

# Wendy Gooditis

**Virginia House of Delegates District 10**

## ABOUT THE CANDIDATE



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Wendy was raised to work hard and serve others. She grew up in Cranbury, New Jersey with two older brothers. Her father spent his childhood in rural Alabama during the Great Depression, where his family had scraped and saved to buy milk for him as an infant. As an adult, he rode in a commuter van over two hours each day to work, but still found time to teach Wendy how to play the piano and work hard for what she believed in.

Her mother and grandmother were public school teachers. In the 1930s, Wendy's grandmother pushed social limits to earn her graduate degree, and Wendy's mother followed suit. From them, Wendy learned early the importance of education, perseverance, and working women.

In college, Wendy applied her equestrian background to service. She worked as a student mounted marshal for the Rutgers Police, logging 30 hours a week with a full course load. After graduation, following in her family's tradition of strong, working women, Wendy went on to lead a team of mid-career men at Bell Laboratories when she was 26 years old.

After she met Chris, her husband of 25 years, Wendy made the move to Virginia. Following the birth of her children in the mid-1990s, Wendy became enamored with education. She received her Masters in Education from Shenandoah University. During her career in education she taught in the Clarke County public school system, at an area private school, and partially homeschooled her children. As her kids entered college, Wendy knew that she would need to help pay the tuition bills. She joined RE/MAX as a realtor in 2013, and has been there since.

Like millions of other Americans in 2017, Wendy decided that she had to get off the sidelines. She co-founded an Indivisible chapter in the predominantly red Clarke County. However, she knew that was not enough. After deciding to run for the 10th district seat in the spring, she stormed to victory on November 7th 2017, beating 3 term incumbent Randy Minchew.

She believes that our government should give everyone a fair shot. Virginia should be a place with job opportunities, safe roads, clean air, and affordable healthcare. As a Delegate, Wendy fights for legislation that makes Virginia a better, fairer Commonwealth.

## DATA ABOUT THE DISTRICT

Population	Households	Over 65	White	Black	Latinx	Median Income	Below Poverty Line	Unemployed	College Grads	HS Grads	No HS Grad
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### PAST RACES

#### Congressional Districts

Nested Congressional Districts: CD10 (Cook PVI: D+1)

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

#### 2017 House of Delegates Election Results

Wendy Gooditis	52%	15,161
Randall Minchew (Incumbent)	48.1%	14,025

#### 2017 House of Delegates Fundraising

\* Via Virginia Public Access Project (VPAP)

Democrat	\$480,393
Republican	\$373,422

#### 2017 Gubernatorial Results

Ralph Northam	54.02%	14,678
Ed Gillespie	44.84%	12,183

#### 2018 Congressional

Democrat	53.90%	19,827
Republican	45.94%	16,899

#### 2016 President

Hillary Clinton	50.29%	22,674
Donald Trump	43.91%	19,799

#### 2012 President

Barack Obama	47.48%	19,316
Mitt Romney	51.12%	20,797

### ON THE ISSUES:

#### Education

As a career educator and mom of two, Wendy understands that our communities are only as strong as our schools are. In Richmond, she fights for competitive public schools so that each child in Virginia can learn and succeed. The wage for Virginia public school teachers is about \$7,000 under the national average. As both Wendy's mom and grandmother were public school teachers, she understands firsthand the impact of underpaid educators. This life experience makes her a staunch supporter of a living wage and benefits for public educators, so that Virginia can recruit and retain the nation's top talent. She knows that investing in Virginia's families means investing in Virginia's teachers.

#### Healthcare

Wendy believes that everyone should receive the health care they need and deserve. She knows how critical state support can be – Wendy and her family have healthcare due to the Affordable Care Act.

Wendy voted to expanding Medicaid, so that an estimated 400,000 Virginians don't have to keep making the impossible choices between paying healthcare bills or paying the mortgage. She also understands that Medicaid expansion is good for Virginia's economy – through a healthy workforce and the creation of about 30,000 new jobs. About a week into her candidacy, Wendy lost her brother, Brian, to mental illness. He had been denied Medicaid in Virginia for years. She's fighting so that Virginia families don't have to experience what hers did. In the United States we don't abandon the most vulnerable among us, we help and care for them.

#### Jobs and Economic Development

Wendy believes that the economy should work for everyone, and give each Virginian a fair shot. That means competitive public and technical education systems, a living minimum wage, and jobs for our veterans. It also means the protection of worker's rights, labor unions, and equal economic opportunity for all Virginians. It means government investment in public infrastructure so that we can build better roads, bike lanes, and transit systems. Virginia's economy is developing quickly, and we must take steps to ensure that our workforce is well trained and paid so that it can grow and compete.

#### Redistricting and Voting Rights

Gerrymandering is the issue that first got Wendy out of her chair at a town hall back in February 2017. As a 19-year resident of the district, she has watched its lines be contorted and redrawn.

Wendy believes that free and fair elections are tenets of our democracy. Voters should be choosing their politicians instead of politicians choosing their voters. She has supported a constitutional amendment in Virginia to ensure that district lines are not drawn to favor any individual or political party. Furthermore, she firmly opposes any effort to make voting harder -- and is appalled by Virginia House Republicans efforts to require photo identification for absentee ballots and multiple forms of state identifications at the voting booth.

#### Environment

Wendy believes that strong communities start with a healthy planet. Raising her children on the banks of the Shenandoah River, Wendy chose to live in District 10 because of its beautiful green spaces, clean water, and clear air. In office, Wendy defends and expands existing environmental protections. To ensure that she can legislate without bias, Wendy has pledged never to take campaign contributions from Dominion Power or Appalachian Power.

Wendy supports Virginia's investment in renewable energy, making alternative energy options like solar panels and wind energy more accessible and affordable. She pushes for cleanup efforts and the preservation of District 10's best green spaces. Development must be responsible, and cannot come at the cost of our land, water, and air.

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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.

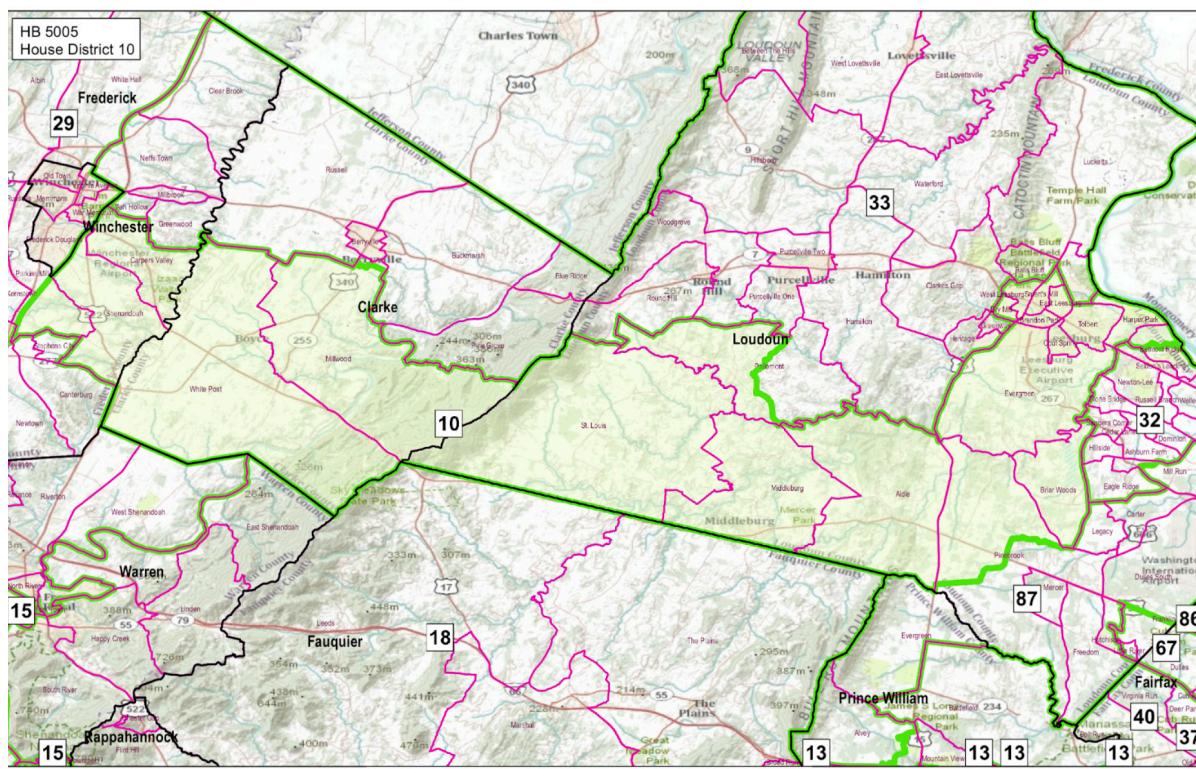
Demographic shifts in Virginia favor Democrats. And a number of badly gerrymandered House districts have recently been fairly redrawn upon federal court order (subject to Supreme Court review). This should give Democrats an opportunity to compete fairly in a broader set of House districts this year.

#### 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 (Wendy Gooditis)

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. Gooditis received an A+ (100%) grade for the 2018 session.

#### Virginia Education Association

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

### ABOUT THE OPPONENT

J. Randall Minchew is a former Republican member of the Virginia House of Delegates, representing District 10 from 2012 to 2017, when he was defeated by Wendy Gooditis.

#### 2017 Legislator Scorecard (Randy Minchew)

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." Minchew received an 82% score for the 2017 session.

#### Virginia Chapter Sierra Club

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

#### Virginia Free

Legislators are scored based on legislation related to business and industry issues. Minchew scored 86% for the 2017 session.

#### Virginia Tea Party Patriots Federation - House

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

### CANDIDATE IN THE NEWS

#### A Year Ago, They Marched. Now a Record Number of Women Are Running for Office

<http://time.com/magazine/us/5107476/january-29th-2018-vol-191-no-3-u-s/>

#### Women Line Up to Run for Office, Harnessing Their Outrage at Trump

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/12/04/us/politics/women-candidates-office.html?mtrref=www.nytimes.com&gwh=0B88A41E7AECF6614518751D656E5DB4&gwt=pay>

#### With election stakes high, even local Virginia contests draw national volunteers and attention

<https://www.latimes.com/politics/la-na-pol-democrats-virginia-20171105-story.html>

#### Del. Gooditis Announces 4 Bills Aimed at Combating Child Abuse

<https://loudounnow.com/2019/01/04/del-gooditis-announces-4-bills-aimed-at-combating-child-abuse/>

#### Gooditis outlines legislative priorities in 2019

[https://www.winchesterstar.com/winchester\\_star/gooditis-outlines-legislative-priorities-in/article\\_af1fabcb-7f6a-5f6d-b8ec-359cfbe494e3.html](https://www.winchesterstar.com/winchester_star/gooditis-outlines-legislative-priorities-in/article_af1fabcb-7f6a-5f6d-b8ec-359cfbe494e3.html)

#### Looking For Solutions To Rising Suicide Rate Among Virginia Women

<https://www.wvtf.org/post/looking-solutions-rising-suicide-rate-among-virginia-women#stream/0>

#### Gooditis: Redistricting in Virginia remains partisan

[https://www.loudountimes.com/opinion/gooditis-redistricting-in-virginia-remains-partisan/article\\_f2c88396-552c-11e8-81a2-13cdc657ad20.html](https://www.loudountimes.com/opinion/gooditis-redistricting-in-virginia-remains-partisan/article_f2c88396-552c-11e8-81a2-13cdc657ad20.html)

#### New Law Puts Focus on Suicide Prevention Efforts in Virginia

<https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/virginia/articles/2018-04-05/new-law-puts-focus-on-suicide-prevention-efforts-in-virginia>

#### A league of their own: Northern Virginia women lean in to political paradigm shift

[https://www.loudountimes.com/news/a-league-of-their-own-northern-virginia-women-lean-in/article\\_b86b20d0-62e7-5984-85a7-e25baa624f15.html](https://www.loudountimes.com/news/a-league-of-their-own-northern-virginia-women-lean-in/article_b86b20d0-62e7-5984-85a7-e25baa624f15.html)