



Resolution in Support of Three November Ballot Referendums

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On November 3, Virginians have the opportunity to amend our Constitution to safeguard our residents' reproductive rights, freedom to marry, and freedom to vote irrespective of prior felony convictions. Supporting these three referendums on our ballot will demonstrate that our Commonwealth leads the South in ensuring Americans have access to vital health care, freedom to marry, and the right to vote.

Freedom of Reproduction: This amendment will enshrine the Reproductive Freedom Amendment in our constitution and protect the ability of Virginians to make health care decisions about prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care, birth control, abortion, miscarriage management, and fertility care, without fear of government interference or criminal punishment. It will ensure that decisions on these very personal issues will be made by individuals and their healthcare teams and not by politicians.

Freedom to Marry: This amendment will protect the freedom to marry for all couples, regardless of sex, gender, or race. It will repeal Virginia's 2006 constitutional ban on same-sex marriage and replace it with an affirmative guarantee that the government must treat all marriages equally under the law. With one U.S. Supreme Court decision, the right of Virginians to marry who they love could vanish overnight, leaving the 2006 ban in place and valid in our state constitution.

Freedom to Vote: This amendment will remove the current racially-motivated limitation on voting for Virginians who were convicted of felonies and completed their term of incarceration. It will ensure that upon release from incarceration from a felony conviction and without further action, Virginians shall be invested with all political rights, including the right to vote.

The three rights that these referendums will protect are all under threat from anti-democratic activists intent on controlling Americans' abilities to live according to their values and fully participate in our democracy. It is essential that Virginians support all three referendums to ensure that our state constitution provides the highest possible

level of protection for these fundamental rights and repudiate the efforts of those who would limit our freedoms.

Therefore, today, August 3, 2026, the membership of the Alexandria Democratic Committee resolves to

- 1. Support efforts to encourage all Virginians to vote Yes! Yes! Yes! on these three vital referendums; and**
- 2. Work with Virginia-based groups to raise awareness of the referendums and promote their passage.**