

A non-partisan political action committee serving Fauquier County, Virginia

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## Dear Fauquier Resident:

We count ourselves lucky to live in a beautiful place and appreciate the beauty and vibrancy of life in Fauquier County. But those that have lived here for many years will remind you that it didn't happen by accident.

For over fifty years Fauquier has benefited from intelligent land use planning and a desire to protect the rural economy that continues to be so important to the county today. We are fortunate that these efforts to limit growth to the service districts and protect farmland have been generally successful. We need only look to our neighboring counties to see the results of a starkly different approach to land use decisions.

But "it didn't happen by accident". Over the years the important decisions by the Fauquier Board of Supervisors have supported the wishes of the population to a large extent. Despite that success, we know how tenuous our position is. A three vote majority on the Board of Supervisors is all that stands between us and a vastly different vision for Fauquier County. With three supervisors retiring this year, it is critical that we collectively support the best candidates to replace them.

Fauquier Conservation Voters was established to help elect supervisors who will think first about the people who live here when making decisions about schools, growth and development, our environment and our taxes.

Fauquier Conservation Voters, with representatives from each of the magisterial districts, helps identify strong candidates and through a vetting process provides the community with endorsements and support for those candidates who have indicated a shared vision for the future of the county.

The coming election cycle in November is an important one. The issues facing Fauquier County have never been more pressing and complex. Development pressure on rural lands has never been greater. The recent proliferation of data center proposals and the impact from the electrical infrastructure required to



support that industry is an especially urgent concern. It is more important than ever to be certain that those elected to lead Fauquier County do so with a clear vision and commitment to a balanced growth agenda that weighs reasonable growth with the preservation of our natural resources and the continuation of Fauquier's most important industry– farming.

In order to support the best candidates for the Board of Supervisors we need your help. Please consider a contribution to Fauquier Conservation Voters that will allow us to encourage the very best leadership for Fauquier County.

Thank you, Fauquier Conservation Voters