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Objective	To be an elected advocate of the people, serving on the Hanover County Board of Supervisors to make citizens' ideas and interests the most important guide in policy, budget, transportation, economic development and land use decisions in Hanover County.	
Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain strong education and public safety services • Reconnect our government with the citizens it serves • Achieve high-quality growth through citizen input into development designs • Strengthen our approach to public parks and green infrastructure • Televisе, webcast or podcast Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission • Increase focus on agriculture, local businesses, tourism and Internet access 	
Experience	Twenty-five years work experience approaching and listening to people as a public opinion researcher in Virginia. Experienced with technical information, statistics and governance. Team player. Honest, open-minded, even-handed. Quick learner. Ability to research, create, analyze, distill and communicate information accurately. Willing and able to put in the time. Devoted to a service leadership model. Active in the community. Middle-class husband and father who understands today's economic realities. A firm believer in the untapped potential of citizens and the radical experiment of our democratic republic.	
Community Activities	2011-present	Member, Hanover County High-Speed Internet Committee
	2010	Member, High-Speed Internet Group ad hoc committee
	2009-present	Member, Hanover County Historical Society
	2008, 09, 11	Watch D.O.G.S. volunteer
	2008	Hanover County Citizens' Planning Academy graduate
	2008-2011	Former Member and Vice-Chair/Technology, Hanover Democratic Committee (HDC)
	2007-present	Board of Directors, Coalition for Hanover's Future
	2007-present	Board of Directors, Atlee Recreation Association
	2007	Independent candidate for Board of Supervisors, Chickahominy seat (42% of the vote)
	2006-2007	Active in Hanover County Comprehensive Plan update
	2005-2006	Active in Craney Island response to school redistricting
Work Experience	2007-present	Director of Research, Center for Survey Research, U.Va.
	1986-2007	Graduate research assistant, project manager, Director of Technical Division, lead survey methodologist; Survey and Evaluation Research Laboratory, VCU
	1974-1986	Newspaper carrier, maintenance and grounds crew, telephone interviewer, retail assistant manager, business college admissions representative, retail clothing sales (various employers)
Formal Education	2011	(expected) Ph.D., Virginia Commonwealth University, Education
	2003	M.S., University of Maryland, Joint Program in Survey Methodology
	1989	M.S., Virginia Commonwealth University, Mass Communications
	1982	B.A., University of Virginia, English