



**Dear {{FirstName or 'Friend'}},**

**We just wrapped up our 7th week of Session!**



*Senator Pekarisky with Radha Muthiah, President and CEO of the Capital Area Food Bank (CAFB), and Eddie Oliver, Director of the Federation of VA Food Banks*

**We are now only a little over 2 weeks away from the end of the 2026 legislative session. I have spent the week presenting my bills to various House committees, listening to and voting on House bills in my Senate committees, meeting with residents and advocacy**

**groups from all over, as well as voting on legislation on the Senate floor.**

**I am proud to announce that *FOUR* of my bills have successfully made it through *both* chambers and are now awaiting Governor's action. Each of these pieces of legislation delivers on the promises Democrats have repeatedly made to our constituents over the last several months.**

**Follow along to see what all I have been up to this week!**

**As always, it is a pleasure to serve you in the 36th District,**

**Cheers,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stella Pekarsky', with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

**Stella Pekarsky**

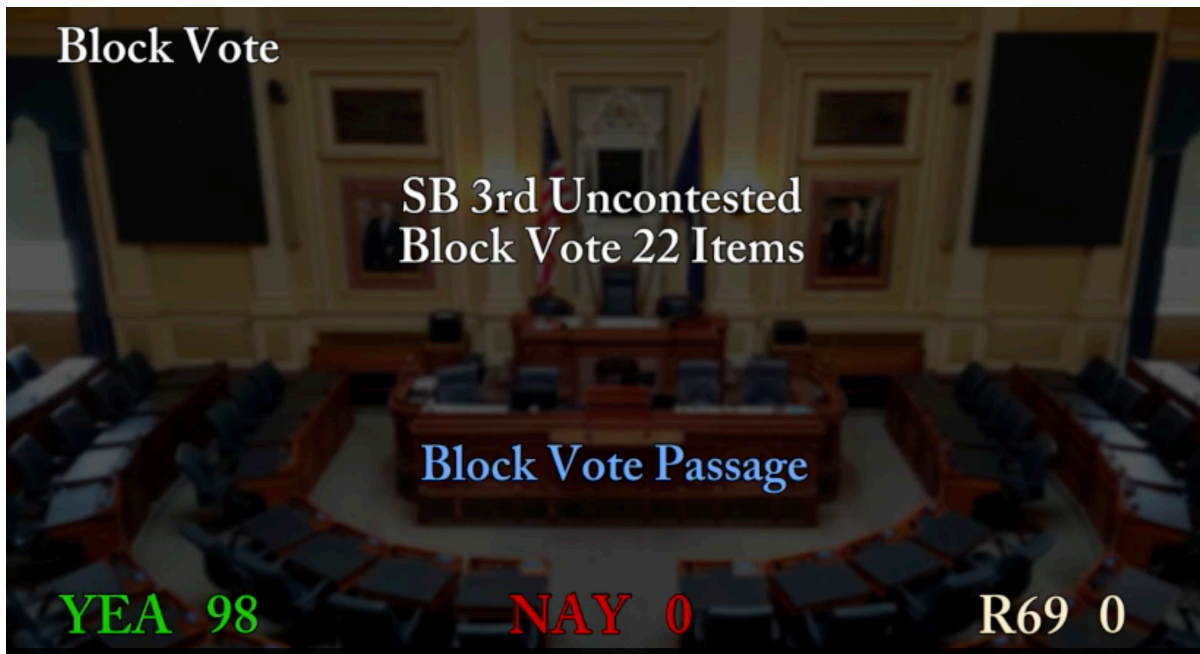
**Senator, District 36**

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### **Legislative Updates**

**I am pleased to announce that *four* of my bills have passed both chambers and now head to the Governor's desk!**

**[SB492](#) and [SB493](#) both passed the House unanimously in a block vote.**



**SB492 adds ‘geology’ to the definition of “professional services” as used in the Virginia Public Procurement Act.**

**SB493 is a bill that ensures consumers can easily cancel services they have previously purchased by creating a streamlined and understandable cancellation process. It requires that companies that offer subscriptions provide simple mechanisms to cancel those subscriptions through the same methods a consumer initiated the subscription.**

**To watch the House floor stream on this particular vote, check out the House video archives [here](#).**

SB 172 Pekarsky Page 15

Health insurance claims; electronic information or attachments accepted, delayed effective date.

Passage

YEA 97 NAY 1 R69 0

**SB172 is a bill that requires carriers to accept medical record documentation and other claim-related information that is transferred electronically when in connection to a healthcare claim, remittance advice, prior authorization, referral, eligibility or benefit inquiry, or claim status transaction. It passed the House on a vote of 97-1.**

**To watch the House floor stream on this particular vote, check out the House video archives [here](#).**

SB 117 Pekarsky Page 7

Public school teachers; reemployment of teacher who has not received continuing contract status.

Passage

YEA 63 NAY 32 R69 0

**SB117 is a bill that requires that teachers or the school board provide a written notice of non-continuation of a**

**continuing teacher by June 15th. If this notice is not received by June 15th, the teacher's contract will continue for the following school year. It passed the house on a vote of 63-32.**

**To watch the House floor stream on this particular vote, check out the House video archives [here](#).**

***Click the button below for each bill summary, full bill text, vote breakdown, and to track my legislation as it moves through the House.***

## Stella's Bills

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### **[Quail Pond Ct Gas Leak Incident Updates](#)**

**Fairfax County, in partnership with the National Transportation Safety Board and Washington Gas, held a town hall providing information and answering questions about the incident.**

## Youtube Video

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### **[Richmond Updates](#)**

**I had my very first Senate General Laws & Technology Committee meeting this week!**



**I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve on this committee, and I am looking forward to working alongside my colleagues as we tackle important issues!**

**Congratulations to the Senate on their win at the Annual House vs. Senate Charity Basketball Game!**



**While the Senate revels in its second consecutive win, the real winners were the Massey Cancer Center. The General Assembly raised over \$70K to support future funding and research.**

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## **Meetings, Meetings, Meetings**



*Senator Pekarsky meeting with advocates from the JC LDS Church*

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## **Upcoming Events & Public Meetings**

### **Fairfax County Win And Walk Challenge**



**The 2026 Fairfax County Walk & Win Challenge returns this spring, inviting residents, employees, and visitors to get moving, explore their community, and win prizes.**

→ **Feb 15 –March 30, 2026:**

**Take the Walk & Win Pledge and be entered to win in the pledge bonus prize drawing!**

→ **April 1, 2026:**

**Walk on National Walking Day or join a community walk to be entered into the National Walking Day bonus drawing.**

## Win & Walk Challenge

→ **Sunday, March 1st, 2026:**

**[Survey Closes on Proposed June 2026 Fairfax Connector Service Changes](#)**

→ **Tuesday, March 3rd, 2026:**

**[Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Meeting](#)**

→ **Wednesday, March 4th, 2026:**

**[Sully District Budget Town hall](#)**

**[Planning Commission Meeting](#)**

**To see the full public meetings calendar for Fairfax County, check out their official website *below*.**

## Public Calendar

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**[County News](#)**

## **Fairfax County Paid Summer Internship Program for Students with Disabilities**

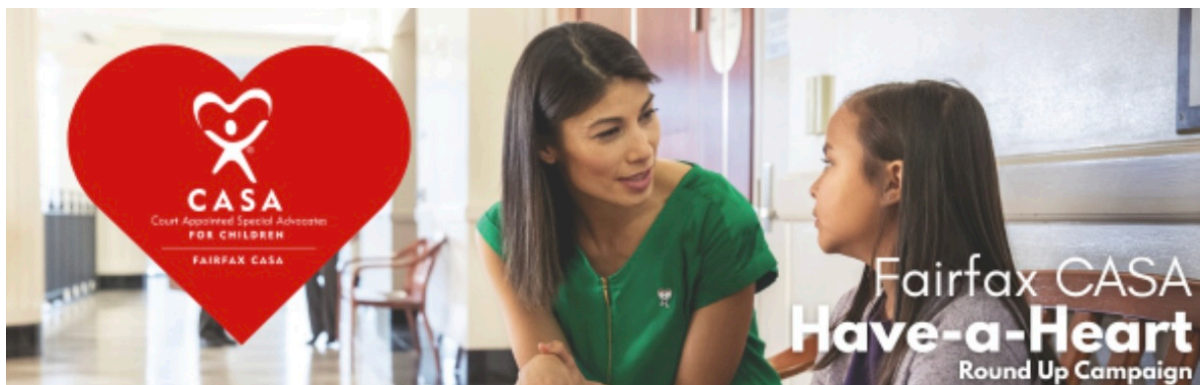
**I am thrilled to share the Fairfax County Disability Rights and Resources is accepting applications for the [2026 John Hudson Internship Program \(JHIP\)](#).**

**This summer's paid internships are hosted within [Information Technology Services](#) in the Department of Land Development Services and the [Alcohol Safety Action Program](#) in the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court.**

**Application packets are due by Tuesday, March 31st at **11:59 PM****

**APPLY HERE**

## **Fairfax CASA Have-A-Heart Campaign**



**Have-a-Heart is happening all month long! Simply round up your next purchase when you shop at [Fairfax Ace Hardware](#) or dine at High Side.**

## **Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to hold Public Meeting on March 17 to Consider Land-sale for Data Center Use**



**The community will have the opportunity to provide public comments during the March 17 public hearing before the Board decides whether to enter the Purchase and Sales Agreement.**

**For more information, check out the Fairfax County Government Website by clicking the button below!**

**FFX GOVT WEBSITE**

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## **Other News**

- **WTOP News: [Virginia Changes Date for 2026 Primary Elections](#)**
- **Virginia Mercury: [In Democratic rebuttal, Spanberger accuses Trump of driving up costs and chaos](#)**
- **WTOP News: [Fairfax Co. students launch nonprofit to help kids with school resources, summer camp activities](#)**
- **VPM News: [ICE Enforcement Nationwide shaped Virginia immigration bills in real time](#)**

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## **Submit Issues to VDOT**

**VDOT has an online form that you can complete for a list of issues, including needing a road repaired, something removed from the road, a stop sign installation, and other requests. You can find that form [HERE](#).**

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### **[Contact my Office](#)**

**If you would like to schedule a meeting during the 2026 Legislative Session, contact our office directly at: [senatorpekarsky@senate.virginia.gov](mailto:senatorpekarsky@senate.virginia.gov)**

**I would love to hear directly from you!**

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### **[Commending & Memorial Resolutions](#)**

**Continue to submit your Commending & Memorial Resolution nominations by reaching out to my office directly at: [senatorpekarsky@senate.virginia.gov](mailto:senatorpekarsky@senate.virginia.gov)**

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**Senator, District 36**

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