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## Virginia Beach Leaders Shift Support to Harris Miller

*Local Leaders Pick Miller Over Webb for Primary*

**(Virginia Beach)** Two newly-elected Democratic members of the Virginia Beach School Board, along with a current school board member and a prominent Norfolk Democratic activist, have lined up their support behind Harris Miller in the June 13<sup>th</sup> primary.

"I'm supporting Harris Miller because I know that he is the right candidate to go up against George Allen, and that as our U.S. Senator, he will make the right investments in education to keep our country strong in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century," said **VBCPS School Board Member-Elect Pat Edmonson.**

"While I initially supported Jim Webb, it became clear to me that not only is Harris Miller the candidate making the greatest effort to reach out to voters, Harris also is the candidate with the vision and message on education that I share and support. I am proud to be supporting Harris Miller in the June 13<sup>th</sup> primary."

"I am wholeheartedly supporting Harris Miller in the June 13<sup>th</sup> primary, because I'm impressed with his commitment to public education," said **VBCPS School Board Member Ed Fissinger.** "I have paid close attention to both candidates, in particular to their visions and plans for education and training. I believe that Harris Miller is hands-down the better candidate in terms of his plans for education and keeping our workforce competitive in a global economy."

"Harris Miller is a leader who will honor and be a champion for what is fair and equitable for all members of his constituency," said **VBCPS School Board Member-Elect Todd Davidson.** "Harris Miller is the kind of pragmatic, yet insightful, leader we need on Capitol Hill."

Davidson, Senior Pastor of Piney Grove Baptist Church, had initially favored Webb but changed his mind to come out in public support of Miller.

In addition, Miller received the endorsement of prominent **Norfolk activist Vivian Paige**, who ran for Treasurer of Norfolk last year.

"I have spent a lot of time learning about both Harris Miller and James Webb," said Paige. "I am proud to endorse Harris Miller, and I trust that he will represent the things that are important to me, from finding a way to get out of Iraq, to access to education, to support for increasing the minimum wage, to a plan to reduce America's dependence on foreign oil."

"I am very proud to have the endorsements of these leaders in Hampton Roads," said Miller. "As I've traveled from Norfolk to Virginia Beach, from Portsmouth to Hampton, I find that people are ready for a change in Washington."

Harris Miller's campaign for the U.S. Senate has already received endorsements from twenty-five current and former members of the General Assembly, including:

- Senate Democratic Leader Dick Saslaw (Fairfax County and Alexandria)
- Senate Democratic Caucus Chair Mary Margaret Whipple (Arlington)
- Senator Mark Herring (Loudoun and Fairfax Counties)
- Senator Janet Howell (Fairfax County)
- Senator Benjamin Lambert (Richmond)
- Senator Mamie Locke (Hampton)
- Senator Louise Lucas (Portsmouth)
- Senator Henry Marsh (Richmond)
- Senator Toddy Puller (Fairfax and Prince William Counties)
- Delegate and Former State Party Chair Ken Plum (Fairfax County)
- Delegate Kris Amundson (Fairfax County)
- Delegate Bob Brink (Arlington)
- Delegate Chuck Caputo (Loudoun and Fairfax Counties)
- Delegate Adam Ebbin (Fairfax, Arlington, and Alexandria)
- Delegate Al Eisenberg (Arlington)
- Delegate Bob Hull (Fairfax County)
- Delegate Dwight Jones (Richmond)
- Delegate Jim Scott (Fairfax County and Falls Church)
- Delegate Steve Shannon (Fairfax County)
- Delegate Mark Sickles (Fairfax County)
- Delegate Lionell Spruill (Chesapeake)
- Delegate Roslyn Tyler (Emporia)
- Delegate Vivian Watts (Fairfax County)
- Former Delegate J. Jack Kennedy, Jr. (Wise County)
- Former Delegate Albert Pollard (Northern Neck)

In addition to his strong support by Virginia legislators, Miller has also been endorsed by:

- *The Washington Post*
- *The Richmond Free Press*
- Lt. Governor Don Beyer
- Congressman Jim Moran
- Lt. General Claudia Kennedy, U.S. Army (ret.)
- NARAL Founder and Former President Kate Michelman
- Washington, D.C. Building and Construction Trades Council

- International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 666, Local 1340, Local 80, and Statewide Local 50
- Albemarle County Supervisor David Slutzky
- Alexandria Mayor Bill Euille
- Alexandria Vice-Mayor and Councilwoman Del Pepper
- Alexandria Vice-Mayor-Elect and Councilman Andrew MacDonald
- Alexandria Councilman Ludwig Gaines
- Alexandria Councilman Rob Krupicka
- Alexandria Councilman Paul Smedberg
- Alexandria Councilwoman Joyce Woodson
- Alexandria Councilman-Elect Tim Lovain
- Arlington County Board of Supervisors Vice-Chair Paul Ferguson
- Charlottesville Mayor David Brown
- Charlottesville Councilman and Former Mayor Blake Caravati
- Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Gerry Connolly
- Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Vice-Chair Sharon Bulova
- Fairfax County Supervisor Penny Gross
- Falls Church City Treasurer Bob Morrison
- Martinsville Mayor Joseph Cobbe
- Virginia Partisans Organization

The primary election to choose Virginia's Democratic nominee for the Senate race will be held on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

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