

## Here's Ten Questions for Randy Gilliland

Regrettably, I have this column and October 13<sup>th</sup> only to write a Conservative perspective before the election. Two out of three weekly columns go to the Liberals. Yet, I suppose that's fair enough if the truth is the measure of political prose.

So, here are ten questions for Poquoson and York voters to ask Democrat Randy Gilliland in his big money bid to buy the 91<sup>st</sup> HD seat. I'm sure my neighbors will use this as just a starting point.

1. Why are you running as an Independent instead of a Democrat? You've always run as a Democrat in Hampton. Democrat Governor Mark "I promise I won't raise your taxes" Warner went to your fund raiser. All the usual Democrats, including Poquoson's City Council Democrats, support you. Are you ashamed of being a Democrat? Or, just trying to fool the voters? Isn't honesty in Party affiliation an integrity issue?
2. Which taxes will you raise? You supported the largest tax increase (\$1.4b) in Virginia history. Virginia's spending went from \$51b (2004) to \$62b (2006) - a 22% increase, and still there is a \$1b surplus! Every pay increase for teachers, deputies, EMS - all Virginia employees could have been paid for by the 11% growth in revenue WITHOUT raising a penny more in taxes. How many voters got a 22 % pay raise? Why do you still support the Car Tax? Property taxes in Hampton increased significantly. How much more do you demand from The People in taxes?
3. Why do you still support the Transportation Tax Referendum Scam of '02? Three out of four citizens in the 91<sup>st</sup> HD voted against the gutless referendum, wrong plan, and wrong tax. Was it the guaranteed gridlock plan to pour concrete to go from 571 congested miles in Hampton Roads to 670 congested miles 20 years later? Was it the regressive sales tax to punish the poor and seniors on fixed incomes? Or, was it the unelected regional government with no oversight spending \$18b on their buddies? Did you learn in Hampton politics from Hunter Andrews or Jimmy Eason how to spend money on wasteful projects to make powerful people richer?
4. Why are the same fat cats supporting you? How much money have same special interests, who make their money from tax and spend power politics in Richmond, given you? Is there anyone among your supporters who didn't support the '02 Tax Scam or elected Democrat Molly Ward's husband buying an extra house in the 91<sup>st</sup> HD in '03 to attack Republican Tom Gear, and '04 Tax Increase? What have you been promised?
5. Why did the Hampton Commonwealth's Attorney appoint a Special Prosecutor to investigate you? Will you help the Special Prosecutor resolve the issue to vindicate you or indict you for a felony before the November election? Does this make you feel closer to fellow Democrat Clinton - who you supported in every election?
6. Does your child still go to private school? Aren't the Hampton public schools good enough for your kid? Or, are Public Schools just for other folks' kids? You say you support public education but never invested your child for one

day of it.

7. Shouldn't elected public officials set the examples for moral behavior? Shouldn't people living together be married? Unwed motherhood is the single greatest predictor of poverty, school failure and crime. Shouldn't elected officials encourage marriage for two parent families? Why do you attack Del. Gear for being Pro-Life?
8. Wasn't it an arrogant abuse of power to fire the Hampton City Manager? George Wallace had a couple of months to go on his contract. He could have been terminated with dignity. But, you voted to abruptly fire him and put the taxpayers in jeopardy of losing a huge court settlement. Isn't this why no Black citizen in Hampton is supporting you?
9. Who are the Republicans who support you? Former-Republican, now Independent, Russell Potts can name his Republican supporters. Name names – especially the ones who whispered with a wink and nudge-nudge. Or, is the truth that you're just another Liberal Democrat with no Republican, Libertarian or Conservative supporters?
10. Do you support Republican Del. Tom Gear's bill to prohibit illegal immigrants from attending Virginia's colleges and universities? If not, what part of 'illegal' do you not understand? What legislation to stop and deport illegal immigrants do you support?

Randy Gilliland should answer these questions, and many more, as honestly as he can.