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Talking Points

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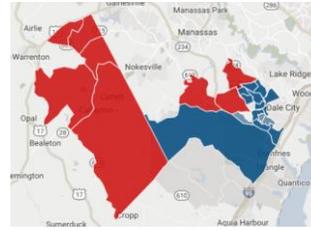
2016 Presidential race - precinct results

How Close is this Race?

November 2016 Presidential Race					2013 House of Delegates Race			
Clinton	Clinton %	Trump	Trump %		McPike (D)	Democrat %	Lingamfelter (R)	Republican %
22,877	53%	18,408	42%		11,280	49%	11,508	50%

Background: Democratic Candidate Elizabeth Guzman

Immigrant from Peru who put herself through school, working 3 jobs; earned 2 master's degrees--public administration from American University and social work from University of Southern California
Works as a division chief at the Center for Adult Services for the City of Alexandria; volunteers as a court-appointed advocate for abused children
Has lived in Prince William County for 15 years and raised 4 children who attended local public schools

Why this Race Matters most:

Increasingly diverse district not represented by ultra-conservative Republican policies; incumbent re-elected for 15 years because Dems don't vote (34% voter turnout in 2015). Election was decided by fewer than 300 votes in 2013.

Why Democrat Elizabeth Guzman?

Guzman wants to be a voice for thousands in her district and millions in the state of Virginia who feel that their diversity is not represented in Richmond.
She supports affordable healthcare for all, raising the minimum wage, more funding for public schools, expansion of early childhood education programs, environmental protections, preservation of farmlands, mental health services, women's rights, and more services for veterans.

Why NOT Republican Incumbent Scott Lingamfelter?

Ultra-conservative who opposes all forms of government regulation; wants to amend the U.S. Constitution to restrict the power of the federal government.
Sponsored bills to repeal the one-gun-per-month rationing law (gun traffickers can now buy unlimited number of guns in Virginia), eliminate fees for concealed handgun background checks, and authorize armed security guards in schools.
Supports bills that deny voting rights; opposes reproductive rights, immigrant rights, LGBTQ rights, and environmental regulations to combat climate change.

Side by Side on Key Policy Issues:

	Democrat Position	Republican Position
Healthcare	Supports expansion of Medicaid for 400,000 low-income Virginians	Voted against Medicaid expansion in 2017 budget bill
Education	Supports higher teacher pay, more public-school funding, mental health services in schools, expansion of early childhood education programs	Serves on Education Committee but supports home schooling and school vouchers, which diverts funds from public schools
Minimum Wage	Supports increase in minimum wage	Voted for legislation that prohibited cities and counties from raising the minimum wage