



Candidate Questionnaire: Julie Lineberry

SD 39 General Election

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Thank you for your interest in the support of [YIMBYs of Northern Virginia](#). We're a local all-volunteer grassroots organization with a large member base in SD 39 whose mission is to advance housing availability and affordability throughout the region. We advocate in Richmond as members of the [Commonwealth Housing Coalition](#).

We've put together a short questionnaire on housing so that voters can make an informed choice. All responses will be shared on our website and email list, and we intend to endorse a candidate.

Please provide your answers by 5pm on Saturday 2/7.

In such a compressed timeline we appreciate any response you're able to provide. While there's no word limit, we'd encourage a response of no more than a paragraph or two.

Contact hello@yimbysofnova.org with any questions or concerns.

Questions

1. What policies or circumstances do you believe have resulted in Virginia's housing affordability crisis?

Over population of massive influx of low skilled folks with no personal incomes trying to find meaningful jobs for little or no money from profit entities or the federal, state or local government or creating one and hoping to get a grant or reduction on rent, utilities, and fees that they will have little or no hope of ever getting out.....but still being socialize to accept being in the underclass with no hope.

2. What role does the supply of market rate housing play on housing affordability?

Rezoning and well meaning but stupid rules have increased the destruction of low income public housing by destroying longtime communities by sell out to developer and sweetening their profit by waiving, height, parking and and zoning to allow the developers to pass off units as affordable with bonus that of for larger units as market rate by providing less desirable "affordable" most being the studios, or less than 400 -600 sqft.. The nicer larger units, with better amenities and of additional room sizes also have first shot at leasing at additional cost (after paying for electric and water, cable and streaming subscriptions) for the mandated minimal parking

spaces. Competition for the minimal parking spaces far out pace the budgets of all but those reserved for staff and wealthier residents.

If not will help the displaced units - displacement of 30+ families with smaller unit for singles or couples. History and neighborhood destroyed with cookie cutter units with dishwashers in studio or 1 BRs units. For the young couple or small families only unfulfilled promises of “home” were more promises.

3. What is one specific idea you would pursue in the General Assembly to improve housing affordability across the Commonwealth?

Stop! If there are millions many billions of \$\$ - give up the bean counting of measuring affordable by could numbers. Enable OWNERSHIP for the worker-force citizens – a 2+-bedroom house or townhouse and let them grow! It does not need to have bells and whistles. Just safes and sturdy and THEIRS.

It does not need the latest in eco gimmicks of unproven new energy. They want to be able to drive, as needed, and affordable for THEIR budgets, a used car to shop and take their family to the doctor or school events a picnic in the park. To get to a job(s) that pay well, maybe better than the one in which they depend on public or walking. ALLOW them to have freedom, self-esteem and a future with self determination. Do not BOX them in in housing or their future.

Forget all the overhead of salaries, taxes, benefits, office rent utilities of nonprofit staff and/ more city staff. Instead – build possible affordable owner-occupied homes not ADUs. As those citizens can move up – they will create vacancies in the housing they are vacating, and a future for generations.

4. Reduce property assessments, convert existing – garden and low rise “ into condominiums/coops for qualifying purchasers, with low interest VHDA, FHA or VA loans and give the tenants the right of refusal for their unit or lottery for larger units reserved for Alexandria residents. Even have the city offer “no interest” down payment lo of 20% with declining reduction of \$1500 month after fifth year of residency Up paid balance forgiven or paid upon sale or refinancing if mortgage rates are lower. Thus creating personal equity and self-determination instead of a perpetual renter class with no equity at the whims of landlords (even government landlords)
5. YIMBYs of Northern Virginia is a member of the [Commonwealth Housing Coalition](#) (CHC), which seeks to advance legislation ensuring all Virginians have access to a



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home they can afford. The Coalition has 5 priority bills ([brief summaries here](#)) pending this session:

- a. Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU): [HB 611](#) See previous answers.
- b. Housing Near Jobs: [HB 816](#)
- c. Housing Targets: [HB 804](#)
- d. Parking Flexibility: [HB 262](#) Ply close in ci
- e. Faith in Housing: [HB 1279](#)

With the understanding you have not had a chance to engage deeply on the legislation at this point, and that session is already under way and bills move & die quickly, we invite you to share any opinion you have on these bills or any plans you have to learn more.