platform of the Constitution Party at [www.constitutionparty.com](http://www.constitutionparty.com)

I have earned a Master of Arts degree from Norfolk State University and I've earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. I've been working in the information technology field for about 20 years.

2. What transportation changes or improvements do you advocate and how specifically would you pay for them?

State government needs to efficiently and properly maintain our existing roads, bridges and tunnels and build new ones as required. This is important for public safety. I'm opposed to tolls. I'm opposed to mass transit programs that require government subsidies. Waste and inefficiencies in the Virginia Department of Transportation need to be eliminated. VDOT's budget could be decreased so that inefficiencies within VDOT may be eliminated. I'm opposed to new taxes. I support fewer taxes, less government spending and limited government. I'm opposed to socialism. Some existing inefficient and unnecessary state government programs could be eliminated to ensure adequate funding for roads.

3. Aside from transportation, what do you believe are two other important challenges facing the Commonwealth? Specifically, what responses do you propose and how will you pay for them?

- 1) Illegal immigration is a very serious issue. Illegal immigrants take jobs away from Americans who desire to work and Virginia's taxpayers pay for many government paid services for illegal

immigrants. New laws need to be passed to ensure that Virginia is very unattractive to illegal immigrants. Illegal immigrants should no longer be welcomed in Virginia.

- 2) The taxpayers of Virginia should not have to carry the heavy load of unduly high taxes to fund excessive state government spending that caters to special interest groups. I will work to decrease the excessive tax burden already placed on Virginia's taxpayers and to decrease state government spending. For example, I support abolishing the Virginia Information Technology Agency (VITA) and other inefficient state government programs.