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Commonwealth Forward Announces Mid-Six Figure Investment in Support of Endorsed Candidates

Richmond, VA - Today, Commonwealth Forward PAC, a progressive coalition fighting the corrosive effects of corporate corruption in state politics, announced its slate of endorsed candidates for the November 2, 2021 general election in Virginia. From cutting-edge digital and direct voter contact programs to direct financial support, Commonwealth Forward is committed to protecting and expanding Virginia's progressive coalition and will make a mid-six figure investment in the general election to support its endorsed candidates.

"Virginia has made tremendous strides in the last several years by electing progressive leaders who fight for racial, environmental, and economic justice, but our work is far from complete and we are committed to empowering candidates who are often overlooked by traditional power structures," said Kiera Hall, Commonwealth Forward's Executive Director. "Our endorsed candidates reflect leaders who will always put the needs of Virginia families first. It is critical to remain relentless in our fight to send these leaders to Richmond in November. Through smart, strategic investments, we are ready to amplify the voices of these progressive candidates in critical contests across the Commonwealth."

Commonwealth Forward is proud to endorse the following candidates:



Delegate Lashrecse Aird *House of Delegates District 63*

Delegate Aird's leadership on progressive issues is a beacon of hope for all Virginia families. From women's rights to educational funding to clean energy to supporting our veterans, Delegate Aird is the best choice for District 63 residents.

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Nadarius Clark
House of Delegates District 79

Nadarius is a bold leader fighting to put an end to the problems overlooked by a stagnant establishment. As a young Virginian, his lived experience has compelled him into a life of public service to end systemic racism and fight against unchecked corporate interests.



Delegate Joshua Cole House of Delegates District 28

Delegate Cole is a fierce advocate for progressive policy, bringing both compassion and commonsense to Richmond. Joshua's honest and principled leadership makes him the best choice for Fredericksburg.



Kecia Evans *House of Delegates District 88*

Kecia is a legal professional and activist, committed to putting people over politics. Kecia is the first African American to ever run for Delegate in her district and will bring a fresh and equitable perspective to Richmond. Kecia is the right choice for District 88.



Delegate Kelly FowlerHouse of Delegates District 21

Delegate Fowler is a thoughtful activist and legislator who leads boldly on both local community issues, while also advocating on behalf of all Virginians everyday. Without a doubt, Kelly is the best choice for Virginia Beach.

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Delegate Elizabeth Guzman *House of Delegates District 31*

Delegate Guzman is a progressive champion in Richmond. With her compassionate perspective, she will continue to make our Commonwealth more equitable and just. Virginians deserve leaders like Elizabeth in the House of Delegates.



Finale Norton

House of Delegates District 100

Finale believes the 100th District deserves a representative who puts people and working families above profit: a servant leader who will be a champion for everyone throughout District 100, both in Norfolk and the Eastern Shore. Finale Norton is the right choice for the 100th District.



Katie Sponsler
House of Delegates District 66

As a former airman in the USAF, and a Park Ranger with the National Park Service, Katie has spent her life serving the nation. As a mother, she is always fighting to protect our children's future. She is ready to protect and serve the needs of the constituents in Virginia's 66th District.

Commonwealth Forward's general election endorsements follow a <u>successful primary cycle</u> where two out of three of its endorsed candidates won. In a span of six weeks, the PAC scaled to deploy over one hundred team members directly to frontline campaigns. Commonwealth Forward facilitated cutting-edge mail, digital and television campaigns in three of the most competitive House of Delegates districts in the Commonwealth. The PAC's efforts resulted in over 72,000 doors knocked, higher than expected down-ticket turnout across all three districts, and two landmark victories. Learn more at <u>www.CommonwealthForward.com</u>.

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