

## **Robert Tata, 85<sup>th</sup> District**

2009 Virginia House of Delegates Candidate Questionnaire

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

- Seniority; Experience; Important Committee Assignments; Effective as a Legislator; Works with both sides of the aisle effectively.

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

-I was recently appointed to the Transportation Committee; During Governor Kaine's Special Session on Transportation I was able to secure \$10 Million for Light Rail; Some day Transportation should be part of the General Fund + the current funding.

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

-Continue our improvement in Education, we are currently ranked 4th in the nation according to *Education Weekly's* annual survey (up from 5th last year). More emphasis on Technical Education, Health, and Physical Education. Obesity is a major problem in the U.S.

-Job creation, Gas Exploration off the Virginia coast and other alternative energy sources.