Introduction: Do you like suburban living? Enjoy it while you can. The current Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, as dominated by Democrats, has stated that they want to urbanize the county. They want to change it from suburban to city. The trend can be stopped on November 5. Herein, we examine 15 relevant topics.

1. Fairfax Forward — to Traffic Congestion

The County has much control over how real-estate properties are developed. Zoning laws are a key means of control. Several years ago, the Democrat-controlled Board of Supervisors (BOS) introduced the program Fairfax Forward to promote what Chairman Bulova called “urbanization” — making the county a city. Its primary goal was increasing the County’s population density and the commercial density (floor area). Fairfax Forward replaced the Area Plan Review process, primarily by decreasing the input from the citizens affected by a plan change and allowing citizens fewer opportunities to review the changes and argue for modifications to the plans. The result is that much development is occurring without accommodations for increased traffic. Greater congestion can be expected. The County must return to greater citizen involvement in the planning and implementation processes, especially to ensure that the projected congestion is no worse than it is today.

2. One Fairfax — Racial Quotas Everywhere

The stated goal of One Fairfax is to provide every citizen equal opportunities for success, thereby achieving “equity”. County officials will argue vigorously that the program does not seek equal outcomes, but it surely does because the outcome determines if the goal is being met, as a video of the School Board meetings shows (http://www.voicesoffairfax.org/). For example, on the issue of equal educational opportunities, perfect success will be achieved when each classroom has a demographic distribution equal to that of the county. The School Board warns us, “If you buy a house in Fairfax County, don’t expect your kids to go to that school 10 years from now.” To achieve equity, “We want to bus your kids farther.” Because the County provides 72% of the school budget, the County can greatly influence the School Board’s equity policy, Policy 8130. To avoid this “equity” issue from influencing the November 2019 election, the School Board has postponed the vote on the policy until after the election. If the newly elected members have the same party affiliation as the current members, you can be sure that too will vote for racial quotas in the schools. We need to vote for equity on the School Board: at least as many Republicans as Democrats.

3. Transportation — Ever More Costly

Citizens are being taxed to pay for various mass-transit projects. The rail systems are especially expensive relative to the number of people they carry. The Dulles Rail project is the most visible project but has the least visible financial plan. Of the current large cost overrun, 75% will be borne by the Dulles Toll Road users – not the passengers. A Project Labor Agreement, a collusion between unions and our Democrat politicians, is increasing the cost overrun. The Agreement requires all construction workers to be paid the high union wages, thereby eliminating competition between union and non-union employers. On the flip side of the collusion, the union has the workers vote for these same Democrat politicians.

Fare evasion is the act of traveling on public transportation without paying the established fare required to travel. Metro estimates it loses $36 million per year in fare evasion (e.g., hurtling the gates) and decreases the Federal grant, which is based on ridership. The $36M is 4.5% of the total income from fares (https://www.wmata.com/about/board/meetings/board-pdfs/upload/4A-Fare-Evasion-Update.pdf). Don’t worry. Your taxes will cover the loss.
4. Your Safety Is in Jeopardy

Did you know that Fairfax County has become a sanctuary county? Sheriff Kincaid has decided not to detain jailed people whom Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has requested that she hold so ICE can evaluate them for deportation. Sheriff Kincaid releases into society these likely illegal aliens, despite their criminal record See:


Police Chief Roessler agrees. He suspended a police office who cooperated with ICE. See:

https://www.dailycaller.com/2019/10/01/fairfax-county-police-ice-illegal-alien-car-accident/

Not only that, but Fairfax County is spending your tax dollars to provide free legal services to illegal aliens as needed to prevent deportation by ICE.

Although crime overall continues to decrease in Fairfax County, four classes of crime are not: drug usage, prostitution, pornography, and white-collar crimes. The first three are “private” crimes, stemming from poor moral formation. When teaching the eternal consequences of personal immoral behavior was removed from public schools, these crimes have become more common. The indignities associated with these crimes surely contributes to the increase in suicides. Sheriff Kincaid is not helping. The three “private” crimes are common near the U.S. southern border, the source of the criminals that she is releasing.

5. Social Services

The Va Dept Social Services (DSS) does not explain “Other Services” in its budget for the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program. See:


The total expenditures in 2017 are listed in the referenced report as $262M, of which $147M are in core areas. That would indicate that only 147/262 = 56% goes to the needy. Even though private charities must pay for fund-raising, they have more than 80% going to the needy. See:


Perhaps TANF should be out-sourced to a private entity so the poor would get more money — or taxes decreased. Outsourcing is not something the present administration is likely to do.

6. Affordable Housing

The Washington Times reported on Sept 12, 2019, that the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) has resolved to increase the availability of affordable housing. COG expects there will be 400,000 new jobs by 2030, but only 245,000 new housing units — unless the governments do something. COG members agreed to a goal of 320,000 new housing units, with 75% being near mass transit and 75% being affordable to low- and middle-income households. COG does not seem to think that market forces will be sufficient to meet these goals.

The ratio of workers to households is approximately 1.6; therefore, 245,000 households would normally provide 392,000 workers. Government interference seems unnecessary to meet the demand. “Affordable” means requiring no more than 30% of income to pay for the housing, whether rent or own. For example, a $2100-per-month apartment is affordable only to households earning $7,000 per month ($84,000 per year). Households with income below this amount are eligible for rent subsidies or builder-provided housing at below-market rental rates. As expected, the demand far exceeds the supply. The awardees, some of whom are County and school employees, are chosen in interviews by County employees!

There is little land that is not developed in Fairfax County; therefore, increasing housing means increased population density in already dense areas. Opposition from existing residents stems from fear of more congestion and crowded schools.

Changes in the planning process are needed. Reston is a good example. The plans give little attention to congestion and crowded schools. Zoning is in the county domain; roads and transportation are in the state domain. The two need to plan together, with the plan including a time line for the development, not increasing density then lamenting the congestion.
7. School Budget
Funding for public schools comes primarily from two sources: county (72%) and state (24%). The BOS has 72% control over the $3B school budget. The county needs to hire an Inspector General (IG), reportable to the public and the BOS, to analyze the expenditures and the effectiveness of each program. IG’s strive to maintain the highest level of trust, integrity, and professionalism in the organization. The investigators have the authority to prosecute individuals for fraud. The carry-over budget, usually over $100M, especially should be analyzed, because it causes contingency funds to be expended with little public review, in part because the presentation of the carry-over budget is so obscure. Hire an independent IG.

8. For or Against New County Bonds?
The November 2019 ballot in Fairfax County will include a referendum on a $360M bond for the schools. Should you vote for it or against it? We citizens do not get enough information to make a rational decision. We need an estimate of the interest rate that will be paid. If the bond interest rate is lower than the individual voter’s interest rate (e.g., on his home), then the voter should vote for the bond. If the bond interest rate is higher than the voter’s interest rate, then the voter should vote against the bond. FCTA Board Members will be voting against the bond because they are not confident that the expenditure is justifiable and because the expected interest rate is unknown.

9. Reasons People Are Moving Out of Fairfax
On August 15, 2019, FCTA Board Members met with County’s Chief Financial Officer, Joe Mondoro. They discussed the forecasts that the real estate market will be weak next year. The historical response by the Board of Supervisors is to raise the real-estate tax rate to offset the losses in assessed values. Meanwhile, as School Board member Moon has pointed out repeatedly, family income is decreasing. Mondoro has stated on other occasions that the trend of increasing taxes and decreasing income is unsustainable. We need to rein in the school and county expenditures.

The exodus of Fairfax County’s middle class is exacerbated by the Democrat Sheriff Kincaid’s choosing not to cooperate with the Federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency, thereby freeing criminal illegal aliens into county communities. Now, the School Board is planning to redistrict and bus students to make every school have the same racial demographics. Who wants to buy a home with no guarantee the children will attend a nearby school but, instead, bused to schools where students are less prepared for college?

10. Seniors Leave Fairfax with Their Money
Fairfax County spent an unrevealed amount of money for a research firm to contact 22,000 residents over the age of 50 (Search fairfaxcounty.gov for 50plus-community-survey-results-updated-report.pdf — with the appendix) to find out what common sense would have told them about living in Fairfax. Only 4,777 cared to reply.

The research organization “estimated the economic contribution to Fairfax County by adult residents aged 50 and up is about $3.7B (billion) annually for unpaid work (caregiving, volunteering, etc.) and an additional $11B for part-time or full-time work.” If only 62% of the volunteers stay in Fairfax, Fairfax loses $5.5 billion annually. If the county must hire people to do these volunteer jobs, the $4.3B county expenditure will more than double. — as will taxes Census data confirm the exodus: The number of residents in the 50-55 year range is about 40,000, but it drops to about 10,000 by the 60-65 year range.

The report adds “One of the most challenging aspects of living in Northern Virginia is transportation.” It omits traffic that barely moves, the lack of road expansion, high taxes, and the dangers from assault by criminal illegal aliens.
Fairfax’s planned next step is to spend more money on additional surveys, rather than deal with the obvious problems.

11. **Money in Politics**

In 2018–2019, in Virginia, large donations from the wealthy add up to $15M to the Democrat Party but only $4M to the Republican Party. A total of $4M has gone to other parties such as the Libertarian and Green parties. Of the top ten wealthy donors nationwide, eight fund the Democrats. The Democrat Party has become the party of the wealthy. A lucid report on the financing can be found at https://www.baconsrebellion.com/wp/dems-big-money-and-cultural-dominance/.

Ideas and principles should dominate elections, not money. Clearly, however, money sways the election. The problem is not the money but the gullibility of the voters. We are too highly influenced by political advertising, whether direct or by biased reporters. We are gullible because we were not taught properly in the public schools. The solution is to teach people to be armed against propaganda: skeptical, demanding data and proof; listening to both sides of the argument; using reason instead of feelings; and overcoming intellectual laziness.

12. **Integrity of Elected Officials**

We need people in government who are open and honest, who have a high moral character. As George Washington said, "Religion and morality are the essential pillars of civil society." Benjamin Franklin added, “[O]nly a virtuous people are capable of freedom. As nations become corrupt and vicious, they have more need of masters." Virtuous people are especially important in government.

We and the Founding Fathers would never have expected Governor Northam to promote infanticide or ridicule Black people. Who would have thought to ask about his moral standards? His public condoning of infanticide is a sure indication that the practice is common. It is the only type of abortion that a person can survive — and people do survive. Democrat Delegate Kathy Tran’s proposed bill indicates that Northam is not alone among Democrats in supporting infanticide. Eighty times, the Democrats in Congress blocked the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act. Lt. Gov. Fairfax and Attorney General Herring similarly violated what we can justifiably expect from our elected officials. If they do this about humans, what might they do about money? See: https://www.baconsrebellion.com/wp/virginia-ethics-enforcement-so-weak-it-cant-be-rated/

Candidates need to be publicly vetted. Background checks are common these days. The total expenditures, at least some being paid by the candidate, would not be large because there are few enough candidates. Background checks might also save candidates from being smeared with lies and innuendos.

We also need integrity in accusers. Libel laws are too lenient, especially if the victim of the libel is a public person. Hard evidence is needed for every accusation. At present, the offended must prove innocence, rather than the offender prove the accusation. The false accusations against Judge Kavanaugh illustrate the weakness of the current system. The accuser pays no penalty. In fact, Kavanaugh’s accuser became a millionaire because of her false accusations. People now avoid running for public office because they fear smears. Innuendos such as “I think …” and “Some say …” and “There is some reason to believe …” should be subject to strong libel laws. Free speech is one thing; free lies, another.

Politicians have much at stake. They should strengthen the laws so we get good, vetted legislators, those who keep their campaign promises and keep taxes no greater than the growth in population and the cost-of-living.

13. **Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness**

DNA shows that the product of human conception is a new human being, right from the moment of conception; therefore, science shows that abortion kills a human being. Pre-born and newly born human beings surely do not deserve to be killed. Every candidate from the Democrat Party not only permits but assists in killing these innocent children. They violate the Declaration of Independence: “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain
unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.” The child has a right to life. Our local Democrats deny this right; the Republicans do not. Whoever votes for a Democrat is complicit. If Democrats get control of the state government, we taxpayers will soon be supporting abortion. Things could get worse (for babies). Recently, Presidential Candidate Bernie Sanders said that abortion is an acceptable way of population control. Because a disproportionate number of abortions are performed on Black women, is he following in the footsteps of the founder of Planned Parenthood, Margaret Sanger, who wanted to decrease the Black population? Is Sanders racist?

14. 2nd Amendment

The purpose of the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution is to deter a tyrannical takeover of the U.S. government such as is possible with a socialist or one-party system. Control of both the executive and legislative branches of the government by a single party is quite similar to a one-party system. Most tyrannies try to disarm the citizens to prevent a successful revolution. The recent mass murders are being used by the government to justify disarming the citizens, despite the fact that gun murders are near an all-time low. Gun murders should and could be reduced — at zero taxpayer expense. The method is simple: teach morality in schools. They already teach that bullying is evil. It seems safe to say that every religion teaches that severe punishment, even eternal punishment — awaits murderers after they die. Only godless people teach otherwise. Potential murderers should fear eternity in hell; however, currently, our School Board keeps the schools godless. We need more Republicans on the School Board to offset the current Democrat majority. More taxpayer money will not cause a change. The Board must change.

15. Global Warming/Climate Change

On Thursday, July 11, 2019, in a House Science, Space, and Technology Committee hearing on climate change, under questioning by Congressman Mo Brooks (R, AL-05), four members of a bipartisan panel of climate science experts all admitted that humans are NOT responsible for the Earth’s global warming that has occurred over the past 20,000 years (since the Earth’s last glacial maximum). See https://brooks.house.gov/media-center/news-releases/congressman-brooks-bipartisan-panel-scientists-confirms-humans-are-not. During the last glacial maximum of roughly 20,000 years ago:

- Average global temperatures were roughly 11°F COLDER than they are today (per Zurich University of Applied Science) — the average global temperature has increased roughly 0.5°F per century over the past 20,000 years.
- Sea levels were roughly 410 feet LOWER 20,000 years ago than they are today (per the United States Geological Survey). Stated differently, sea levels have risen, on average, roughly two feet per century over the past 20,000 years (global warming enthusiasts’ claim the average sea level has risen (only) one foot per century since 1993).
- Almost all of Canada, Northern Europe, and America (north of the Missouri and Ohio Rivers, east to New York City) was under glacial ice and uninhabitable. The experts say that the earth was too lightly populated by humans to make humanity responsible for the Earth’s global warming that began 20,000 years ago. Solar activity that affects cloud cover is the dominant cause of climate change.

Despite this scientific data, the emotional furor over global warming persists — and we citizens will be the victims of the unscientific politicians. Here are two of the plans.

The County has set aside $0.8M to spearhead the Joint Environmental Task (JET) force. The JET’s mission is to join the political and administrative capabilities of the county and the school system to proactively address climate change and environmental sustainability. JET will consider implementing on County property technologies related to climate, energy, and the environment to reduce carbon-dioxide emissions. Because such technologies are more expensive than current technologies, we can expect higher taxes – all in the name of saving the planet from global warming. The cost-benefit analysis will (arbitrarily) assign high values to the benefit of reducing carbon-dioxide emissions, despite the fact that no empirical data exists.
that shows that man-made emissions have an insignificant impact relative to the effect of solar activity on cloud cover. Read more at https://faithforclimate.org/fairfax-to-zero/.

The Commonwealth of Virginia has its counterpart. Virginia’s participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) carbon tax is now fully authorized under a new state regulation (not law). Only the one-vote Republican margin in the two General Assembly chambers keeps Virginia out of RGGI at this time. Democrats are 100% in favor of this program to reduce carbon-dioxide emissions, despite what doing so will do to the economy and despite the lack of hard evidence that man-made carbon-dioxide emissions have a significant impact on global warming. A level-headed commentary on the complex RGGI can be found at http://www.thomasjeffersoninst.org/files/3/RGGI_Final.pdf.

Our politicians are spending money to save the planet that needs no saving. Why are the politicians doing this? See: https://tfpstudentaction.org/blog/socialism-and-climate-change

We must retain the Republican control of the legislature to prevent funding these futile, expensive endeavors.

2019 State Candidates

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State Senate, by district
32nd: Arthur Purves, FairfaxGOP.org/video-podcast-arthur-purves-for-state-senate/
33rd: Suzanne Fox, SuzanneFoxForVa.com
39th: Dutch Hillenburg, DutchForSenate.com
For other districts, voters have no choice, except for write-ins.

House of Delegates, by district
34th: Gary Pan, PanForVirginia.com
39th: Nick Bell, bell2019.com
40th: Tim Hugo, TimHugo.com
42nd: Steve Adragna, SteveAdragna.us/home.html
44th: Richard Hayden, HaydenForDelegate.com
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Other Offices
Commonwealth Attorney: Jonathan Fahey, jonforfairfax.com

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Board of Supervisors

Chair: Joe Galdo, galdoforchairman.com/
Braddock: Jason Rêmer, jasonforbraddock.org/
Dranesville: Ed Martin, VoteEdMartin.com/
Hunter Mill: Walter Alcorn, walteralcorn.com
Mason: Gary Aiken, thegpac.com/
Springfield: Pat Herrity, patherrity.org/
Sully: Srilekha Palle, PalleForSully.com

School Board (vote for three at-large)
At-large: Cheryl Buford, cherylbuford.com/
At-large: Priscilla DeStefano, priscillaforfairfax.com/
At-large: Vinson Palathingal, vinsonforschoolboard.com/
Braddock: Zia Tompkins, 4braddockschools.com/
Dranesville: Anastasia Karloutsos, anastasia4kids.com/
Hunter Mill: Laura Ramirez Drain, vote4laura.com/
Mason: Tom Pafford, are-you-happy-yet.com/
Mount Vernon: Steven Mosley, stevendmosley.com/
Providence: Andi Bayer, andrea4schoolboard.com/
Springfield: Elizabeth Schultz, schultzforschoolboard.com/
Sully: Tom Wilson, tomwilson4schoolboard.com/

Soil and Water Conservation (vote for three)

Chris Bowen, bowenforfairfax.com/
Jane Dudik, fairfaxgop.org/video-jane-dudik-for-soil-and-water-conservation-board/
Ed McGovern, fairfaxgop.org/fairfax-gop-endorses-candidates-for-soil-water-conservation-board/