



## The Family Foundation of Virginia

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### Our Values Have a Voice

#### At the Capitol

- Advocate pro-family issues in the General Assembly
- Strategize with elected officials
- Testify in legislative committee meetings
- Produce issue briefs and policy papers
- Host pro-family lobby day at the state Capitol



#### In Your Community

- Present pro-family perspective in the media
- Partner with Family Foundation Action to produce and distribute non-partisan Voter Guides and *Report Cards*
- Organize local networks called Family Forums for community impact
- Establish a statewide network of Pastors For Family Values
- Host nationally renowned speakers



#### What Now?

- Sign up for email alerts at: [www.familyfoundation.org](http://www.familyfoundation.org)
- Read the blog at: [www.familyfoundationblog.com](http://www.familyfoundationblog.com)
- To join a network call John Smith at (804) 343-0010
- Get more voter guides online at: [www.tffaction.org](http://www.tffaction.org)

*All candidates were sent an issue survey. If a candidate chose not to complete their survey, voters are given that candidate's voting record and/or public statements whenever available and are marked (a). If no voting record or public statements exist, voters are provided the positions included in the platform of the party through which a candidate was nominated and those answers are marked (b). If their survey answer contradicted their voting record, their voting record was used and those answers are marked (c). The Family Foundation is a 501c(3) non-profit, non-partisan organization. Nothing in this guide is to be construed as an endorsement of any candidate or party.*

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# 2009 OFFICIAL Virginia Voter Guide



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# Governor



**Creigh Deeds**  
Democrat

**Bob McDonnell**  
Republican

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## Questions & Answers

From Virginia's 2009 Candidates

- KEY:** S Support  
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\* Indicates incumbent  
*a* Indicates voting record or public statement.  
*b* No voting record or public statements exist, position is from the party platform.

1. Repeal the marriage amendment, passed by the voters by referenda in 2006.
2. Provide a tax credit to individuals or corporations for donations made to scholarship programs for attendance at private schools or public school programs.
3. Ban taxpayer funding of research that requires the destruction of human embryos.
4. Reverse the Kaine administration's policy of prohibiting "sectarian" prayers by State Police chaplains at public events.
5. Increase gas tax to fund transportation.
6. Eliminate state funding for private organizations that perform abortions.
7. Add sexual orientation to the characteristics protected by Virginia's "hate crimes" statute.
8. Restore state funding of abstinence-centered education programs.
9. Improve Virginia's eminent domain law to protect the private property rights of citizens in light of the Supreme Court's *Kelo* decision by passing a state Constitutional amendment.
10. Prohibit state funding of low-income elective abortions.

# Lieutenant Governor



**Jody Wagner**  
Democrat

**Bill Bolling\***  
Republican

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# Attorney General



**Steve Shannon**  
Democrat

**Ken Cuccinelli**  
Republican

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