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2017 Sheriff Candidate Survey

Name: _____	Position Sought: _____
Address: _____	
City/State/ZIP: _____	Party: _____
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1. Recent decisions of the United States Supreme Court acknowledge what credible scholars and sensible Americans have understood for generations: the **Right to Keep and Bear Arms** is a fundamental, individual right of the people. It belongs to all law-abiding citizens and is not some “collectivist” right only to be exercised by politically-powerful ruling elites.

Do you agree, that the right to keep and bear arms is an individual right and should be treated as a fundamental right deserving respect and protection from hostile government restrictions and infringements?

Yes _____ No _____

2. During the 2013 Legislative Session, legislation (HB 2340) was introduced to prevent any agency, political subdivision, or employee of Virginia from assisting the Federal government of the United States in any investigation, prosecution, detention, arrest, search, or seizure, under the authority of any federal statute enacted, or Executive Order or regulation issued, after December 31, 2012, that infringes on the individual Right to Keep and Bear Arms by imposing new restrictions on private ownership, private transfer of firearms, firearm magazines, ammunition, or components thereof.

Will you SUPPORT this type of legislation?

Yes _____ No _____

3. Gun control advocates have recently started pushing “universal background checks” in an effort to criminalize all non-dealer (non-FFL) private gun transfers. The only way to enforce private seller background checks is to also implement gun registration so the government knows who has what guns and when any transfers take place and the only way to enforce universal gun registration is to implement universal compliance inspections.

Will you publicly speak AGAINST “universal background check” and gun registration legislation?

Yes _____ No _____

4. Gun control advocates have attempted to ban various classes of firearms and related items such as:

- semi-automatic copies of popular military rifles and carbines (strictly due to their cosmetic appearance when they are, in fact, identical in function to standard semi-automatic hunting rifles)
- inexpensive and affordable handguns (frequently demonized with the racist and fear inducing "Saturday Night Special" label)
- high-capacity magazines (standard capacity magazines misrepresented as “high-capacity, based solely upon an arbitrary definition of what is “high-capacity”)
- expensive, top shelf guns (like .50 caliber rifles)
- etc.

Will you publicly OPPOSE legislation in the Virginia General Assembly to enact gun bans against otherwise qualified, law-abiding citizens?

Yes _____ No _____

5. Most firearms experts recognize that mechanical devices, such as trigger locks on loaded guns, create an extremely dangerous condition, whereby a gun can be fired accidentally. In addition, these dangerous "lock up your safety" devices may render a firearm ineffective when most needed and leave an individual or family defenseless and vulnerable to attack.

Will you publicly OPPOSE legislation in Virginia General Assembly to mandate use of trigger locks or other such potentially hazardous "safety" devices which have the effect of making it difficult, if not impossible, to have a gun available to defend your home and family?

Yes _____ No _____

6. During the 2007 Legislative Session, HB 2413 was enacted into law to make it easier for all otherwise qualified retired law enforcement officers to qualify to carry concealed firearms without a permit.

Will you make your office available (with the expenses born by the individual retired officer) to provide the shooting qualifications/range time necessary to increase the number of retired officers qualified to carry a firearm concealed?

Yes _____ No _____

7. Gun control advocates support additional paperwork, fees, and personal interviews or other delays (in some cases even home inspections) to deter law abiding citizens from completing paperwork related to National Firearm Act (NFA) firearms and accessories.

a. Will you OPPOSE new policies/practices in your department (to include home inspections, personal interviews, fees, new forms)?

Yes _____ No _____

b. Will you SIGN NFA forms for the qualified citizens you serve?

Yes _____ No _____

8. During recent Legislative Sessions, legislation was enacted to make it easier for persons who possess Virginia concealed handgun permits (CHPs) to carry their guns on school grounds while dropping off/picking up their children.

Will you SUPPORT legislation to further allow and protect Virginia's CHP holders to possess/carry their concealed handguns on school grounds?

Yes _____ No _____

Feel free to attach additional comments to this survey. Please consider keeping a copy of the survey and your answers for your records.

Candidate Authorization
My signature affirms that the answers given above accurately represent my beliefs as a candidate for elective office.
Candidate's Signature _____ Date _____