

# Ghazala Hashmi

## Virginia Senate District 10

### ABOUT THE CANDIDATE



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**GHAZALA HASHMI**

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Dr. Ghazala Hashmi is an experienced educator and advocate who has spent over 25 years working within Virginia's college and university system. She currently serves as the Founding Director of the Center for Excellence in Teaching & Learning (CETL) at Reynolds Community College.

Ghazala immigrated to the U.S. from India 50 years ago. As an immigrant living in a small town in the South, she saw first-hand how community building and fostering important dialogue can bridge the cultural and socioeconomic divisions that we face.

She later earned her PhD in English from Emory University, and she and her husband moved to the Richmond area in 1991. Their daughters were born and raised in Midlothian and educated in Chesterfield County Public Schools. Ghazala is guided by the principles of integrity, social justice, and ethics in government in her approach to public service. If elected, Ghazala Hashmi would be the first Muslim-American woman to serve in the Virginia State Senate.

The district has been trending increasingly more Democratic over the last several elections. The current GOP incumbent pulled out a slight victory in 2015, but the district voted for Clinton and Northam by more than 10 points.

Senate District 10 is ready for a progressive leader in the State Senate who truly understands the district – its priorities, its diversity, and its potential – and is ready to fight for residents every day in Richmond.

By sharing her plans on important issues like improving public education, implementing commonsense gun safety reforms, and protecting the natural beauty of our Commonwealth, Ghazala will build a meaningful connection with voters that will propel her to victory.

### SOCIAL MEDIA + LINKS

**SDP ACTBLUE LINK**

<https://secure.actblue.com/donate/sdp-va-hashmi>

**WEBSITE**

<https://hashmi4vasenate.org>

**FACEBOOK**

<https://www.facebook.com/Hashmi4VASenate>

**TWITTER**

<https://twitter.com/hashmi4va>

### DATA ABOUT THE DISTRICT

| Population | Households | Over 65 | White  | Black  | Latinx | Median Income | Below Poverty Line | Unemployed | College Grads | HS Grads | No HS Grad |
|------------|------------|---------|--------|--------|--------|---------------|--------------------|------------|---------------|----------|------------|
| 211129     | 82277      | 15.10%  | 65.20% | 21.60% | 6.30%  | 68124         | 10.30%             | 3.70%      | 52.60%        | 39.90%   | 7.90%      |

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### PAST RACES

#### Congressional Districts

Nested Congressional Districts: CD4, 7 (Cook PVI: D+10, R+6)  
Learn more about Cook Political Ratings (Partisan Voting Index): <https://cookpolitical.com/ratings>

#### 2015 Senate Results

|                 |       |        |
|-----------------|-------|--------|
| Dan Gecker      | 47.2% | 26,173 |
| Glen Sturdevant | 49.8% | 27,651 |

#### 2015 Senate Fundraising

\* Via Virginia Public Access Project (VPAP)

|            |             |
|------------|-------------|
| Democrat   | \$2,940,094 |
| Republican | \$2,022,352 |

#### 2017 Gubernatorial Results

|               |        |        |
|---------------|--------|--------|
| Ralph Northam | 57.19% | 44,470 |
| Ed Gillespie  | 41.57% | 32,322 |

#### 2018 Senate Results

|               |        |        |
|---------------|--------|--------|
| Tim Kaine     | 60.76% | 58,339 |
| Corey Stewart | 37.10% | 35,621 |
| Matt Waters   | 2.14%  | 2,055  |

#### 2016 President

|                 |        |        |
|-----------------|--------|--------|
| Hillary Clinton | 53.17% | 55,343 |
| Donald Trump    | 40.54% | 43,196 |

#### 2012 President

|              |        |        |
|--------------|--------|--------|
| Barack Obama | 50.41% | 55,033 |
| Mitt Romney  | 48.16% | 52,579 |

### ABOUT THE INCUMBENT

Glen Sturdevant (Republican) is a member of the Virginia State Senate, representing District 10. Sturdevant is running in the general election on November 5, 2019. He was first elected to the chamber in 2015.

#### 2018 Scorecard

##### NARAL Pro-Choice Virginia

Legislators are scored based on their voting record on reproductive issues. Sturdevant scored 0% for the 2018 session.

##### Virginia Citizens Defense League

Legislators are scored on their votes on bills related to support of the Second Amendment. Sturdevant scored 80% for the 2018 session.

##### Virginia Education Association

Legislators are scored on their votes on bills related to education. Sturdevant scored 60% for the 2018 session.

##### Virginia League of Conservation Voters

Legislators are scored on their votes on environmental and conservation issues. Sturdevant scored 55% for the 2018 session.

### CANDIDATE IN THE NEWS

#### Ghazala Hashmi wins Democratic primary in State Senate District 10

<https://wtvr.com/2019/06/11/democratic-primary-in-state-senate-district-10/>

#### Hashmi wins Democratic primary, will take on Sen. Sturdevant in November

[https://www.richmond.com/news/virginia/government-politics/hashmi-wins-democratic-primary-will-take-on-sen-sturdevant-in-article\\_4e5c5b35-d6e1-51ba-ac6d-b46e629c9f7f.html](https://www.richmond.com/news/virginia/government-politics/hashmi-wins-democratic-primary-will-take-on-sen-sturdevant-in-article_4e5c5b35-d6e1-51ba-ac6d-b46e629c9f7f.html)

#### Hashmi Declares Victory In Senate District 10 Race

<https://ideastations.org/radio/news/hashmi-declares-victory-senate-district-10-race>

### 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**

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### ON THE ISSUES:

#### Early Childhood Education

Early Childhood Education is the foundation upon which Virginia students can build a lifetime of skills for social and academic success. Quality and accessible early childhood education is a fiscally-sound investment for our communities, helping young children develop the emotional, social, cognitive, and motor skills necessary for effective learning.

#### Quality Public Education

Providing quality public education for all Virginia families is our shared social responsibility. Regardless of socio-economic status, children have a right to public educational institutions that are supportive and that nurture intellectual curiosity and creativity. Virginia has every capacity to be a national leader in providing access to high quality public education.

#### Accessible and Affordable Higher Education

Accessible and affordable higher education is essential if we want to grow Virginia's economy and ensure that our residents are prepared to lead and to participate in a rapidly-changing world. The next generation of public leaders, entrepreneurs, teachers, and creative thinkers need access to quality community colleges, colleges, and research universities.

#### Workforce Development

An effective plan matches the state's workforce needs to the skills development and training requirements of individuals seeking employment. By supporting the work of community colleges and other workforce development organizations, Virginia will lead the way in responding to new and emerging workforce needs and in developing the skills and abilities of our residents.

#### Women's Reproductive Rights

Reproductive health care is a right, not a privilege. I am committed to protecting all women's right to make their own family planning decisions. I will also fight to ensure that women have access to affordable reproductive health services.

#### Comprehensive Healthcare

Virginia's recent Medicaid expansion provided healthcare insurance for 400,000 previously-uninsured Virginians. Preventative care, comprehensive coverage for pre-existing conditions, mental health and substance abuse treatment plans, and coverage for young adults through their parents' insurance ensures that our state values the health and safety of all of its residents.

#### Accessible Healthcare

Too many of our residents have limited access to quality healthcare services. Comprehensive health insurance provides entry into healthcare services, but it is not enough. Virginians also need accessible healthcare

services and facilities, and they need healthcare providers with whom they can develop trusting relationships. Development and expansion of effective medical services such as telemedicine technologies, mobile clinics, and effective cooperation across organizations will help our residents access healthcare and improve lives.

#### Environmental Protections

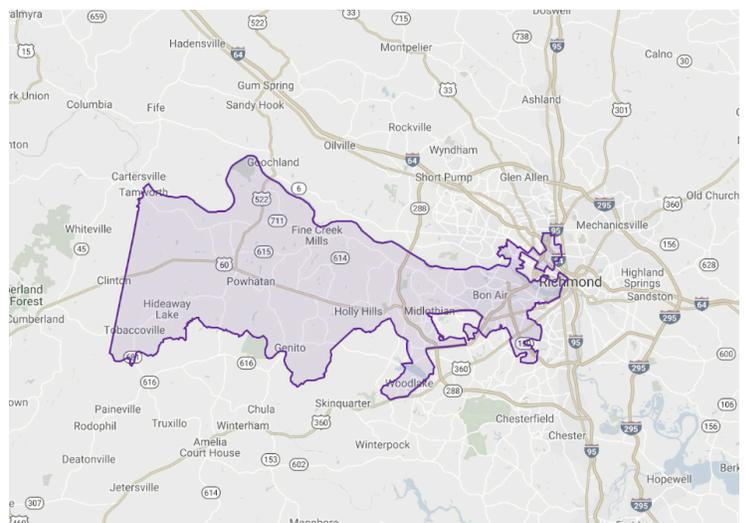
The health of Virginia's environment is the foundational rock for all of our communities. Ensuring protections for clean air, water, and soil are not options; they are safeguards of our most valuable legacies for our children and grandchildren. Environmental protections and regulations protect our communities and place people over profit.

#### Broadband Access

Virginia's rural communities still have limited and spotty access to digital resources. This digital divide creates and perpetuates real barriers to educational, social, and technological resources. Expanding the infrastructure for high-speed internet access is essential for our economy and for our residents' full participation in emerging opportunities.

### THE DISTRICT

Virginia's tenth state senate district is represented by Republican Senator Glen Sturtevant. As of the 2011 redistricting, a total of 199,977 civilians reside within Virginia's tenth state senate district. Virginia state senators represent an average of 200,026 residents. After the 2000 Census, each member represented 176,963 residents.



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#### 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.

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**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 49 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.