

Why These Local Elections Matter So Much!

In November 2019, each Fairfax County voter will select 13 people on the General Election ballot. Here's what it takes for voters and candidates to get there:

Spring Democratic Endorsements

12 County School Board seats:

1 seat for each of 9 county magisterial districts:

Hunter Mill
Braddock
Dranesville
Lee
Mason
Mt Vernon
Providence
Springfield
Sully

AND 3 At-Large seats representing entire county

3 Northern VA Soil & Water Conservation Authority District At-Large seats

Only persons who have had their membership application approved by the Fairfax County Democratic Committee (FCDC) as of 4/9/19 may vote in the endorsement contests sponsored by their local district committee and FCDC. All endorsees approved by FCDC will be placed on the November General Election ballot.

Voting information - registration deadlines, early/absentee voting, polling dates & times:

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/>

and www.vote411.org

Candidates in June primary:

<https://fairfaxdemocrats.org/2019/04/23/2019-democratic-primary-information-for-voters/>

June 11 Primaries

10 County Board of Supervisors seats:

1 seat for each of 9 county magisterial districts

AND 1 Chairman at-large

1 County Commonwealth Attorney

1 County Sheriff

1 State Senator

1 State Delegate

Each voter votes for 1 Supervisor candidate per the magisterial district the voter lives in and 1 Chairman candidate; and each of the other 4 seats listed above.

14 seats are on the ballot.

Each voter chooses candidates for 6 seats.



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November 5 General Election

12 County School Board seats: Each voter selects 1 candidate per the voter's magisterial district and 3 At-Large candidates - so each voter selects 4 School Board candidates. That's $\frac{1}{3}$ of the Board!

10 County Board of Supervisor seats: Each voter selects 1 candidate per the voter's magisterial district and 1 at-large Chairman - so each voter selects 2 candidates.

1 Commonwealth Attorney

1 County Sheriff

1 State Senator

1 State Delegate

3 Northern VA Soil & Water Conservation District Authority at-large seats

29 seats are on the ballot.

Each voter chooses candidates for 13 seats.

What's the difference between the County Board of Supervisors and the County School Board?

Board of Supervisors	School Board
10 members: one representing each magisterial district, and one at-large Chairman	12 members: one representing each magisterial district, and three At-Large members; chairmanship is elected annually by the School Board
4-year term, no term limits	4-year term, no term limits
Considered Full Time	Considered Part Time
\$95,000/year compensation (Chair receives \$100,000)	\$32,000/ year compensation (Chair receives slightly more)
Discretion to hire several staff members	Staff of 0.5 FTE (one half of an administrative assistant)
Can levy changes in taxes to collect revenue	Cannot collect revenue ("has no purse strings")
Approves total budget and levies revenue via personal property tax (real estate tax) that fund county-administered services that represent just <i>under</i> half of the budget, including for health & human services, public safety, libraries, parks & recreation, transit, environmental sustainability, affordable housing, and more; approves land use & development policies & plans; and other work.	Receives a transfer of county funds that is just <i>over</i> half of the total county budget. School Board submits its budget request to the Supervisors, who may require changes. School Board can only approve a final budget that matches the amount of County transfer funds, per state law.
Each Supervisor has an office in Fairfax County Government locations - either central at the Government Center or in satellite offices in districts.	The School Board has one office at FCPS headquarters on Gatehouse Rd, with three desks shared among the 12 members.

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