



Hanover County Board of Supervisors

Candidate Forum 2023



Board of Supervisor - Ashland Yael R. Levin (R)



Yael Levin was born in Cincinnati, OH, but moved to Israel in 1978 and grew up in the Tel-Aviv area. She began her service in the Israel Defense Forces at 18, which has given Yael leadership skills and the ability to make tough decisions under difficult circumstances at a very young age. Yael met her husband Scott right after college, at her first job. They moved to the Richmond area in February 2005.

At 20, after returning to the Washington, D.C. area while her parents returned back to Israel, Yael attended community college and the University of Maryland, at College Park, where she completed a degree in Mathematics with a Minor in Economics. Yael has been a focused student and worked several jobs to pay her way through college.

During the 2020-2021 lockdowns, Yael became an advocate for the rights of parents and children across the Commonwealth – she worked to unmask Virginia’s children and put kids back in the classrooms. She then continued her advocacy nationwide and served as an executive for the nonprofit No Left Turn in Education; board member for of Army of Parents, where she continues to work for parents’ rights to be in the driver’s seat of their children’s education and to restore the partnership between parents and teachers. Yael is also an active member of the Richmond Jewish Community and of her Synagogue, Chabad of Virginia.

I am a mother and wife and an invested member of my community with children in Hanover Public Schools. I bring empathy, integrity, and a strong resolve to serve my community and be a voice for the residents of the Town and the District, but not presume to speak on their behalf. I grew up in Israel, where building consensus is necessary for survival due to the instability of the region. I value consensus building because the alternative is too costly. We are in desperate need of proven leadership that will bring a fresh perspective to the Board of Supervisors and encourage respectful dialogue.

I will best serve my community by continuing speak with all my constituents and bring a Fresh Start to the Ashland District. I am a creative problem solver because I have always had to be. We live in a wonderful county. My family moved here because it is the best place to live, work, and raise a family, and I am running for this office to ensure it stays this way and to improve the direction of the Board of Supervisors and the county, and I bring my community and the county a true public servant, not a career politician, nor someone who will use this office as a stepping stone. I will work to restore dialogue, consensus, and civility

Board of Supervisor - Ashland Faye O. Prichard (D)



I grew up in Henrico county, the east end. Lived briefly in Fredericksburg where I met my husband. My husband Steve and I have lived in Ashland for 41 years. We raised our daughter here. We have two grandsons in Hanover Schools. My son-in-law is a local business owner.

I have been teaching at VCU for over 25 years. I am the Director of the Writing Program for the Honors College at VCU. I have a BA and an MA in English. I have been serving in local office for over 20 years.

Most importantly, I have a deep love and commitment to my community. I care about supporting citizens in what they want. I listen. I have worked with people across the region. I understand how local government works. I know what my lane is, and isn't. After their friends and families, what most people care about is their homes. I want to make sure that people's homes and communities thrive and are protected in the ways they want.

I have always served by talking to people. I listen to my constituents. I try to support their goals, not mine. I go where citizens ask me. I answer my phone at night and on the weekends. I try to use common sense and be available.

My vision can't possibly be unique because it belongs to the citizens of Hanover. I want to continue to work for their goals. Our citizens want to live in a rural county. They tell us that all the time. Their main concern has been growth and making sure that we retain our character. So that is my goal. I'm not interested in being a new shiny object. I'm interested in staying in touch with what our citizens want.

Board of Supervisor - Chickahominy Danielle G. Floyd (R)



My husband and I both grew up in the Atlee area. I graduated from Atlee High School and went on to earn a BFA in Art Education from VCU. We are still here in the Chickahominy district raising our wonderful three daughters.

My business background is in real estate and property management. While I have a real estate license, I'm not actively pursuing real estate business.

I am a levelheaded leader, with strong morals, values, and ethics as well as a long time Hanover resident with strong ties to our local community.

I will lean on my life and business experience to best serve my community that I know love so much.

I want to maintain our strong sense of community, collaborate with other community leaders to plan for Hanover's future, and ensure Hanover remains the special place that it is; an amazing place to live work and raise a family.

Board of Supervisor - Chickahominy Hope N. Prince (I)



I'm originally from rural North Carolina, where I grew up on a small farm as the daughter of a factory worker and a truck driver. My upbringing instilled a strong work ethic and a deep sense of family and community.

I have been actively involved in my community, I served as the Vice President of the Totopotomoy Community Association, current board member for the Kings Charter Swim Team, and a participant in the Hanover County School Board renaming committee for Gandy/Clay Elementary School.

I bring a unique blend of experience, community involvement, and passion to the Hanover County Board of Supervisors. My ability to build relationships with diverse groups and my dedication to open communication and transparency are strengths that I'll leverage to address key issues.

I am committed to open and frequent communication. Many in public service avoid written communication due to FOIA. I will welcome community input and seek it out.

I offer a positive vision for Hanover County that includes responsible growth, protection of residential communities, pay for teachers, adequate funding for our award-winning Sheriff's Office, and Fire Rescue Department, and the development of a connected and sustainable community through expanded walking and bike paths. These policies will promote inclusive, diverse, and harmonious living in Hanover County

Board of Supervisor - Mechanicsville Ryan M. Hudson (R)



I live in Mechanicsville with my beautiful wife Mallory and our 3 children, Luke (13), Jack (11) and Amara (8).

I am a 1998 Graduate of Hermitage High School and J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College. I hold a license as a Registered Nurse. I am a successful Realtor and an investor in the restaurant industry.

I bring the same skills to public service that I possess in the private sector. The value of relationships. I have developed and cultivated relationships in everything I do. Always knowing that there is value in everyone that is placed in my path. Even those I do not agree with.

I will work to bring more transparency to local government. I pledge to always be visible, approachable, and responsive.

I will focus on what will continue to improve upon the already good quality of life we have in Hanover. Revitalization of the Village of Mechanicsville, creating better connectivity and walkability throughout my district. I will work to grow and stabilize Hanovers' tax base.

Board of Supervisor - Mechanicsville

Joshua R. Parramore (I)



I was born in Georgia. As a child, my family moved every 18-24 months. In 1997 we moved to Mechanicsville and it was the first time I felt like I had a home.

I am a Data Analyst for a major financial institution. Initially, I was hired for a call center sales role. However, I taught myself how to code and how to manage multiple aspects of processes and projects. Hard work and a dedication to constantly improving myself and those around me led to several opportunities and promotions. I have honed skills that I plan to apply to the county to help us improve in ways we have likely never considered. I also have a degree in theology from Atlantic Baptist Bible College. I have spent many years teaching and helping people grow in multiple ways.

My main strengths lie in problem-solving and critical thinking. Regularly, I take billions of data points, organize them in a usable way, and then use that data to solve extremely complex problems. This is the same approach I plan to bring to the Board of Supervisors. Hanover needs someone capable of creating and implementing long-term, sustainable solutions to issues that arise. For too long, we have had people just focus on solving short-term problems with little thought or care about what happens after they are gone. We need leaders who make sure that Hanover County is thriving for the next generation and the generations to come. I am the type of leader who can and will deliver that.

I believe one of the best ways that a politician can serve his community is by being attentive and available to their constituents. Politicians are supposed to represent the people that elect them. To do that they must listen to their community. With that in mind, I will be holding regular town hall-style gatherings at the Mechanicsville Library so that the voters of Mechanicsville will have regular access to their representative on the Board of Supervisors. They will be able to voice their opinions, ask questions, and learn of my plans and efforts on the Board of Supervisors. I am committed to transparency and accountability at every level of the Hanover County government. I intend to start with my position on the Board of Supervisors.

There are multiple initiatives and plans I would like to implement in Hanover County; such as 1) extend/implement real estate and personal property tax credits for senior citizens so that they can remain in their homes. Their incomes may be fixed, but their property taxes are not. 2.) extend tax credits to are teachers, sheriff's deputies, firefighters, and EMTs who live and work in Hanover County. They should be able to afford to live in the area in which they serve. As a county, we should make sure they know that they are welcome to live here as well as save our lives and teach our children; and 3) Implement is a micro-targeted matching grant system. These qualifying local businesses can apply for grants that will match funds they put towards certain areas to improve their businesses.

Board of Supervisor - South Anna Susan P. "Sue" Dibble (R)



Ms. Dibble was born and raised in western Henrico County. Her family moved to Hanover County in 2000. She is married and has 3 successful sons and 5 wonderful grandchildren.

Ms. Dibble graduated from Virginia Tech in 1984 with a Bachelor's degree in landscape architecture. She has been a well-established and successful business owner since 1990 and has extensive experience in design, construction, and business management. She is a member of the Virginia Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects as well as a Registered Landscape Architect in the Commonwealth of Virginia, which has garnered her extensive experience in design, construction, and business management. Recently, Governor Glenn Youngkin appointed Ms. Dibble to the Board of Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects.

Ms. Dibble was a successful business owner for 30 years with extensive experience in design, construction, and business and financial management. She has also developed and monitored corporate, non-profit, and school board budgets. Ms. Dibble is an Officer on the Capital Regional Airport Commission (Secretary) and Corporate Secretary for the Capital Regional Airport Commission Foundation. She is a member of the Hanover County Community Development, Finance, and Joint Education Committees and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. She is a past member (7 years) and Chairman of the Hanover School Board. She is a past member (8 years) and Chairman of the Hanover Social Services Board. She was a PTA Volunteer for 12 years, serving multiple years as President and Vice President.

Ms. Dibble has spent the past 4 years as the South Anna Representative on the Hanover County Board of Supervisors and is currently the Vice Chair. This position has afforded her the unique opportunity to interact with, personalize, and genuinely care about our families and our students. She welcomes this continued opportunity to serve our Hanover Community!

My vision and my priorities remain the same as four years ago. As a conservative, I have and will continue to require transparency in our budget and spending while promoting fiscal responsibility at all times. I have and will continue to preserve the rural character of South Anna by supporting only smart development in Hanover County. Smart development that is revenue-generating and self-supporting. I have and will continue to make school funding a top priority and will continue to support funding for teacher salaries, support employees, student instruction, and facility maintenance. I have and will continue to maintain the safety of our community by working closely with Sheriff Hines and Chief Piland in a proactive manner to expand services and increase manpower. I have and will continue to work to maintain Hanover County's reputation as one of the best places to live, work, and raise a family.

Board of Supervisor - South Anna Clara James Scott (D)



As a public servant, I will bring to Hanover County a broad scope of work and educational experience as those listed above as well as a former owner of a small income tax preparation business. Because I was raised on public assistance by a single parent, I can relate to a diverse group of community members. But, mostly the ability to bring more unity to the community.

I can best serve and be an outreach for our Hanover community by being visible at events for and responsive to all constituents regardless of age, socio-economic status, political party, religion, or gender. Also, by serving on boards like the community service board and the broadband internet board. Finally, by selecting persons for committees who represent all the Hanover and South Anna is represented on every committee, especially the Comprehensive Plan committee.

I wish to offer Hanover County is to establish and promote a positive image of our beautiful county as one that welcomes listens to and acts on the needs of all individuals. Some special areas of focus should be one the following:

Housing for hardworking families (esp. teachers, firefighters, and police officers;)
Broadband internet services; Banning of Books; Mental health of students and teachers; Committee members' selection process; Lack of South Anna representative on the Comp Plan Team; and the Closing of Tyson.

A lifelong resident of the Montpelier area, Dr. Scott is a product of Hanover County Public Schools and is a graduate of Patrick Henry High School. She and her husband, Julien, Sr. (and her lab, Tilly) still reside on her maternal grandparents' property that has been in the family for approximately 100 years. Her daughter Faith is a Hanover High School graduate and a junior at UNCC.

Dr. Scott brings a wealth of my career experiences, from high school teacher, assistant principal, to adjunct college instructor at CNU and VSU. Also have experience working in the insurance industry and as an evening custodian. She has earned her education from: Longwood, B.S. Business Administration; VSU, M.S. Business Education; VA Tech, Ed.D. Career and Technical Education. An active volunteer in the community with Habitat for Humanity; Montpelier Center for Arts and Education board member; Hanover County Circuit Court Jury Commissioner; Hanover County Sheriff's Office Citizens Police Academy