



# Arlington's **DREAM TEAM** is ready to **TURN VIRGINIA BLUE** in 2008



**BARACK OBAMA**  
*For President*

**G**asoline at \$3.50 a gallon. An economy that has shed jobs for seven straight months. War without end in Iraq. It is beyond time for change in Washington.

And Barack Obama is the only candidate who can deliver it.

You probably know Obama's uniquely American story: the son of a Kansan mother and Kenyan father, reared by his mom and grandparents, the first African American editor of the Harvard Law review, community organizer, lawyer, professor.

But what you might not know is how the work Obama did as a Senator – both in Illinois and in Washington – reflects the values he'll take to the White House.

As a state senator, Obama brought Democrats and Republicans together to pass a critical tax credit for working families and expand health insurance coverage for Illinois children. He also worked to improve the state's welfare to work laws to expand economic opportunity and put more people to work.

Today, as middle class families struggle to make ends meet, you know who he'll be fighting for. Obama will cut taxes for families making less than \$250,000, providing three times as much tax relief for middle class families as John McCain's plan does. Obama will completely eliminate taxes for seniors making less than \$50,000 per year. Meanwhile, he will bring a responsible end to the Iraq war.

As for sky-high gas prices, Obama has a plan to end our dependence on foreign oil within the next decade. That plan includes a \$150 billion investment in renewable energy over the next 10 years, and the promise to improve gas mileage standards. Additionally, he's proposed a \$1,000 Emergency Energy Rebate for middle class families by taxing the windfall profits of the oil companies.

You can tell a lot about a person by the fights he's taken on.

That's why Barack Obama represents change Virginians can believe in.

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**JOE BIDEN**  
*For Vice President*

**J**oe Biden is a rare mix. A leader who has worked for decades to bring change to Washington, but has never let Washington change him.

An expert on foreign policy, whose heart and values are firmly rooted in the middle class; one who has stared down dictators, and spoken for America's cops and firefighters.

He is uniquely suited to serve as Barack Obama's partner in the urgent mission to bring about the change America needs to put our country back on track.

Inspired by his working-class roots in Scranton, PA, he has spent his time in Washington fighting for those who too often are left behind.

A family man who for over three decades, first as a Delaware Congressman and now a Senator, has been an outspoken straight shooter, never afraid to deliver hard truths.

From his work to criminalize violence against women, writing and passing the ground-breaking Violence Against Women Act, to his fight to pass the Family and Medical Leave Act – cracking down on deadbeat dads – Sen. Biden has shown his commitment to the most vulnerable in our country.

Joe Biden is also widely considered the most knowledgeable foreign policy voice in the U.S. Senate. A member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee for three decades, he is now the Chairman of this critical committee.

There is no doubt that Sen. Biden brings an unparalleled commitment to helping others achieve the American dream and an unmatched understanding of global affairs that compliment Obama.

Together, Barack Obama and Joe Biden will work everyday to help working families and secure our country, delivering the change Virginians are yearning for.

[www.biden.senate.gov](http://www.biden.senate.gov)



**MARK WARNER**  
*For U.S. Senate*

**M**ark Warner served as governor of Virginia from 2002 until 2006. His administration inherited \$6 billion in budget shortfalls, and ended with a surplus that provided the largest single investment in K-12 education in Virginia history, a reinvestment in one of the nation's premier public college and university systems, and a record investment in cleanup of the nation's largest estuary: the Chesapeake Bay.

Governor Warner did this by cutting budgets and making business-like reforms to state government. He put a focus on economic development in areas hard hit by job losses – turning around jobless rates in those regions.

He's a former high tech business person who co-founded the company that became Nextel and established the largest technology-based venture capital fund in the mid-Atlantic. As a private citizen, he launched a health care foundation that's helped Virginians obtain access to primary health care.

While he was governor, Virginia was named "the best managed state in the nation" by Governing Magazine, the "Best State for Business" by Forbes, and the best place for a child to be born in terms of educational opportunity by Education Week.

Governor Warner has been praised for his common sense approach to politics. The Richmond Times-Dispatch said his specialty was "finding common ground" and "seizing chances from setbacks." The Daily Press wrote in 2005 that Governor Warner's "pragmatic, results-driven, business-oriented approach to government resonates across the spectrum of Virginia politics."

He and his wife, Lisa Collis, and their three daughters, Madison, Gillian, and Eliza, live in Alexandria.

[www.markwarner2008.com](http://www.markwarner2008.com)



**JIM MORAN**  
*For U.S. Congress*

**I**n 2002, when opposition to waging war against Iraq was at its lowest, Jim Moran stood tall, opposing the resolution allowing President Bush to take us to war. He co-authored the Democrats' alternative resolution requiring the U.S. to fully exhaust diplomatic options before using military force. In 2005, Jim also authored the 'Strategy for Success' amendment requiring the Secretary of Defense, for the first time, to submit regular progress reports on the mission in Iraq.

Jim supports deficit-reducing pay-as-you-go budget rules that restore fiscal discipline to the federal budget process and strengthen our economy. Our total outstanding debt is now over \$9 trillion, approximately 65% of U.S. Gross Domestic Product—an amount equal to over \$30,000 per citizen. The \$2 billion per week going to Iraq should be re-invested toward paying off our national debt and investing in our own country.

Congressman Moran is a champion of clean, renewable energy to protect the environment and combat global warming. As the Vice Chairman of the Interior and Environment Appropriations Subcommittee, he supports strong environmental laws and the development of clean, renewable sources of energy to protect our planet, tackle the threat of global warming, and free our nation from a reliance on fossil fuels.

Jim also knows that our health care system is broken and in need of serious repair. Nearly 47 million Americans go without health insurance. Congressman Moran believes in a universal health plan that focuses on preventive care, insures the uninsured and gives every American access to quality care.

[www.jimmoran.org](http://www.jimmoran.org)



**BARBARA FAVOLA**  
*For Supervisor*

**B**arbara Favola has a distinguished record of service to Arlingtonians. The 21st Century Democrats endorsed her because "Barbara's track record on issues like sustainable growth, poverty reduction, and housing policy speaks for itself. We are excited to be working with such an impressive public servant."

Barbara is most proud of her work to create a permanent home for the Head Start program and to link supportive services to affordable housing. Cleaning up the Chesapeake Bay is one of Barbara's passions. She has led local and regional efforts to improve storm water management practices and stream water quality.

Barbara believes Arlington is a great place but we must improve upon our successes. One example of Arlington's success is the Public School system. Barbara believes that funding the Public Schools at a level that supports a quality education for every child, including state-of-the-art facilities, is the most important expenditure a local government can make.

A sustainable community must value the pedestrian and provide adequate open space. Barbara will work to ensure safer street crossings, better median refuge spots, and wider crosswalks and sidewalks. The County Board recently adopted a Master Plan for Long Bridge Park. Barbara is committed to making this plan a reality.

A community defines itself by how we take care of the most vulnerable among us. Barbara will continue to ensure that our most vulnerable residents, including those with developmental and intellectual disabilities, have the support they need to lead a full and independent life.

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**LIBBY GARVEY**  
*For School Board*

**L**ibby Garvey won the overwhelming endorsement of Arlington Democrats in last May's School Board caucus. She has been a member of the Arlington School Board since 1997. Her leadership has helped make

Arlington's schools among the very best in the nation. Since 1997, overall student achievement is up while the student achievement gap has been reduced by 50%. The capital program and budget accountability systems have been strengthened, with major construction projects completed on time and on budget. Newsweek magazine consistently ranks Arlington high schools in the top 1% in the nation. Forbes called Arlington County the "Best Place to Raise Children."

In January, Libby's 12 years of experience on the School Board will be double that of the rest of the School Board members combined. Libby works with statewide networks supporting education. She is a founding member and co-chair of the Virginia School Board Association's LEP Caucus which advocates for the interests of our limited English speaking students and the schools which serve them. She is a member of the Governor's P-16 Council, which helps chart education policy from pre-school through higher education.

Libby's children attended Abingdon Elementary School, Drew Model School, H-B Woodlawn, Wakefield High School, the Career Center and High School Continuation Program. Her older grandson attends the Drew Montessori program. Her younger grandchildren plan to attend Drew and Randolph elementary schools.

Please give your support in this fall's campaign and your vote in November to re-elect Libby Garvey to the Arlington County School Board.

[www.libbygarvey.org](http://www.libbygarvey.org)



**EMMA VIOLAND-SANCHEZ**  
*For School Board*

**E**mma Violand-Sánchez is a respected educator, parent and community leader who lives and until her retirement, worked in Arlington.

She came to the U.S. as a teenage immigrant, and later earned her doctorate in education from George Washington University.

For the past 30 years, Emma worked as a teacher and administrator in the Arlington Public Schools, leading the English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) and High Intensity Language Programs and Services. Her two children James and Julia attended Key, Taylor, Williamsburg, H-B Woodlawn and Yorktown and both are educators. Today, she's vice chair of the Northern Virginia Community College Board and an adjunct professor at Georgetown and University of Virginia.

Emma's vision for the Arlington Public Schools is that of a caring school community where students come first, where families and teachers are supported, and where school facilities are an integral part of the community.

Emma believes that every high school graduate must succeed at the college level and in a technologically-driven, global workforce. Emma's expertise in language education will be an asset in a K-12 foreign language program.

Emma supports educator training that leads to high student achievement, while reducing non-instructional demands on teachers' time.

Emma supports planning that involves all stakeholders on decisions about facilities and boundaries; fairness and fiscal accountability on planning capital improvements; and greater community access to school facilities during non-school hours.

Emma's experience, knowledge and passion for education will be used to promote the twin goals of equity and excellence in our school system.

[www.emmaforschoolboard.org](http://www.emmaforschoolboard.org)

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## Mark Warner y Obama creen en la importancia de las siguientes medidas en:

**EDUCACIÓN:** Reformar el sistema educativo, para adaptarlo a las necesidades de una población creciente y diversa; y Apoyar e implementar la ley que permitirá a los estados a conferir matrículas universitarias para estudiantes que crecieron en este país.

**INMIGRACIÓN:** Diseñar una reforma migratoria integral, que reafirme nuestro país como nación de inmigrantes, con familias unidas y que fortalezca nuestra seguridad.

**ATENCIÓN MÉDICA:** Garantizar una cobertura médica de calidad y un seguro médico.

**OPORTUNIDADES ECONÓMICAS:** Aumentar el salario mínimo y proteger el Seguro Social.

**POLÍTICA EXTERIOR:** Reafirmar la importancia de nuestra relación con los más de 500 millones de personas que viven en Latinoamérica.



*You can help the Arlington Democrats Turn Virginia Blue by supporting our Get Out The Vote activities. Every dollar you donate will be used for on the ground activities in Arlington.*

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### VOTE YES THE 2008 BOND REFERENDA!

The voters of Arlington County are being asked to authorize general obligation bond issues to finance community infrastructure, Metro, utilities and school construction. These are essential projects that will benefit all Arlingtonians.

- The proposed \$10.8 million Community Infrastructure bond will finance needed projects including traffic calming, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, street lights, neighborhood and park restoration and other important investments.
- The proposed \$10 million Metro bond issue is necessary to finance Arlington County's share of Metro's capital investments in equipment and facilities.
- The proposed \$50 million utilities bond will fund the next phase of on-going renovations to Arlington's waste water treatment plant. And
- The proposed \$99.4 million school construction bond will fund, among other things, the reconstruction of Yorktown High School as well as planning for Wakefield High School.

Please join the Arlington County Board and the Arlington School Board in their unanimous support the passage of these November bond referenda and VOTE YES on the bond issues. For more information, please visit ? (What website should we add?)



### VOTE NO ON REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING AUTHORITY BALLOT QUESTION

This November, Arlington voters will be considering a ballot question regarding the formation of a new Redevelopment and Housing Authority (Housing Authorities). The Arlington County Democratic Committee strongly encourages voters to vote NO on this initiative.

Arlington County has a deep and long-standing commitment to creating a diverse community where individuals from all walks of life can afford to live in the County and this effort has been recognized regionally and nationally. Arlington County is creating and preserving more affordable housing units per 1,000 people than other counties in Northern Virginia.

Arlington's successful model works through partnerships, primarily with non-profit providers. Arlington helps finance each project, and the non-governmental entity builds and manages the housing. This results in projects that are attractive, well maintained and integrated into the community. Arlington's partnership model allows for significant efficiency and leveraging of outside funds. Since 1996, Arlington County has provided \$132.6 million in local funds for affordable housing. These dollars have created or preserved approximately 4,000 units. For every County dollar spent, five non-County dollars are leveraged.

Initially, Housing Authorities could access Federal funding, but the government no longer funds such programs. Thus, no new Federal money would be available to a Housing Authority that is not available to Arlington County today. In fact, a Housing Authority would compete with existing non-profit providers for limited state and federal resources. Thus, a Housing Authority would possess no new authorities or tools to create affordable housing than those already in use, and a Housing Authority would require new staff and would incur new overhead expenses. Such expenditures would divert precious dollars now being used to create affordable housing.

Creating a County Housing Authority would neither promote the goal of providing affordable housing nor otherwise benefit the County. Thus, ACDC advises Arlington voters to vote "No" on the November 2008 ballot question: "Is there a need for the redevelopment and housing authority to be activated in the County of Arlington."

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