



VA HD-13 District Primer DRAFT

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In 2016 Hillary Clinton won this district by 54.45% to Trump's 40.08%. This seat is currently held by extreme right-wing, Republican "Sideshow Bob" Marshall. It's time for Democrats to win in 2017!!

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Recent Elections: Bob Marshall has held his seat continuously (other than 2003-2005) since 1991. In his most recent elections, he won by 56%-44% (2015), 51%-48% (2013) and 60%-40% (2011). In 2016, Clinton took district 13 by a large margin, 55%-40%. However, note that in the 2014 US Senate race, this district chose the Republican contender over Warner 50%-47%, and in 2013 Governor McAuliffe won the district by only 1%. In 2012 both Obama and Sen. Kaine won the district 55%-44%.

About the Incumbent: Republican Bob Marshall

Robert G. Marshall has been the VA HD13 state delegate for 26 years. First elected to that office in 1991, he is now 73 years old. He currently serves on the following committees: Counties, Cities, and Towns; Finance; and Science and Technology. He sought election to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2014 and the U.S. Senate in both 2012 and 2008 but failed to win the Republican nomination in all three races.

Marshall earned his B.A. in history and philosophy from Belmont Abbey College and his M.A. in Humanities from California State University at Northridge. Before and after his election Marshall has worked in various capacities for the American Life League, a nonprofit Catholic group that opposes abortion. He continues to work for them as a research consultant. Marshall was also vice president for business development at Shenandoah Electronic Intelligence from 2001 to 2005.

Issues: Marshall is an extreme religious crusader who uses his office to promote his anti-reproductive rights and anti-gay rights agenda.

1. Against women's reproductive rights – Only delegate to vote against a bill allowing pharmacists to provide women with a full year's supply of birth control pills if prescribed by a doctor. Sponsored bills to define life as beginning at conception; to require vaginal ultrasounds prior to abortions; to prohibit Medicaid abortions, even in cases of gross physical or mental defect; and to establish a Day of Tears to mourn aborted fetuses. Voted to rescind funding for family planning clinics (Planned Parenthood).

2. Against LGBT rights – Authored Virginia's constitutional amendment defining marriage as the union of one man and one woman; sponsored a bill excluding sexual orientation or gender identity from categories of unlawful discrimination under VA Human Rights Act.

3. Against raising minimum wage - Voted for pre-emptive legislation to prohibit cities from increasing the minimum wage.

4. Against expansion of Medicaid - Voted, along with all Republicans,

against Medicaid expansion in the 2017 budget bill HB 1500.

5. Against immigrants' rights – Sponsored bills to require police support of ICE, to prohibit sanctuary cities, and to prohibit state assistance for resettling Syrian or Iraqi refugees in VA.

6. Against voting rights – Consistently voted for restrictions on voting rights, including strict photo ID laws and Social Security Administration database matching.

7. Undermines support for public education – Co-sponsored school voucher legislation allowing public funds to be used for private and religious schools. Voted for bills supporting home schooling.

8. Against gun safety – Sponsored bills authorizing staff at elementary schools, high schools, and college campuses to carry concealed handguns.

9. Against tolls on I-66 – Opposed HOT and HOV-3/Toll lanes on I-66 and any reduction in regular use lanes; opposes transportation taxes.

Strengths: Name recognition is Marshall's main strength. His supporters will be fiscal conservatives, gun enthusiasts, and the religious right. His base may come from his church--All Saints Catholic Church in Manassas (very large parish with an Hispanic community). He receives somewhat tepid support from business. His website boasts that he has never voted for a tax increase during his tenure as a House delegate.

Potential weaknesses: Marshall's extreme positions on social issues are out of step with his constituency. HD13 is only 49% white with an increasingly diverse and urbanized population. The Hispanic population is larger (26%) than the statewide proportion (8%). Marshall's record on immigration issues and voter suppression will not play well with immigrants and people of color. Nor will his opposition to Medicaid expansion, which would have provided health insurance for an additional 3700 low-income people in the district. He espouses radical, anti-reproductive-rights views, including strong opposition to contraception. He opposes abortion even in cases of incest, rape, and severe deformities of the fetus, having said that incest is sometimes voluntary, that the rape victim becomes the "sin bearer" of the crime if she seeks an abortion because the life of the child outweighs her "embarrassment," and that disabled children are God's retribution for prior abortions. In 2016 NARAL Pro-Choice Virginia gave Marshall a 0% rating. Marshall is also virulently anti-LGBT. He said, "If homosexuals are allowed to marry whoever they love, then it will not be long before bisexuals are allowed to marry two people, polygamists several, and pedophiles children." He was against gays in the VA National Guard, saying that straight soldiers would be distracted by gay soldiers ogling them and that injured soldiers wouldn't want blood transfusions from someone who has "committed sodomy 14 times a month." In 2013 Equality Virginia gave him a 25% rating on civil liberties and civil rights. Marshall's unpopularity among teachers is borne out by his ratings from the VA Education Association--40% in 2015 and 17% in 2012. He is weak on environmental issues, receiving an F grade with the VA Sierra Club in 2016 for opposing the EPA's Clean Power Plan to address climate change. Bob Marshall has consistently voted against the interests of immigrants, women and LGBT individuals, as well as measures that would help low-income individuals.



VA HD-13: Facts & Stats

Population Centers

Total population: 82,970

- Linton Hall: 39,380
- Sudley: 16,770
- Buckhall: 16,690
- Manassas Park: 15,130
- Bull Run: 14,470

2016 Presidential Results

- Clinton: 15,206 (54.45%)
- Trump: 11,193 (40.08%)
- Johnson: 865 3.10(%)
- McMullin: 434 (2%)
- Stein: 227 (1%)
- Registered, didn't vote 11,327 (23.4%)

2015 House of Delegate Results

- Shaw (D): 5,592 (44%)
- Marshall (R): 7,147 (56%)
- Registered, didn't vote: 33,739 (73%)
- Eligible, not registered: 7,738 (est)

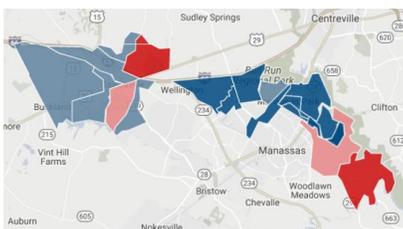
2014 US Senator Results

- Warner (D): 7,632 (47%)
- Gillespie (R): 8,350 (51%)
- Sarvis (L): 368 (2%)
- Registered, didn't vote:

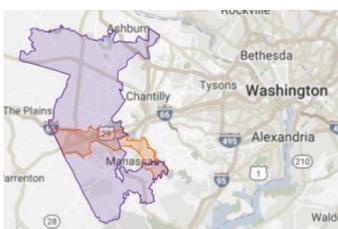
2013 House of Delegates Results

- Qarni: 8,448 (49%)
- Marshall (R): 8,946 (51%)
- Registered, didn't vote:

2016 US President precinct results



2011 redistricting (orange is new)



VA HD-13: Better Know the District

Geography & Environment

District 13 is comprised of portions of Prince William County and Manassas Park City. The largest cities are Linton Hall, Sudley, Manassas Park, and Buckland. This district is just outside of the Washington DC area and is relatively affluent with proximity to high paying jobs. Prince William County is bounded on the north by Loudoun and Fairfax Counties, on the west by Fauquier County, on the south by Stafford County, and on the east by the Potomac River. Manassas Park is an independent jurisdiction in Northern Virginia proximately 30 miles southwest of Washington DC. The city borders Prince William county and the city of Manassas. It is primarily residential in nature with close proximity to interstate and railway transportation into the heart of the greater metropolitan Washington DC area. Mean travel time to work is 38 minutes.

Economy

District 13 has a median income of \$130K which is significantly above the state median of \$63K. Hawaiians have the highest median income of \$215.5K, followed by Asians with at \$139.7K per year. Non-Hispanic Whites at \$136.5, All White at \$131.9, Mixed Race at \$131.5, Black at \$105.2 and Hispanics at \$90.2 per year. Of people aged 25 to 64 an average of 82% are employed, 2% are unemployed and 14% are not in the work force. The percentage of households on food stamps is 2.1% and about 1423 families. Over 50% of the civilian occupations are in management, computers and math, sales, administrative and business.

Citizenry

Prince William is the first County in Virginia to be composed of a majority of minorities. Whites represent only 49% (state 64%) and are most concentrated in Linton Hall, Gainesville, Buckhall and Haymarket. Hispanics are the largest minority group (26%) followed by blacks (13%), Asians 8% (6%) and Mixed (4%). Hispanics, the youngest ethnic group with most falling between age 0-45, are most concentrated in Loch Lomand, Bull Run, Sudley, Yorkshire and Manassas Park. The mean district income is \$88,300 (vs state \$63,900) but is widely distributed ethnically with the median income for mixed at \$103,200, non-Hispanic White at \$101,900, Asian at \$94,000, Black at \$71,200 and Hispanic at \$62,800. Only 36% of Prince William County residents identify as religious with 15% Catholic, 15% Protestant, and the rest divided among Muslim, Buddhist, Jewish and others. In Manassas 42% affiliate with a religion (23% Catholic).

Education

In terms of educational attainment, district levels are close to Virginia's, ~44% have a post-secondary degree while 87% have high school diploma. 12.6% (6,699 residents) have no high school diploma. There's variance within the district for achievement. Linton Hill has 59% with a higher degree, while Sudley has only 34% and Manassas Park has 35%. Also, throughout the district, Asians have a higher percentage lacking high school diploma compared to the state. There is only 5.5% of undergraduate enrollment as there are no large college campuses within the district. Prince William County Public Schools is the second largest school system in Virginia with 57 elementary, 16 middle, and 12 high schools, as well as a alternative schools.

Health Status

The residents of Prince William County suffer fewer premature deaths than averages for Virginia and the US., they smoke less and have a higher rate of physical activity than average for Virginia. In Prince William County, air pollution is higher than the norm for Virginia, and long commutes with single drivers are much higher than the norm for Virginia as well (62% vs. 38% in Virginia).

There is a relative shortage of healthcare providers, including mental healthcare, compared to Virginia overall (patient to mental healthcare provider ratio is over 1000:1 vs. about 700:1). The rate of uninsured is slightly higher than Virginia overall (13% vs. 12%), while the country's top performing areas are at 8%. Manassas Park has a much higher uninsured rate (27% of adults, compared to 17% of adults overall in Virginia). District 13 would insure 3700 additional residents with Medicaid expansion. A 2013 survey showed that in the greater Prince William area, the health issue of greatest concern is the cost of healthcare, with obesity a close second. Manassas Park also includes drug abuse near the top of the list.

There is a slightly higher rate of teen births than the norm for Virginia, however the number of children living in poverty is below state and national averages. There is a high rate of violent crime, but lower than Virginia average (163 incidents per 100,000 population, vs. 194 in Virginia).

Transportation

Transportation remains an important issue within the district as increasing number of federal and high-tech commuters clog the surrounding beltway.

<http://www.vpap.org/offices/house-of-delegates-13/district/>

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