

Jennifer Lee, 80th District

2009 Virginia House of Delegates Candidate Questionnaire:

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

I will bring to the General Assembly solutions and leadership, with a background that uniquely qualifies me to represent the 80th District. I am one of the few candidates/incumbents, on the federal, state or local level that have almost 30 years of Healthcare experience. The decisions before the General Assembly will impact medical care for the next 25 to 30 years.

I have 10 years experience as a Information Systems Manager. Technology expertise is required today and will continue to be in demand in the future. Virginia will need qualified decision makers and strategic planners for its growth future in technology.

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

First prioritize the projects. Second find the funding:

Privatize the ABC stores, pass legislation to allocate the additional revenues from the Ports into a separate HR Transportation Fund. The fund can only be used for Hampton Roads Transportation. Second and third year stimulus dollars should be used now, expand public private partnerships, Audit VDOT for waste and inefficiencies. Install traffic technology, light synchronization and traffic management systems.

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?

Crime, specifically gangs. The entire community must be involved. The churches, the schools, the communities all of us. We're losing the next generation and hope for the future of our neighborhoods if we do not work together now to rebuild what has broken down. Without parents, without neighbors, without churches and civic organizations, we will leave young people with little choice or opportunity to rise.

Job creation is critical, specifically skilled labor to meet the demands of the Ports. The training of the workforce through the community colleges by increasing the public/private partnerships and stopping rising tuitions that block the pathway for too many. A highly trained workforce will provide the research and support necessary for the alternative energy market, medical services, military contracting and other industries that our location makes us prime candidates to attract, if we will invest in developing an educated workforce.