SAW Joint Democratic Program Tuesday, January 12, 2021 Meet Your Candidate Series

Began at 7:05 with Jenni Kitchen announcing the guest candidates.

Sam Rasoul, Delegate and Candidate for Lt. Governor, spoke first. He pointed out that he is an ethnic minority, and he has been in the General Assembly for 8 years and has formed large coalitions. After mentioning his dismay over events of the prior week, he laid out his platform:

Policies:

- Bipartisan legislative initiatives
- School funding
- Opposing pipelines

Philosophy:

- Building organizations
- Connecting people with government services
- Only accepting funds from individual donors

Rasoul wants to work on rural broadband and making healthcare affordable.

Website: https://www.sam4va.com/

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Jennifer Carroll Foy, Candidate for Governor, former Delegate and former public defender, spoke of how COVID-19 has exposed the inequities in America that affect VA families. She emphasized that people are struggling to afford student loans and childcare. As someone from a working-class family, she said VA needs a leader who will see and hear those who are struggling. Her platform includes:

- Increasing minimum wage
- Rural broadband
- Solving the two-tier system of justice
- Giving drug offenders and addicts treatment, not jail time
- Creating a system of mobile health care clinics
- Improving and fully funding schools including early childhood education
- Getting MA programs at UVA Wise
- Promoting SHINE solar programs
- Making two-year job training programs free

- Reforming the cash bail prison system
- Legalizing marijuana

Website: https://jennifercarrollfoy.com/

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Randall Wolf, Candidate for the General Assembly Delegate from the 20th District, presented a short biography outlining his lifelong interest in biking and travel. His career has been as a photojournalist, including Staunton's *News Leader*. His non-profit, Bike Box, gets bikes to kids who need them and promotes the health benefits of cycling. He is eager to meet and form collaborations with crossover voters who may be angered by the current GOP. His platform includes:

- Helping family farms that struggle with price fluctuation
- Broadband (will help schools, businesses, hospitals)
- Solar energy (esp. for family farms)
- Legalizing marijuana
- Enabling hemp manufacture
- Reforming the state income tax people living in poverty paying the same rate as those who make over \$100,000 per year
- Increasing minimum wage
- Reforming prisons and criminal justice
- Expunging marijuana sentences
- Increasing mental health care

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The SAW Program ended at 7:55 pm.