

Hala Ayala

Virginia House of Delegates District 51

ABOUT THE CANDIDATE

As a member of Prince William County community for over 35 years and elected as Delegate in 2017, Hala Ayala gives a new, needed voice for the 51st House District of Virginia.

Hala has personally experienced the challenges of single motherhood and lack of access to affordable health insurance. She understands the concerns of working families today. She has fought for raising the minimum wage, equal pay and affordable access to health care as the founder and former president of the Prince William County chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW).

Hala worked her way up from a service job without health insurance to become a cybersecurity specialist with the Department of Homeland Security. For over 17 years, she worked to protect our nation's information systems, enforce security measures, and prevent attacks by safeguarding computers, networks and data from criminal intrusion and security breaches. She's using that same determination and work ethic to ensure that Prince William County families can flourish. Hala also served on Governor Terry McAuliffe's Council on Women.

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IMPORTANT DATES

- May 20: Deadline to register to vote (primary)
- June 4: Deadline to request absentee ballot (primary)
- June 11: Primary election
- October 15: Deadline to register to vote (general)
- October 29: Deadline to request absentee ballot
- November 5: General Election

YOU MUST HAVE A VALID PHOTO ID

DATA ABOUT THE DISTRICT

Population	Households	Over 65	White	Black	Latinx	Median Income	Below Poverty Line	Unemployed	College Grads	HS Grads	No HS Grad
86069	27452	10.70%	57.30%	16.90%	14.60%	112694	5.60%	3.30%	54.10%	39.10%	6.80%

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PAST RACES

Congressional Districts

Nested Congressional Districts: CD1 (Cook PVI: R+8); CD10 (Cook PVI: D+1); CD11 (Cook PVI: D+15)

Learn more about Cook Political Ratings (Partisan Voting Index):
<https://cookpolitical.com/ratings>

2017 House of Delegates Election Results

Hala Ayala	53.1%	15,244
Richard Anderson (Incumbent)	46.9%	13,476

2017 House of Delegates Fundraising

* Via Virginia Public Access Project (VPAP)

Democrat	\$740,112
Republican	\$443,157

2017 Gubernatorial Results

Ralph Northam	56.21%	15,094
Ed Gillespie	42.62%	11,444

2016 President

Hillary Clinton	51.55%	21,547
Donald Trump	42.62%	17,814

2012 President

Barack Obama	51.24%	21,085
Mitt Romney	47.44%	19,523

ON THE ISSUES:

Healthcare:

Hala's son was born with complications that required urgent medical attention. Her job at the time offered no health insurance. Thankfully, she qualified for Medicaid and her son was able to get the help he needed. Hala wants affordable access to healthcare for all Virginians. However, President Trump and Richmond Republicans want to deny accessible healthcare for hundreds of thousands of Virginians. As Delegate, Hala has and will continue to fight for quality, affordable healthcare by:

- Expanding Medicaid in Virginia to more than 400,000 people, including more than 12,000 people in Prince William County
- Opposing President Trump's Obamacare repeal and protecting all Virginians' access to healthcare, including those with preexisting conditions
- Fighting extremist politicians in Richmond to protect Planned Parenthood funding and access to lifesaving preventive care.

Education:

Hala is a former PTA president and grew up attending Prince William public schools. She graduated from Woodbridge High, which her kids also attended.

As Delegate, she has and will continue to strengthen our schools and help our teachers and administrators to ensure our children are getting the best education possible. Her priorities include:

- Expanding Pre-K
- Reducing overcrowding in classrooms and in schools
- Investing more in school infrastructure and construction
- Retaining and recruiting the best teachers
- Helping our schools be safe places, free from discrimination and bullying
- Working to keep the costs of Virginia's great colleges and universities affordable
- Making sure our local community colleges and vocational programs have the resources to educate Virginia's young people.

Transportation:

The Prince William County community is losing out on business and federal contracts to our neighboring counties because of a lack of Metro-accessibility. As a commuter herself, Hala is eager for ways to lessen drive time and allow Prince William residents to spend more time with their families, rather than being stuck on the road. Public transportation has steadily become a necessity, and there is a serious impetus to figure out if it can work for our community.

As Delegate, she has already and will continue to fight for:

- Investing in the Virginia Railway Express (VRE) and Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC) so commuters will have viable alternative transportation options.
- Supporting legislation to study the prospect of extending Metro lines into Prince William County.
- Incentivizing carpooling and public transportation usage to become reliable options for those residents who do not have a car.

Women's Rights:

- Endorsed by EMILY's List, Hala is a passionate advocate for women and families. As a single, working mother, she knows the challenges families face every day. Hala helped organize Virginia for the Women's March and founded the Prince William chapter of the National Organization for Women. As a member of Governor McAuliffe's Council on Women, Hala has been a strong voice for women's issues and Virginia families. As Delegate, she has already and will continue to:
- Fight for women's health care to make sure access to birth control is available.
- Protect Planned Parenthood and defending a woman's ability to make her own health decisions.
- Champion policies that help working families like paid family leave, paid sick leave and increasing the minimum wage.
- Stand up for equal pay for equal work, so women who work the same job as men can earn the same living.

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ABOUT THE STATE

General Demographics

- Virginia is the 12th-most populous state, with over 8 million residents.
- Virginia's non-white citizens represented 38% of the population in 2017, up from 22% in 1990.
- As of 2015, the non-white voter population was 28%, suggesting that people of color are a growing segment of the general population but not growing as fast in the voting population.
- In the last four presidential elections, voter turnout has been greater than 70%. But in the last 4 elections held in the year just prior to the presidential election (which would be a predictor for 2019), turnout has hovered around 30%.
- Turnout among younger voters (18-29 years old) has steadily increased from 17% in 2009 to 26% in 2013 to 34% in 2017. This segment of the population voted heavily Democratic in 2017 --almost 70/30.
- The Commonwealth has elected Democratic governors in four out of the last five gubernatorial elections, and has not voted for a Republican President since 2004.

District Lines

District lines for Congress and state legislature are drawn by the General Assembly (state legislature). There is a bipartisan advisory commission, but the General Assembly is not required to take their recommendations. The governor has veto power over district lines.

The Commonwealth's district boundaries have been a hot topic of conversation in past years. Both Congressional and state legislative district lines in Virginia have been held unconstitutional by federal courts due to racial gerrymandering. Congressional districts were redrawn by court order in 2016, which increased Democratic representation. Currently, a number of districts in the lower chamber are the subject of ongoing litigation, which is currently being heard by the Supreme Court. The new maps for these lower chamber districts will be used in the 2019 general election unless the Supreme Court overturns the new maps. That decision is due over the summer. The redrawn districts (which more accurately reflect the population) lean more Democratic.

Citizens' groups in Virginia have been working to establish fairer districting processes, including pushing for a nonpartisan redistricting commission. In 2019, the General Assembly approved the "first read" of a constitutional amendment to create an advisory commission for Congressional and state legislative lines. The next step would be for the General Assembly to pass an identical resolution during the next legislative session – after the 2019 election. Then the measure would go onto the ballot in November 2020, at which point Virginians could vote to approve the independent commission.

Voter Suppression

Virginia currently has a voter ID law, passed by its Republican state legislature and governor in 2013. In 2016, the Fourth Circuit of Appeals upheld the Virginia Voter ID law, after a suit alleging it violated the 1965 Voting Rights Act. In addition, Virginia's GOP has made it more difficult to register people to vote. In particular, third-party voter registration requires groups receiving 25 or more registration forms to register with the state. Further, Virginia uses both the controversial Crosscheck and ERIC programs to determine if there are duplicate voter registrations.

Voter Registration and Day of Voting

You must provide a photo ID to register to vote and to vote physically at the polls. Acceptable IDs include:

- Driver's license
- US passport
- Tribal ID issued by one of the 11 tribes recognized by the Commonwealth of Virginia
- Student or employee ID from a public or private school in Virginia
- Virginia Voter Photo ID

If you do not have an ID, you may apply for a free Virginia Voter Photo Identification from any general registrar's office.

Last Day:

For the June Primary, you must register by Monday, May 20th, 2019.
For the November Election you must register by Tuesday, October 15th, 2019.

Absentee Ballots:

For the June Primary, absentee ballots must be requested by Tuesday, June 4th, 2019.

For the November Election absentee ballots must be requested by Tuesday, October 29th, 2019.

You can also request a ballot by appearing in person - Request Absentee Ballot by appearing in person by: 5:00 p.m. Saturday, November 2, 2019.

June 11: Primary election

November 5: General Election

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Current State Legislature

Virginia is currently under a divided government: the governor is a Democrat, while Republicans control both chambers of the legislature by an extremely narrow margin—just two seats each. The entire Virginia General Assembly is up for election in 2019, and these are all “Last Chance” races; the legislators elected in 2019 will be serving during the 2021 redistricting process. The state legislature draws district lines, and the governor has the power to veto district maps.

The state Senate is currently comprised of 19 Democrats and 21 Republicans, while the House of Delegates has 48 Democrats and 51 Republicans. Democrats have an incredible opportunity to flip both Virginia state legislature chambers in 2019.

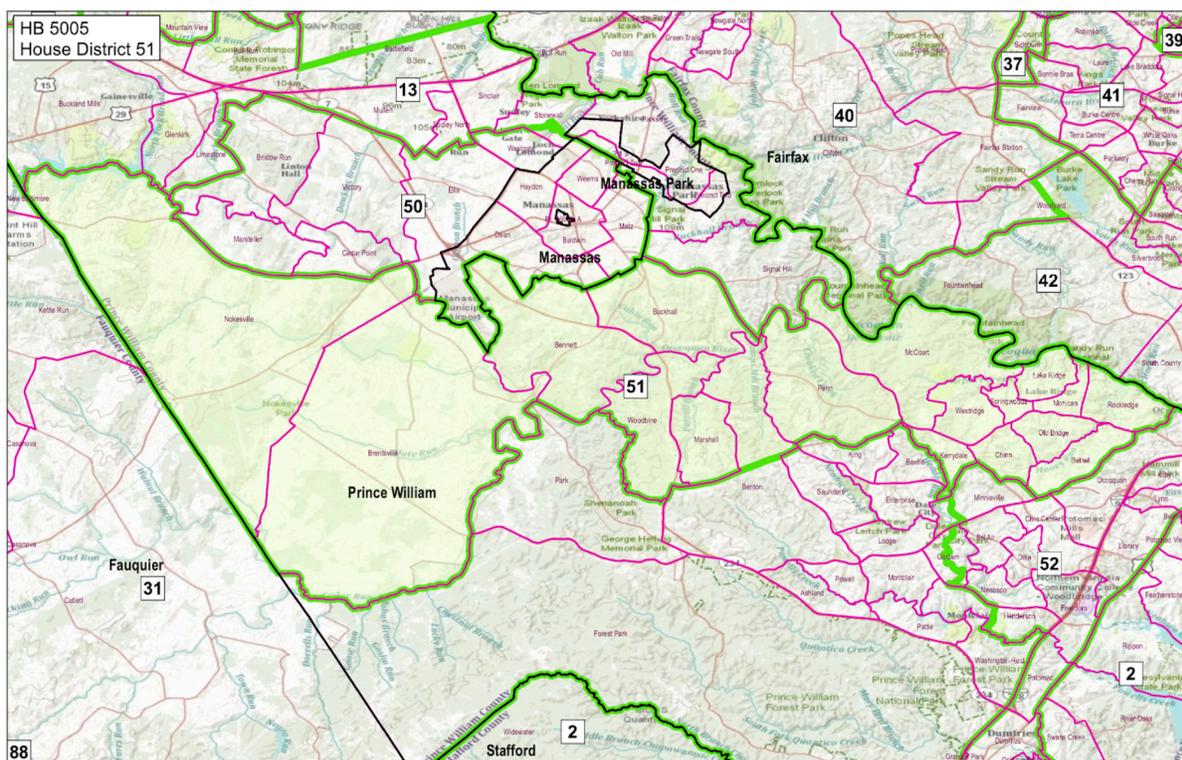
Demographic shifts in Virginia favor Democrats. And a number of badly gerrymandered House districts have recently been fairly redrawn upon federal court order (subject to Supreme Court review). This should give Democrats an opportunity to compete fairly in a broader set of House districts this year.

2019 Executive Controversies

The current Governor, Lt. Governor and Attorney General are all Democrats, and none are up for election in 2019. However, each has been the subject of controversy in 2019. Governor Ralph Northam shocked the Commonwealth when photos surfaced of him in blackface during his years as a medical student. Lieutenant Governor Justin Fairfax seemed poised to transition into the Governor’s seat—until allegations of sexual assault in his past came to light. The third in line for the Governor’s seat, Attorney General Mark Herring, proactively admitted to dressing in blackface as a teenager himself. Ultimately, none of the men have resigned, despite calls to do so from numerous elected officials, organizations, and citizens groups.

At Sister District, these events have underscored the need to build a deep bench of diverse leaders and a strong Democratic majority in the state legislature. Without positive reinforcement from the Governor’s office this year, General Assembly candidates will certainly need our help.

THE DISTRICT



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ABOUT THE INCUMBENT

2018 LEGISLATOR SCORECARD (HALA AYALA)

In 2018, the Virginia General Assembly was in session from January 10 through March 10. Special sessions were held from April 11 to May 30 and from August 30 to October 30.

Virginia Chapter Sierra Club

Legislators are scored on their votes on bills related to the climate and energy. Ayala received an A+ (100%) grade for the 2018 session.

Virginia Education Association

Legislators are scored on their votes on bills related to public education. Ayala received a perfect score of 100% for the 2018 session.

Virginia League of Conservation Voters

Legislators are scored on their votes on environmental and conservation issues. Ayala received a score of 86% for the 2018 session.

ABOUT THE OPPONENT

Richard L. Anderson is a former Republican member of the Virginia House of Delegates, representing District 51 from 2010 to 2017. He lost the general election to Hala Ayala in 2017 and is running again in 2019.

2017 LEGISLATOR SCORECARD (RICH ANDERSON)

In 2017, the Virginia General Assembly was in session from January 11 through February 25.

The Family Foundation of Virginia: 2016-2017 report card

Legislators are scored on their votes on conservative bills related to “principles of life, marriage, parental authority, constitutional government and religious liberty.” Anderson received a perfect 100% score for the 2017 session.

Virginia Chapter Sierra Club

Legislators are scored on their votes on bills related to the climate and energy. Anderson received a D grade for votes taken in the 2017 session.

Virginia Free

Legislators are scored based on legislation related to business and industry issues. Anderson scored 91% for the 2017 session.

Virginia League of Conservation Voters

Legislators are scored on their votes on environmental and conservation issues. Anderson has a career score of 44%.

Virginia Tea Party Patriots Federation - House

Legislators are scored based on their votes toward Tea Party bills. Anderson received a perfect 100% score for the 2017 session.

CANDIDATE IN THE NEWS

Ayala wins 51st District seat, defeating 4-term incumbent

http://www.insidenova.com/news/politics/prince_william/ayala-wins-st-district-seat-defeating--term-incumbent/article_22e3019e-c434-11e7-bb85-b3efe305948f.html

Former Del. Rich Anderson (Right-Wing Republican) Announces He's Baaaack...to Challenge Del. Hala Ayala (D-HD51)

<https://bluevirginia.us/2019/02/former-del-rich-anderson-right-wing-republican-announces-hes-baaaack-to-challenge-del-hala-ayala-d-hd51>

Del. Hala Ayala Pushes Unprecedented Rules Change in bid to Expand Taxpayer Funded Abortion

<https://therepublicanstandard.com/del-hala-ayala-pushes-unprecedented-rules-change-in-bid-to-expand-taxpayer-funded-abortion/>

Delegates David Toscano, Hala Ayala Call Out House Republicans for Using “Raw Political Power” to Block ERA Floor Vote

<https://bluevirginia.us/2019/02/video-delegates-david-toscano-hala-ayala-call-out-house-republicans-for-using-raw-political-power-to-block-era-floor-vote>

Virginia Del. Hala Ayala Proposes Rule Change to Try to Force Floor Vote on ERA Ratification

<https://bluevirginia.us/2019/02/breaking-virginia-del-hala-ayala-proposes-rule-change-to-try-to-force-floor-vote-on-era-ratification>