

The VB Voting System

Ed. – This is an overview of the unusual system Virginia Beach uses to elect members of the City Council and School Board. It shows current office holders. There are 11 seats on each body. Four of the 11 are at-large seats, meaning candidates can live anywhere in the city and all city voters select them. The other seats are geographically-defined districts. Candidates must live within the districts, but all city voters – even those living outside the districts – vote for those representatives. The General Assembly could change that. Districts are denoted in red on the maps below.

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CITY COUNCIL

THE MAYOR

The mayor can live anywhere in the city. All city voters select them. They are a member of council and the ceremonial head of government.



BOBBY DYER



JOHN MOSS



AARON ROUSE



ROSEMARY WILSON

SCHOOL BOARD

AT-LARGE SEATS

Candidates to serve as one of the four at-large members of the School Board can live anywhere in the city to qualify for this office, and they are selected at-large, which means all voters within the city help select them. As with City Council, representatives of the district seats shown at the bottom of the page must live within the respective district, but they, too, are selected by all city voters. The School Board chairperson is not directly elected like the mayor is. The chairperson is selected by members of the School Board from their own ranks.



BEVERLY ANDERSON



DOTTIE HOLTZ

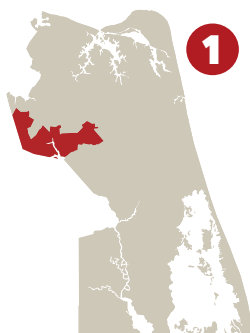


LAURA HUGHES



VICTORIA MANNING

DISTRICT SEATS



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CENTERVILLE



2

KEMPSVILLE



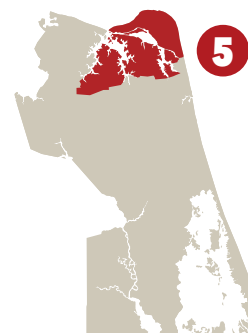
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ROSE HALL



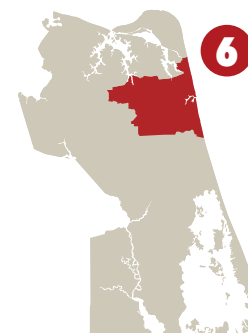
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BAYSIDE



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LYNNHAVEN



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BEACH



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PRINCESS ANNE

CITY COUNCIL



SABRINA WOOTEN



JESSICA ABBOTT



MICHAEL BERLUCCHI



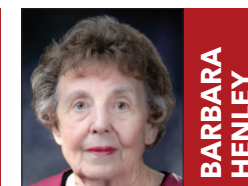
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JIM WOOD

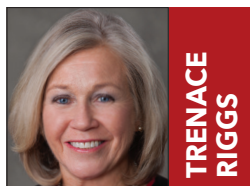


GUY TOWER



BARBARA HENLEY

SCHOOL BOARD



TRENACE RIGGS



JENNIFER FRANKLIN



JESSICA OWENS



CAROLYN WEEMS



CAROLYN RYE



SHARON FELTON



KIM MELNYK