



# EXAMINE THE FACTS: Virginia's 2009 Election

*Jewish voters will face important choices when going to the polls. Learn the facts and be sure to vote on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.*



## CREIGH DEEDS DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR

### ENDORSED BY *THE WASHINGTON POST*:

“If the current campaign for governor has clarified anything, it is that state Sen. *R. Creigh Deeds*, the Democratic nominee, has the good sense and political courage to maintain the forward-looking policies of the past while addressing the looming challenge of fixing the state's dangerously inadequate roads... He has stood with Gov. Timothy M. Kaine, the incumbent, and his predecessor, now-Sen. Mark R. Warner, in support of the sane fiscal and budgetary choices that have made the state one of the best-governed and most business-friendly in the nation... It is Mr. Deeds whose ideas hold the promise of a prosperous future.”

-“Mr. Deeds for Governor”, *The Washington Post*, 10/18/2009

(<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/10/17/AR2009101701477.html>)

### ISRAEL:

“Just over a year ago, I visited the State of Israel for the first time on a 10-day mission... What I learned in that time extended beyond ancient history and into our own times.. Wherever I went, I saw a peace-loving people living their normal day-to-day lives and united in their fierce determination for a better future... Our relationship to the country and its markets can only benefit both parties—Virginia can learn and create jobs through partnerships and development, and Israel gains a proud friend and partner, in both Virginia's Jewish and gentile communities.”

- Creigh Deeds, Statement on Israel 2009

### REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM:

“I believe it is up to a woman, her family, her doctor and her spiritual adviser to make this decision. My opponent believes government should make this decision.”

- Creigh Deeds, *Richmond Times Dispatch*, 8/10/2009

([http://www2.timesdispatch.com/rtd/news/local/article/GOVSGATER10\\_20090810-194201/285172](http://www2.timesdispatch.com/rtd/news/local/article/GOVSGATER10_20090810-194201/285172))

### STEM CELL RESEARCH:

“Creigh was encouraged by the Obama Administration's recent decision to lift restrictions on the use of ethically created lines of embryonic stem cells for scientific research. Stem cell research has the potential to improve the quality of life of thousands of Virginians suffering from diseases like Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, and diabetes. Creigh will make Virginia a leader in this exciting and potentially life-saving field of scientific research by lifting restrictions on state funding for ethical, science-based embryonic stem cell research.”

- Creigh Deeds, *Creigh Deeds Plan for a Healthy Virginia*, p.11

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## ABSENTEE BALLOTS AND VOTING

In Virginia, if you will be out of your city or precinct for the entire day of the election, or will be away from your precinct or commuting to a job or school for 11 of the 13 hours polls are open (6am-7pm), you qualify for absentee voting. You can either request that an absentee ballot be sent to you by mail, or you can go into your local voter registration office to vote absentee in person. Absentee ballots by mail must be requested by October 27<sup>th</sup>, while absentee voting at your voter registration office can occur until Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. For more information, or to receive an absentee ballot, please go to: [http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/Absentee\\_Voting/Index.html](http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/Absentee_Voting/Index.html).

*In Virginia, Governor, Lt. Governor, and Attorney General do not run on a ticket. Each office must be voted separately. Please take the time to learn about the Lt. Governor and Attorney General candidates, and vote on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.*

# JODY WAGNER

## DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR LT. GOVERNOR



### ENDORSED BY *THE WASHINGTON POST*:

“Jody Wagner, Virginia's former secretary of finance, is the sort of Democrat that helped cement the Old Dominion's status as among the cleanest, best managed and most business-friendly states in the country. She is easily the better choice as Virginia's next lieutenant governor... Smart, tough-minded and capable, Ms. Wagner would be among the best-prepared public officials to assume the job.”

-“Jody Wagner for Virginia Lt. Governor”, *The Washington Post*, 10/19/2009

(<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/10/18/AR2009101801993.html>)

### ABOUT JODY WAGNER:

Jody began her “life in public service working as a volunteer leader on boards of the United Way, United Jewish Federation, and some of their supported agencies.” If elected, Jody would not just be the first woman to serve as Lt. Governor, but the first Jewish person to hold state-wide elected office in Virginia.

- Jody Wagner, 2009 JCRC Virginia Candidates' Questionnaire

(<http://www.jcouncil.org/site/DocServer/LTGDWagner.pdf?docID=3741&AddInterest=1481>)

### ISRAEL:

“I believe the Virginia Israel Advisory Board (VIAB) plays a very important role in the Commonwealth's business community, and should be fully funded. One of my main goals is increase number of bio-tech and green energy jobs in VA and as part of that strategy we need to look at increasing the funding for VIAB.”

- Jody Wagner, 2009 JCRC Virginia Candidates' Questionnaire

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### REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM:

“With Jody Wagner, Virginians have the opportunity to elect a leader who cares about preventing unintended pregnancies and making commonsense measures like birth control, and contraception accessible to all.”

- NARAL Pro-Choice Virginia PAC, 8/5/09 (<http://www.naralva.org/news/pacpress/200908051.shtml>)

# STEVE SHANNON

## DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL



### REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM:

“Delegate Shannon is a pro-choice leader who has supported numerous measures to prevent unintended pregnancies, promote comprehensive sex education, and reduce the need for abortion. We are thrilled to endorse Steve and look forward to working closely with him in years to come.”

-NARAL Pro-Choice Virginia PAC, 6/25/09

(<http://www.naralva.org/news/pacpress/200907141.shtml>)

### KEEPING VIRGINIA SAFE:

“In 1999, Steve Shannon helped lead the effort to create Northern Virginia's AMBER Alert system to help rescue abducted children and respond quickly when a child is reported missing. Law enforcement experts agree that by swiftly notifying and mobilizing the public, we dramatically increase the chance of finding a child during the critical hours following abduction.”

-Steve Shannon for Attorney General

(<http://shannon2009.com/node/23>)



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