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New county board weighs measure backing gun-safety laws

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The now Democratic-controlled Prince William Board of County Supervisors were poised to adopt a resolution Tuesday urging state lawmakers to pass a handful of new gun-safety laws and boost funding for mental health treatment and fire-arm safety training.

The measure is the newly elected board's response to the "constitution-

al county" resolution adopted during the last meeting of the previous county board, which had a 6 to 2 Republican majority, and reflects the political sea change under way as board switches to Democratic control.

A resolution declaring Prince William a "constitutional county" was brought forward by outgoing Board Chairman Corey Stewart, a Republican, at the urging of gun-rights supporters

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New year, new board: The most diverse Prince William Board of Supervisors in the county's history was sworn into office Monday, Jan. 7. Front, from left: Supervisors Yesli Vega, R-Coles; Chair Ann Wheeler, D-At Large; Andrea Bailey, D-Potomac; and Margaret Franklin, D-Woodbridge. Back, from left: Supervisors Kenny Boddye, D-Occoquan; Jeanine Lawson, R-Brentsville; Peter Candland, R-Gainesville; and Victor Angry, D-Neabsco.



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Del. Lee Carter, Virginia's lone socialist state lawmaker, represents the 50th House of Delegates' district, which includes Old Town Manassas.

Marine vet, Lyft driver, socialist: Del. Lee Carter confounds his critics

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If you stand at the western boundary of the Manassas-area 50th House of Delegates district and look east, everything in front of you is houses and everything behind you is cows. At least that's how Del. Lee Carter tells it.

It may not be entirely true, but it gets the point across: Northern Virginia's boundless growth is pushing further into the rolling countryside of central Virginia, and it's changing

the demographics of fringe districts in Northern Virginia, including Carter's 50th District, which straddles the City of Manassas and Prince William County.

The area isn't exactly the Northern Virginia of Fortune 500 companies, but of quickly expanding suburbs, struggling strip malls and a steadily increasing cost of living.

"Everybody in my district is scrambling to pay the bills," Carter said.

The district's shifting demographics might explain how Carter, a Democrat and self-proclaimed socialist whose top legislative priority is workers' rights, was elected in 2017 and then re-elected for a second term even under pressure from both Republicans and Democrats.

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The Virginia GOP balked at Carter's self-imposed "socialist" label, using it repeatedly in campaign attack ads.

Carter's 2017 win over six-term Republican incumbent Jackson Miller was largely seen as a fluke, a by-product of a blue wave that swept 15 Democrats into the House. It looked like an easy target for Republicans in 2019.

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Denny's suspects had multiple parole violations



Jordan Anderson, 22, of Manassas, left, and Ryan Walker, 22, of Chantilly, were arrested Sunday, Dec. 29, in connection with the Dec. 26 fatal double-shooting at a Manassas-area Denny's.

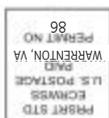
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Two men charged in the Dec. 26 double shooting in Manassas that resulted in the death of DoorDash delivery man Yusuf Ozgur were on probation for earlier crimes at the time of the incident and violated their probation multiple times, according to court documents.

Ryan Thomas Walker, 22, of Chantilly, and Jordan Anderson, 22, of Manassas, were taken into police custody on Dec. 29 for the armed robbery and shootings at Denny's restaurant that killed Ozgur, 56, a Manassas father of two, and left a 34-year-old Rixeyville man with serious gunshot wounds.

The two were the subject of an intense, three-day manhunt that prompted the FBI to offer a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the suspects' arrest and conviction.

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But he says it wasn't just the GOP that wanted him out.

"It's not a secret that both parties have tried to get rid of me," Carter said.

Carter, 32, was one of only four incumbent House Democrats that faced a primary challenge in 2019. He beat Manassas City Councilman Mark Wolfe (D), a former Republican who switched parties in 2016, by about 400 votes.

In the general election, he faced another Manassas City Councilman, Republican Ian Lovejoy, in a race heavily targeted by the GOP. Lovejoy outraised Carter by about \$200,000, with the state Republican party contributing more than

\$400,000 to Lovejoy's campaign. Ultimately, Lovejoy came up short, losing by 1,400 votes.

Republican political strategist Matt Moran called Lovejoy's loss "a big question mark" for the Virginia GOP, but added that Prince William County's population growth, demographic changes and the national environment likely played a role.

"It's one of the mysteries," Moran said at a post-election forum in Arlington. "If I had the answer Ian Lovejoy would be the delegate elect."

But to hear Carter explain it, it's no mystery at all. He says his constituents have responded to his focus on issues that hit close to home: raising the minimum wage, strengthening worker protections and providing better access to affordable health-care. As a single dad who drives for Lyft, Carter says he understands the struggle.

"When you fight for people who haven't had an ally in government for a long time, they show up. It's not a complicated formula," Carter said. "They tend to like having someone fighting for them."

Del. Danica Roem, D-13th, whose district is adjacent to the 50th district, said voters have been able to look past Carter's socialist branding because of his advocacy for issues like Medicaid expansion and teacher pay raises.

"If you want to give people a reason to come out and vote, there you go. Lee voted to raise teacher pay. That's a big deal," Roem said.

Roem said demographic changes have also played a role in the GOP's recent losses in fringe Northern Virginia districts, including the 50th, as more people, including large numbers of immigrants, have moved to the area.

"Manassas is very different from when I was a kid growing up here," Roem said. "We're not talking about the Manassas of 10 years ago where you could run on anti-immigrant hostility and win elections. You can't do that and expect to win in a minority-majority community."

Sen. Scott Surovell, D-36th, whose district overlaps with the 50th, spoke more equivocally about Carter's re-election. Surovell compared Carter to Republican Bob Marshall, the 13th District's former delegate, who the Washington Post editorial board once called a hard-right "extremist."

"Bob Marshall kind of played the same role but in the Republican party, and Bob's constituents continually returned him," Surovell said. "Many people thought he was out of step in a lot of ways, but he spoke his mind. Voters often appreciate elect-

ed officials who tell you what they think."

Marshall was first elected to the General Assembly in 1991 and served until he was ousted by Roem in 2017.

"Lee's a very passionate guy that marches to his own drumbeat," Surovell said. "He clearly speaks for himself and not the Democratic party generally."

Carter, interviewed shortly after his 2019 re-election, said he was happy to return to the General Assembly. But he's not getting too comfortable.

"If both parties decide to leave me alone for a few years that'd be hugely appreciated but I don't see it happening," Carter said. "I don't see a future where I ever go uncontested."

Carter's agenda: Repealing right-to-work, death penalty

Looking ahead to the 2020 General Assembly session, Carter has already introduced a laundry list of progressive bills he hopes will reach the governor's desk. And this time around, they might actually make it there.

Carter didn't pass a single bill during his first two years in the General Assembly, a record he says was largely the result of GOP obstruction in Republican-majority subcommittees. That's likely to change now that Democrats control both the House of Delegates and state Senate and the Governor's mansion.

"For the last two years it was known that the Republicans, on day one, decided Lee Carter doesn't get a Republican vote on anything," Carter said. "I definitely think they're going to have a better chance this year."

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Agenda for 2020:

The Virginia General Assembly kicks off its 60-day session on Jan. 8. A rundown of the bills local lawmakers filed as of Jan. 5:

HOUSE OF DELEGATES



Del. Jennifer Carroll Foy, D-2nd District

14 bills, including:

- Equal Rights Amendment
- Raising minimum wage to \$15/hour by 2024
- Ending driver's license suspension for unpaid court fines, costs
- Extending health insurance coverage for breast milk



Del. Danica Roem, D-13th District

8 bills, including:

- Shielding journalists from disclosing protected sources
- Allowing state agencies to share tax info to streamline access to social service benefits



Del. Elizabeth Guzman, D-31st District

21 bills, including

- Allowing the expungement of certain criminal convictions
- Raising minimum age for juvenile to be tried as an adult from 14 to 16



Del. Daniel Helmer, D-40th District

4 bills, including:

- Listing candidates' partisan endorsements on the ballot
- Prohibiting indoor shooting ranges in private buildings with large numbers of employees
- Prohibiting open carry of firearms in vehicles



Del. Lee Carter, D-50th District

17 bills, including:

- Reforms to workers' compensation laws
- Limiting insulin copays to \$30/month
- Abolishing the death penalty
- Repealing strike ban for teachers, other public employees



Del. Hala Ayala, D-51st District

5 bills, including:

- Same-day voter registration
- Establishing an independent living community ombudsman
- Studying the use of blockchain technology to secure elections



Del. Luke Torian, D-52nd District

2 bills, including

- Amendments to current budget
- Establishing new two-year budget



Del. Suhas Subramanyam, D-87th District

8 bills, including:

- Enhanced retirement benefits for 911 dispatchers
- Requires a statewide inventory of greenhouse gas emissions

SENATE



Sen. John Bell, D-13th District

5 bills, including:

- Requiring concealed carry permit holders to demonstrate competence
- Expanding workers' comp protections to state employees, first responders



Sen. Richard Stuart, R-28th District

20 bills, including:

- Allowing judges to defer convictions of those with autism, intellectual disabilities
- Ensuring planning time for teachers
- Allowing no-excuse absentee, in-person voting



Sen. Jeremy McPike, D-29th District

Bills pending

Highlights:

- Requiring water testing for lead in Virginia daycare centers
- Reducing the use of SOL testing to the federal minimum



Sen. Scott Surovell, D-36th District

12 bills, including

- Limits on payday/title loans
- Public defenders' office for PWC, Manassas, Manassas Park
- Banning handheld phones while driving
- Allowing localities to ban firearms at permitted events



Sen. George Barker, D-39th District

22 bills, including:

- Redistricting reform amendment
- Full-day kindergarten in all public schools by 2022
- "Red-flag law:" allowing judges to temporarily remove firearms from individuals deemed dangerous to themselves or others

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Carter, a U.S. Marine Corps vet and former electronics repairman, has introduced numerous bills centered around improving workers' rights in Virginia. He ran for office specifically to improve Virginia's worker compensation system after being severely injured while working in July 2015.

Carter grew up in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, spending at least part of his childhood in a mobile home park. He served in the Marines for six years, between 2006 and 2011, and completed tours in the Middle East and the Mediterranean.

Carter's legislative package for the 2020 session includes bills to legalize worker cooperatives, strengthen

the state's workers' compensation system and legalize strikes for most public employees.

Carter has also introduced more ambitious bills that don't have the unanimous support of state Democrats, including repealing Virginia's right-to-work law, banning the death penalty in Virginia, fully legalizing marijuana and expunging the records of those charged with marijuana-related offenses.

According to Carter, his press for increased worker protections isn't always well-received or well-understood by other members of the General Assembly.

"It's like I'm speaking a foreign language a lot of times when I talk about workers' rights, when I talk about renters' rights. It's unbelievable

how disconnected a lot of members of the General Assembly are from real life for 95% of people," Carter said.

"Fighting on the side of the working class in a legislature that's dominated by bosses and investors, it gets pretty lonely," Carter added.

It's unclear how many General Assembly are bosses. But it is true that 77 of Virginia's 140 legislators registered more than \$100,000 in stocks and investments in Dec. 2019, according to legislators' annual statement of economic interests compiled by the Virginia Public Access Project.

The same data shows that 64 of the state's 140 legislators own property that generates rental income or is used for business.

By comparison, Carter currently

works as a Lyft driver and rents an apartment in Manassas.

"There aren't many jobs out there that give you that kind of flexibility," Carter said. "I'm going to do whatever it takes to make ends meet so I can stay here. And right now, that means driving for Lyft."

Carter says he's not planning on going back to electronics repair while serving as delegate; the hours just aren't compatible with the General Assembly's two-month long session and the biennial campaign schedule.

"Obviously, the pay sucks for a Lyft driver. Pay also sucks for a member of the House of Delegates. That's why I have to do both," Carter said.

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Legal Notice

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF A PETITION BY VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF ITS 2019 DSM UPDATE PURSUANT TO § 56-585.1 A 5 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA CASE NO. PUR-2019-00201

•Dominion Energy Virginia ("Dominion") has applied for approval to implement new demand-side management ("DSM") programs, extend one DSM program, and to revise its Riders C1A, C2A and C3A, by which Dominion recovers the costs of its DSM programs.

•Dominion requests a total of \$59,685,418 for its 2020 Riders C1A, C2A and C3A. According to Dominion, this amount would increase the bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours per month by \$0.34.

•A Hearing Examiner appointed by the Commission will hear the case on April 29, 2020, at 10 a.m.

•Further information about this case is available on the SCC website at: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>.

On December 3, 2018, Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion Energy Virginia ("Dominion" or "Company"), pursuant to § 56-585.1 A 5 of the Code of Virginia ("Code"), the Rules Governing Utility Rate Applications and Annual Informational Filings of the State Corporation Commission ("Commission"), the Commission's Rules Governing Utility Promotional Allowances, the Commission's Rules Governing Cost/Benefit Measures Required for Demand-Side Management Programs, the Commission's Rules Governing the Evaluation, Measurement and Verification of the Effects of Utility-Sponsored Demand-Side Management Programs, and the directive contained in Ordering Paragraph (4) of the Commission's May 2, 2019 Order in Case No. PUR-2018-00168 ("May 2, 2019 Order"), as amended by the Commission's September 17, 2019 Order Granting Motion to Extend, filed with the Commission its petition requesting (1) approval to implement new demand-side management ("DSM") programs, (2) to extend the Company's existing Air Conditioner ("AC") Cycling Program; (3) expedited approval to launch three of the Phase VII DSM programs approved in the May 2, 2019 Order with updated parameters and cost/benefit results; (4) approval of revised measures in two existing Phase VII DSM Programs approved in the May 2, 2019 Order; and (5) approval of three updated rate adjustment clauses, Riders C1A, C2A and C3A ("Petition").

In its Petition, the Company requests approval to implement 11 new DSM programs as the Company's "Phase VIII" programs, ten of which are "energy efficiency" ("EE") DSM programs and one of which is a "demand response" ("DR") DSM program, as those terms are defined by Code § 56-576. With the exception of the proposed House Bill ("HB") 2789 program, the Company requests that the Commission permit the Company to operate the following proposed DSM programs for the five-year period of January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2025, subject to future extensions as requested by the Company and granted by the Commission: (1) Residential Electric Vehicle (EE and DR); (2) Residential Electric Vehicle (Peak Shaving); (3) Residential Energy Efficiency Kits (EE); (4) Residential Home Retrofit (EE); (5) Residential Manufactured Housing (EE); (6) Residential New Construction (EE); (7) Residential/Non-residential Multifamily (EE); (8) Non-residential Midstream Energy Efficient Products (EE); (9) Non-residential New Construction (EE); (10) Small Business Improvement Enhanced (EE); and (11) HB 2789 (Heating and Cooling/Health and Safety) (EE).

The Company proposes an aggregate total cost cap for the Phase VIII programs in the amount of \$186 million. Additionally, the Company requests the ability to exceed the spending cap by no more than 5%. The Company further "seeks authorization to spend directly for these programs for a reasonable amount of time before and after [the proposed] five-year period . . . so that the programs can run for a full five years and then have additional time built in for launch and wind-down activities." The Company further asserts that the total proposed costs of the energy efficiency programs proposed in the Petition will be counted toward the requirement in the 2018 Grid Transformation and Security Act that the Company develop a proposed program of energy efficiency measures with projected costs of no less than an aggregate amount of \$870 million between July 1, 2018, and July 1, 2028, including any existing approved energy efficiency programs.

The Company also requests expedited approval, by March 31, 2020, to launch three of the Phase VII Programs approved in the May 2, 2019 Order, with updated parameters and cost/benefit results. The Company states that, following issuance of the Commission's May 2, 2019 Order, the Company discovered issues involving the costs for the Residential Customer Engagement Program and the projected participation levels for the Residential Thermostat (EE) Program and the Residential Thermostat (DR) Program. Accordingly, the Company did not launch those programs and requests expedited authorization of the programs in this proceeding with the revised parameters. The Company is also requesting approval of a revised five-year cost cap for the Phase VII Residential Customer Engagement Program.

The Company also seeks approval to adjust measures in the Phase VII Residential Efficient Marketplace and Residential Home Energy Assessment Programs due to recent changes in Federal legislation that allow A-line LED bulbs to be sold beyond 2019. The Company is not seeking approval of a revised cost cap for those programs.

Additionally, the Company seeks approval of a two-year extension of the existing AC Cycling Program, which is currently set to expire as of March 31, 2021.

Further, the Company requests approval of an annual update to continue three rate adjustment clauses, Riders C1A, C2A and C3A, for a Rate Year of September 1, 2020, through August 31, 2021 ("2020 Rate Year") for recovery of: (i) 2020 Rate Year costs associated with its Phase II, Phase IV, Phase V, Phase VI and Phase VII Programs approved by the Commission in prior cases; (ii) calendar year 2018 true-up of costs associated with the Company's approved Phase II, Phase III, Phase IV, Phase V and Phase VI Programs; (iii) calendar year 2018 true-up of costs associated with the Company's Electric Vehicle Pilot Program, which was approved by the Commission in Case No. PUE-2011-00014; and (iv) 2020 Rate Year costs associated with the Company's proposed Phase VIII Programs.

For Rider C1A, Dominion requests a total revenue requirement of \$2,835,423. For Rider C2A, Dominion requests a total revenue requirement of \$8,388,330. For Rider C3A, Dominion requests a total revenue requirement of \$48,461,666. The proposed total revenue requirement for Riders C1A, C2A and C3A for the 2020 Rate Year is \$59,685,418. The Company proposes a general rate of return on common equity of 9.2% for the projected revenue requirement and Monthly True-Up Adjustment for the period of January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018. Dominion states that it is not seeking recovery of lost revenues related to energy efficiency programs at this time; however, the Company further states that it is not waiving any right to seek such lost revenues in future proceedings for the 2020 Rate Year.

If the proposed Riders C1A, C2A and C3A for the 2020 Rate Year are approved, the impact on customer bills would depend on the customer's rate schedule and usage.

Interested persons are encouraged to review the Petition and supporting documents for the details of these and other proposals.

TAKE NOTICE that the Commission may apportion revenues among customer classes and/or design rates in a manner differing from that shown in the Petition and supporting documents and thus may adopt rates that differ from those appearing in the Company's Petition and supporting documents.

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Hearing that, among other things, scheduled a public hearing on April 29, 2020, at 10 a.m., in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, to receive testimony from members of the public and evidence related to the Petition from the Company, any respondents, and the Commission's Staff. Any person desiring to testify as a public witness at this hearing should appear in the Commission's courtroom fifteen (15) minutes prior to the starting time of the hearing and contact the Commission's Bailiff.

The public version of the Company's Petition, as well as the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, are available for public inspection during regular business hours at each of the Company's business offices in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Copies also may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company, Paul E. Pfeffer, Esquire, Dominion Resources Services, Inc., 120 Tredegar Street, RS-2, Richmond, Virginia 23219. If acceptable to the requesting party, the Company may provide the documents by electronic means.

Copies of the public version of the Petition and other documents filed in this case also are available for interested persons to review in the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Interested persons also may download unofficial copies from the Commission's website: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>.

On or before April 22, 2020, any interested person wishing to comment on the Company's Petition shall file written comments on the Petition with Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. Any interested person desiring to file comments electronically may do so on or before April 22, 2020, by following the instructions on the Commission's website: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>. Compact disks or any other form of electronic storage medium may not be filed with the comments. All such comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2019-00201.

On or before February 14, 2020, any person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation. If not filed electronically, an original and fifteen (15) copies of the notice of participation shall be submitted to the Clerk of the Commission at the address above. A copy of the notice of participation as a respondent also must be sent to counsel for the Company at the address set forth above. Pursuant to Rule 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, *Participation as a respondent*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure ("Rules of Practice"), any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. Any organization, corporation, or government body participating as a respondent must be represented by counsel as required by Rule 5 VAC 5-20-30, *Counsel*, of the Rules of Practice. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2019-00201.

On or before March 20, 2020, each respondent may file with the Clerk of the Commission, and serve on the Commission's Staff, the Company, and all other respondents, any testimony and exhibits by which the respondent expects to establish its case, and each witness's testimony shall include a summary not to exceed one page. If not filed electronically, an original and fifteen (15) copies of such testimony and exhibits shall be submitted to the Clerk of the Commission at the address above. Respondents also shall comply with the Commission's Rules of Practice, including: 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, and 5 VAC 5-20-240, *Prepared testimony and exhibits*. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2019-00201.

All documents filed with the Office of the Clerk of the Commission in this docket may use both sides of the paper. In all other respects, all filings shall comply fully with the requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice.

The Commission's Rules of Practice may be viewed at <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>. A printed copy of the Commission's Rules of Practice and an official copy of the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing in this proceeding may be obtained from the Clerk of the Commission at the address above.

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