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WVCDL Issues Candidate Endorsements

Charleston, W.Va. — Today, the West Virginia Citizens Defense League, West Virginia's largest, active, grassroots gun rights organization, endorsed the following candidates for the West Virginia Senate and House of Delegates in the November 2, 2010, general election:

State Senate

District 3: [David Nohe \(R\)](#)

District 10: [Phil Stevens \(R\)](#)
(unexpired term)

District 12: [Joe Minard \(D\)](#)

District 13: [Cindy Frich \(R\)](#)

District 14: [Dave Sypolt \(R\)](#)

District 16: [Craig Blair \(R\)](#)

District 17: [Charles Minimah \(R\)](#)

House of Delegates

District 3 (2 seats): [Dolph Santorine \(R\)](#)
[Erikka Storch \(R\)](#)

District 6 (1 seat): [Roger Romine \(R\)](#)

District 9 (1 seat): [Larry Border \(R\)](#)

District 10 (3 seats): [Tom Azinger \(R\)](#)
[John Ellem \(R\)](#)
[Fred Gillespie \(R\)](#)

District 14 (2 seats): [Brian Savilla \(R\)](#)

District 15 (3 seats): [Kevin Craig \(D\)](#)
[Carol Miller \(R\)](#)
[Douglas Franklin \(R\)](#)

District 16: (3 seats): [Kelli Sobonya \(R\)](#)
[T-Anne See \(R\)](#)

District 19 (4 seats): [Rupie Phillips \(D\)](#)
[Chad Story \(R\)](#)

District 22 (2 seats): [Daniel Hall \(D\)](#)

District 24 (1 seat): [Marty Gearheart \(R\)](#)

District 25 (2 seats): [Joe Ellington \(R\)](#)

District 27 (5 seats): [Rick Moye \(D\)](#)
[Linda Sumner \(R\)](#)
[John O'Neal \(R\)](#)

District 29 (3 seats): [Margaret Staggers \(D\)](#)

District 30 (7 seats):	<u>Doug Skaff (D)</u> <u>Sharon Spencer (D)</u> Rick Barnett (R) Fred Joseph (R) Steve Sweeney (R)	District 46 (1 seat):	<u>Stan Shaver (D)</u>
District 31 (1 seat):	Pamela Minimah (R)	District 47 (1 seat):	<u>Harold Michael (D)</u>
District 32 (3 seats):	<u>Patrick Lane (R)</u> <u>Ron Walters (R)</u>	District 48 (1 seat):	<u>Allen Evans (R)</u>
District 33 (1 seat):	<u>David Walker (D)</u>	District 49 (1 seat):	<u>Gary Howell (R)</u>
District 42 (1 seat):	<u>Mike Manypenny (D)</u>	District 53 (1 seat):	<u>Jonathan Miller (R)</u>
District 44 (4 seats):	<u>Amanda Pasdon (R)</u> <u>Kevin Patrick (R)</u> <u>Kevin Poe (R)</u> <u>Chris Walters (R)</u>	District 55 (1 seat):	<u>John Overington (R)</u>
		District 56 (1 seat):	<u>Eric Householder (R)</u>
		District 57 (1 seat):	<u>Elliot Simon (R)</u>

Incumbents are underscored.

As part of its endorsement process, WVCDL considered incumbent legislators' voting records and candidates' responses to the [WVCDL 2020 Legislative Candidate Survey](#). WVCDL publishes its candidate survey and all responses on its web site: www.wvcdl.org.

WVCDL Treasurer, Legislative Director, and General Counsel Jim Mullins, a Beckley-based attorney, said that only candidates who answered the WVCDL 2010 Legislative Candidate Survey are eligible for consideration. "Due to the lack of recorded votes in the Legislature on most of the issues important to WVCDL's members, we must resort to a somewhat lengthy candidate survey to find where most legislators and candidates really stand on gun rights issues," Mullins said. He added: "Most candidates for the Legislature claim to support an individual's right to keep and bear arms. However, WVCDL tests candidates' positions on the *specific* issues WVCDL is advocating or monitoring. Only candidates who have demonstrated a genuine commitment to an individual's right to keep and bear arms receive WVCDL's endorsement."

WVCDL is a nonpartisan, nonprofit, all-volunteer, grassroots organization of concerned West Virginians who support our individual right to keep and bear arms for defense of self, family, home and state, and for lawful hunting and recreational use, as protected by the state constitution and the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution. Since its inception in 2007, WVCDL has played a leading role in expanding more than tenfold the number of states with which West Virginia has concealed handgun license reciprocity and defeating legislation to expand areas where carrying firearms is prohibited, expand the categories of individuals prohibited from possessing firearms, and increase concealed handgun license fees. WVCDL is the largest, active, grassroots gun rights organization based in West Virginia.