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Sears will be first woman of color to hold statewide office. **Page A6**



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As AG, Miyares is the first Latino elected statewide. **Page A6**

## Va. House speaker not conceding majority yet

Filler-Corn says she'll wait for results in two more races

BY MICHAEL MARTZ  
Richmond Times-Dispatch

House Speaker Eileen Filler-Corn isn't conceding the loss of the Democratic majority in the House of Delegates, despite a Republican surge to a 52-48 seat advantage in the wee hours of Wednesday morning.

Filler-Corn, D-Fairfax, said she is waiting for final results in at least two House races — one in Hampton and the other in Virginia Beach — in which the margin of Republican victory was less than 1 percentage point of the vote in elections on Tuesday.

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## Youngkin vows to 'change the direction' of Virginia



SHABAN ATHUMAN/TIMES-DISPATCH

Glenn Youngkin raised a broom during his election night party at the Westfields Marriott in Chantilly, celebrating the sweep of statewide offices by Republicans. As governor, Youngkin says he will focus on education and the cost of living.

### As Republicans celebrate sweep in state, McAuliffe acknowledges Dems' defeat

BY MEL LEONOR  
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Democrat Terry McAuliffe on Wednesday formally conceded to Republican Glenn Youngkin in the race for governor, a stunning defeat for Virginia Democrats in what was ultimately a referendum of their sweeping hold on the state.

Youngkin, the governor-elect, immediately vowed to alter the course of the state, focusing particularly on education and the cost of living.

"Together, we will change the direction of this commonwealth," Youngkin told supporters early Wednesday morning at the Westfields Marriott in Chantilly. "Friends, we are going to start that transformation on day one."

For Democrats, who had not lost a statewide election since 2009 — and who apparently lost control of the House of Delegates as well as the offices of lieutenant governor and attorney general — Tuesday's election marked the end of immediate progress on their agenda, which included accelerating the increase of the minimum wage and further work on criminal justice reform.

"While last night we came up short, I am proud that we spent this campaign

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## Richmond casino project not in the cards

Voters reject gaming resort proposed for the city's South Side

BY C. SUAREZ ROJAS  
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The One Casino and Resort was billed as a plan to build the nation's first Black-owned casino and uplift South Richmond. On Tuesday, voters in the city's majority white precincts

scuttled those plans, voting 2-to-1 against the project that fell short by about 1,800 votes even as voters closest to the planned site voted overwhelmingly for it.

After spending \$2 million campaigning for the project, Urban One CEO Alfred Liggins announced Wednesday morning that his company would "accept the will" of the 51% majority who rejected the

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URBAN ONE

In Tuesday's election, Richmond residents voted against a casino development proposed by Urban One, a Black-owned media company.

## McAuliffe's blunder on education helped tee up his defeat to Youngkin

Democrat's remark came off as hostile to school parents

BY JEFF E. SCHAPIRO  
Richmond Times-Dispatch

In his second and final televised debate with Glenn Youngkin on

Sept. 28, Terry McAuliffe handed his Republican opponent the weapon with which he would be denied a second go as Virginia governor: an inartful defense of his vetoes of GOP legislation that, in effect, blocked a

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**FINAL WEEKEND!**

# Pipeline

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- Lucretia Marie Anderson, Richmond Family Magazine

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- Julinda D. Lewis, RVArt Review