

Chat Text from LPC's 9/12/20 Faith and Public Policy Discussion on Virginia Redistricting Amendment

- 09:13:54 From Daela Taeolii-Tipton : Hi friends! Thanks for having us :)
- 09:17:30 From Daela Taeolii-Tipton : <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=201&typ=bil&val=sb717>
- 09:17:44 From Daela Taeolii-Tipton : ^^link to the additional criteria legislation
- 09:18:01 From Daela Taeolii-Tipton : <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=201&typ=bil&val=sj18> — link to the full text of the amendment itself
- 09:19:46 From Daela Taeolii-Tipton : Full list of endorsements here: <https://fairmapsva.org/endorsements/>
- 09:33:31 From Brian Cannon - FairMapsVA : We take converts! It's the only way to grow. :)
- 09:45:26 From Brian Cannon - FairMapsVA : Delegate Cia Price
- 09:55:51 From Daela Taeolii-Tipton : For more info on minority protections, here is a write up from redistricting experts at Princeton University, the Princeton Gerrymandering Project: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EVdVEnJNazc3CP5s1Ox5EOboWfFYCrGp/view>
- 09:59:08 From Brian Cannon - FairMapsVA : And Justice Thomas on SCOTUS has consistently voted to uphold those 4th Circuit opinions protecting against racial gerrymandering.
- 10:04:44 From Brian Cannon - FairMapsVA : Thanks Delegate!
- 10:09:50 From Cathy Saunders : I believe this is a link to the statement John just read: <https://bluevirginia.us/2020/08/linda-perriello-after-devoting-eight-years-of-my-life-to-ending-partisan-gerrymandering-i-will-sadly-vote-no-on-the-amendment-this-november>
- 10:14:44 From Daela Taeolii-Tipton : A respectful response to Linda Perriello - <https://app.box.com/s/qwzjcf4ims02hzw4fz2u9rx5hcuzc6pq>
- 10:16:50 From Daela Taeolii-Tipton : Additional information from Justin Levitt, former DOJ official under Obama, on how the Amendment is a tremendous step forward for minority protections: <https://www.pilotonline.com/opinion/columns/vp-ed-column-levitt-0119-20200119-ddk7kbbk3i5en7iyvh6x4j4pdog-story.html?fbclid=IwAR1FhXRv6FXSKgPPCj0TlzVUJ0-Bfq-dcQZ6eXbAZEszXCCOylZaKVw6HY>
- 10:17:50 From Patricia Matheson : <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+ful+CHAP1070> full text of Amendment 1
<https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+ful+CHAP1229>
- 10:19:07 From Brian Cannon - FairMapsVA : Jim - I'm also happy to answer yours (or anyone's questions) at brian.cannon@fairmapsva.org
- 10:23:54 From John Clewett : For arguments against the amendment, see www.fairdistrictsva.com
- 10:24:36 From Brian Cannon - FairMapsVA : (Also, be sure to check out the board of the vote no side vs. the board at FairMapsVA.org)
- 10:25:00 From Daela Taeolii-Tipton : Additionally, the full slate of bipartisan support for amendment 1 can be found here: <https://fairmapsva.org/endorsements/>
- 10:29:15 From Brian Cannon - FairMapsVA : Personally, I'd suggest ranked choice voting as a way to further enhance competition in elections. See FairVote.org
- 10:44:26 From Brian Cannon - FairMapsVA : <https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/analysis-opinion/virginia-democrats-must-follow-through-redistricting-reform-following>
- 10:45:13 From Daela Taeolii-Tipton : ^^ "the amendment would create protections for communities of color and require that maps be approved by the commission with supermajority bipartisan support." - from the above article by the Brennan Center
- 10:48:24 From John Clewett : So in other words, it looks like a "bipartisan gerrymander" would be possible.
- 10:49:11 From Brian Cannon - FairMapsVA : Hard to do
- 10:50:04 From Daela Taeolii-Tipton : Much harder than the status quo.
- 10:50:13 From John Clewett : "Gerrymander" implies a salamander-like district — i.e., not a compact district.
- 10:53:10 From Brian Cannon - FairMapsVA : Some of the best work on metrics and outcomes come from Moon Duchin and her crew at Tufts - <https://megg.org/work.html>
- 10:57:32 From Brian Cannon - FairMapsVA : <https://megg.org/VA-report.pdf>
- 10:57:58 From John Clewett : There's perhaps some "trust us" on both sides, so I think we need to keep the study going on this topic.
- 10:58:10 From Brian Cannon - FairMapsVA : Agreed!