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Virginia

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The mission of SSV, a nonprofit, nonpartisan, educational and advocacy organization, is to enable seniors to identify and articulate their viewpoints on the issues affecting all citizens of Virginia, to encourage knowledge of and active participation in the legislative process of government, and to disseminate information about the social, governmental, and educational institutions that offer support and assistance.



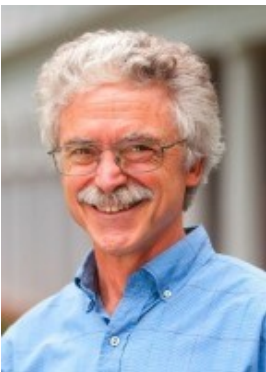
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The next meeting of the Senior Statesmen of Virginia will be held on Wednesday, November 10, 2021, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. via ZOOM

Virginia and Climate Change: Getting to zero carbon emissions by 2050, the electricity sector and beyond

Recent modeling efforts are aimed at describing possible mid-century decarbonization pathways for Virginia. Some of these studies model decarbonization of just the electricity sector, commensurate with the requirements of the Virginia Clean Economy Act, while others look at economy-wide decarbonization. **William Shobe** will report on what these studies tell us about the likely technology mix needed for such a transition and the likely costs and benefits of getting there. He will also discuss some of the key roadblocks that need to be addressed if either decarbonization goal is to be achieved at a reasonable cost.

William Shobe, an economist, is a professor of Public Policy at the University of Virginia and director of the Center for Economic and Policy Studies. He is a University Sustainability Fellow. His current research includes emission market and auction design, environmental federalism, carbon removal technologies, electricity demand forecasting and deep decarbonization strategies for Virginia. In 2007, he worked on the team that designed the carbon allowance auctions for the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) and has worked on design and evaluation of the RGGI program, the EU ETS and the California cap and trade program for greenhouse gases. In 2000, Shobe received a Fulbright Fellowship in environmental economics and policy. Before joining UVA in 2004, Shobe was an associate director at the Virginia Department of Planning & Budget (DPB), where he coordinated state expenditure forecasts and the economic analysis of state regulations. While at the DPB, Shobe managed the design and implementation of the innovative Virginia NOx allowance auction. He also



developed the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall website, the first in the nation web site for managing and publicizing state regulatory development. The program will be moderated by SSV Past President **Bob McGrath**.



The program will be held via **Zoom**. Preregistration is **required** in order to participate. Here is the link to preregister for the meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_z2zFOeZ3T9WLN0ddWaq92A

You can also go to SSV's website www.seniorstatesmen.org and click on the preregistration link posted on the website.

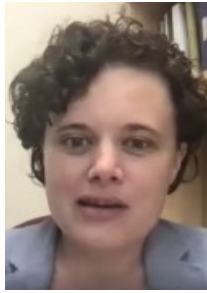
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In case you missed the October 13 meeting:

SSV's third candidate forum for 2021 presented the five candidates for House of Delegates 57th and 59th districts. Sally Hudson (D) incumbent and Philip Hamilton (R) challenger for 57th, Matt Fariss (R) incumbent and his challengers Ben Moses (D) and Louis Scicli (I) for the 59th gave two-minute opening statements and then replied to questions asked by moderator SSV member and former CBS19 news anchor Bob Beard as well as questions submitted by the Zoom audience.



Philip Hamilton (R)
57th District



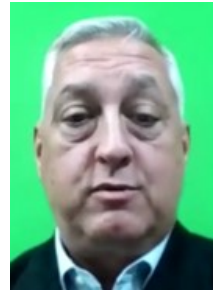
Sally Hudson (D)
57th District



Matt Fariss (R)
59th District



Ben Moses (D)
59th District



Louis Scicli (I)
59th District

COVID vaccination mandates were challenged or supported

and the most contentious of the topics. Each participant was asked their legislative priorities if elected. Hudson would work for more money for education and health care workers, Hamilton would focus on term limits, law forbidding cities from removing monuments and more funding for police. Fariss wants to focus on healthcare, eldercare, police and schools. Moses wants improved broadband access with the goal of improving healthcare, schools and business opportunities. Scicli also stressed improving broadband, schools and police. Other questions were about candidates' positions on gun control, abortion, waitlist for services for Medicaid disability waiver, and how each person would plan to work with their colleagues from the other party.

You can hear the entire program podcast by the *Charlottesville Podcasting Network* by accessing it on the Senior Statesmen website: www.SeniorStatesmen.org. A link to a video of the program is also available at: www.SeniorStatesmen.org.

You can view the television coverage by Isabel Cleary on WVIR NBC29News at this link: [Senior Statesmen of Virginia host House of Delegates candidates forum \(nbc29.com\)](http://www.nbc29.com) and read the article by Tyler Hammel in *The Daily Progress* at this link: [Vaccines and Medicaid focus of 57th and 59th District candidate forum | Local Government | dailyprogress.com](http://www.dailyprogress.com)

Mark your calendar

Wednesday, December 8: Annual Meeting and Presentation on WHO/AARP Livable Communities

Membership in the SSV is open to all past and present citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia. **Join now!** Annual dues are just \$20.00. Mail your check in the amount of \$20.00 (payable to "SSV") to Senior Statesmen of Virginia, P.O. Box 6591, Charlottesville, VA 22906. Telephone: 434-806-4474.

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