

Mount Vernon District Supervisor Platform

Our commitments are organized around two priorities: **making life more affordable and making county government more responsive**. I will pursue practical savings, accountable delivery, and accessible public service.

Part 1 It's too expensive to live in Fairfax County

Housing, taxes, utility bills, and everyday expenses put pressure on residents. I will make household affordability a central test of county decisions.

Build neighborhoods with everyday services close to home

New apartments should help create complete neighborhoods. Along Richmond Highway and in designated redevelopment and transit centers, I will propose zoning changes requiring new apartment developments to include usable ground-floor commercial space for neighborhood businesses. Residents should be able to walk downstairs or around the corner for groceries, a convenience store, a meal, or everyday services.

The requirement must produce functioning businesses. It should include practical storefront sizes, adequate loading and ventilation, accessible entrances, and safe pedestrian connections. Larger developments should plan space that can accommodate a neighborhood grocery store.

Any exception should require a public explanation supported by evidence of site constraints or commercial demand. We should not routinely abandon mixed-use plans simply because residential-only construction makes the developer more money.

I will pair these requirements with faster, predictable reviews, appropriate flexibility in parking requirements near reliable transit, and expanded affordable housing. The goal is more homes built faster and useful neighborhood services without unnecessary costs and delays. Redevelopment proposals should address displacement, relocation assistance, and opportunities for existing residents and small businesses to remain.

Make water and sewer bills fair and understandable

Residents should pay for water they use and their fair share of maintaining the sewer system. But water that irrigates a garden and never enters the sanitary sewer should not inflate the charge for sewage treatment.

Fairfax already bills residential sewer usage using current water consumption or the preceding winter quarter, whichever is lower. I will work to make that protection more transparent and effective. [1]

I will propose a review of unusually high winter usage, leaks, changes in household size, and new accounts. Residents should have a straightforward way to challenge an inaccurate baseline, receive a written decision, and obtain any credit they are owed.

I will also seek affordable options for measuring qualifying outdoor water use where the existing formula does not provide a fair result. Bills should clearly distinguish drinking-water charges, sewer charges, and any seasonal water-use charges. Fair billing should accompany conservation, native landscaping, and reduced polluted runoff into the Potomac.

Pursue Fort Belvoir housing for public employees

Teachers, firefighters, police officers, and other essential employees should have a realistic opportunity to live near their work.

I will ask our federal delegation and Fort Belvoir leadership to establish whether any existing housing is genuinely excess to military needs and legally available for a workforce-housing partnership. If suitable homes are available, I will pursue leases or other authorized arrangements offering below-market rents to eligible county and school employees, with transparent selection rules and enforceable affordability provisions.

Military families' housing needs must remain protected. If existing homes are unavailable, we should evaluate other lawful partnerships and appropriate sites for workforce housing. The commitment is to pursue a concrete agreement, establish the costs and eligibility rules, and publicly report the outcome.

Explore a shopping and entertainment destination

Our district deserves a walkable destination with restaurants, shops, entertainment, public gathering spaces, and opportunities for local entrepreneurs—a place with the appeal of the Mosaic District and a character of its own.

I will request a federal review of whether any land at or near Davison Army Airfield could become available for such development without compromising military operations. The airfield supports an active military mission; limited visible activity alone does not establish that its land is surplus. [7]

The review must establish military requirements, environmental conditions, transportation capacity, infrastructure costs, and legal options for a lease or transfer. If an appropriate site becomes available, I will support a community-led plan with private investment, clear public benefits, and safeguards against county taxpayers absorbing speculative development costs. If the airfield must remain fully operational, we should pursue the same goal at suitable alternative locations.

Find new revenues and reduce reliance on property taxes

Fairfax County cannot keep treating property owners as the automatic answer to every budget shortfall. Higher assessments can increase tax bills even when the tax rate stays unchanged. Homeowners feel that pressure directly, and renters can feel it through higher rents.

I pledge to pursue a broader revenue base and use it to reduce reliance on residential property taxes while protecting essential services.

Make meals tax revenue deliver meaningful relief

Fairfax County's 4 percent meals tax helped reduce a proposed property-tax increase, but it has not delivered lower average property-tax bills. The adopted FY2026 budget used meals-tax revenue to replace almost \$60 million that otherwise would have been collected under the proposed higher real-estate tax rate. The projected average homeowner's increase fell from \$638 to \$499—still an increase. For FY2027, the county reported that the average annual bill would rise approximately \$337 despite another small rate reduction. [8–9]

Residents are paying the new tax when they eat out while many continue to face higher real-estate tax bills. I will push for an explicit annual property-tax relief target supported by meals-tax revenue and other new revenues. Each budget should show how much revenue reduces the property-tax requirement, how much supports additional spending, and what the result means for the average homeowner's actual bill.

Because residents also pay the meals tax, we must assess its effect on household budgets and local restaurants. A small reduction in the tax rate means little to a household whose assessment drives its bill higher. Our measure of affordability must include the dollars residents actually pay.

Give potential casino revenue a fair public evaluation

I will work directly with Senator Scott Surovell and other state and local partners to pursue a carefully regulated casino and entertainment development that produces meaningful net revenue for Fairfax County and reduces pressure on property taxpayers.

Fairfax would receive only part of the gaming-tax revenue, but a smaller share that delivers a positive net return is better than receiving no revenue from the project. I will negotiate for a stronger local share while evaluating the dollars the county would actually retain after public costs. The enrolled 2026 proposal used local allocations equivalent to 6 percent of the first \$200 million in adjusted gross gaming receipts, 7 percent of the next \$200 million, and 8 percent above \$400 million. [11]

A casino combined with restaurants, shops, a hotel, and entertainment could improve the prospects for additional retail development and attract spending beyond the traditional workday. Tysons faces challenges in its office market, but its retail sector is stronger: the Tysons Community Alliance reported 2 percent retail vacancy and increased consumer spending in the second quarter of 2026. I see an opportunity to build on that strength, broaden the commercial tax base, and support new investment. [12]

Claims that a casino inevitably brings a crime wave should be tested against local evidence. In October 2025, Potomac Local reported that Dumfries' police chief told the Town Council the feared crime wave after The Rose Gaming Resort opened had not materialized. In December 2025, Prince George's County Police Chief George Nader reported that violent crime around MGM National Harbor was down 32 percent that year. These reports challenge blanket predictions that gaming destinations must lead to rising crime. [13–14]

Those findings do not prove that gaming venues never affect crime or that crime has never increased since either venue opened. The MGM statement followed a fatal shooting, and The Rose operates historical horse-racing terminals rather than the same full casino model proposed for Fairfax. I will require a funded security plan, police coordination, and public reporting of crime and calls for service in the surrounding area. Public safety decisions should rest on evidence and enforceable safeguards.

Any casino proposal must preserve local control, obtain the necessary state authorization and voter approval, and demonstrate that its benefits exceed infrastructure, public-safety, and social costs. The 2026 Tysons casino legislation was vetoed, so renewed state authorization would be necessary. [10]

Independent analysis must distinguish genuinely new spending from spending diverted from existing county businesses. Any agreement should protect taxpayers from development risk and fund necessary public services and problem-gambling programs. I will seek an explicit commitment directing a defined share of the county's net revenue toward property-tax relief.

Use tax dollars more responsibly

Supervisor Storck has made bicycling a visible priority, including hosting the annual Tour de Mount Vernon community bike ride. [17] I support safe places to walk and ride. Every transportation investment should meet the same public tests: demonstrated need, reasonable cost, and measurable benefits. I will weigh trail projects alongside overdue road improvements, transit access, and other essential district needs, and explain those priorities publicly.

Supervisor Storck told me the Mount Vernon Memorial Highway trail project cost approximately \$6 million. The county's published figure is a \$6.5 million budget. Its completed work included 6,400 feet—about 1.2 miles—of new shared-use path, a pedestrian bridge over Dogue Creek, and crossing and accessibility improvements, filling gaps along an approximately two-mile corridor. Land acquisition and utility relocation were also required. [15]

That is a substantial commitment of local tax dollars, and residents deserve a clear explanation of the value received. I will seek a public accounting of the final cost, including design, land, utilities, the bridge, construction, and change orders. The question is whether the county delivered the needed improvements at a reasonable cost and considered less expensive ways to achieve the same safety and access benefits.

I pledge to use tax money more responsibly: compare proposed costs with similar projects, scrutinize expensive design choices, require competitive procurement where applicable, and publish major contract changes and their justification. We should protect safety and accessibility while making every public dollar go further. Affordability requires discipline in what we spend as well as what we collect.

Show residents how we will pay for our priorities

Beyond these sources, I will seek additional commercial investment, tourism and entertainment activity, federal and state funding, competitive transportation grants, appropriate development contributions, and carefully structured public-private partnerships.

Every major proposal I advance should identify its funding source, ongoing operating costs, and likely effect on household expenses. I will challenge avoidable delays and duplicative work that increase public costs, while protecting essential services.

Each annual budget should show residents how these efforts change the property-tax burden. New revenue must produce measurable relief and accountable public benefits. Residents deserve a county government that works as hard to find other revenues as it does to collect their property taxes.

Part 2 Our government needs to be more responsive

Residents deserve timely action, clear information, and a supervisor who is available and follows through. I will make delivery and constituent service the daily work of the office.

Give Mount Vernon full time attention

Keep our affordable housing representation active

Affordable housing requires active representation and prompt follow-through. The county's AHAC Executive Committee webpage still names Rev. Keary Kincannon for Mount Vernon, while Board appointment records from 2026 identify the district seat as vacant following his resignation. June 12, 2026 council minutes confirm that Mount Vernon was seeking a member. Conflicting public rosters and a prolonged vacancy undermine accountability on an issue central to our district. [20–22]

To my knowledge, Rev. Kincannon has not attended an AHAC meeting for more than three years. He recommended me as his replacement more than two years ago, and Supervisor Storck told me more than eighteen months ago that he had someone in mind. Those are my firsthand recollections and understanding of the situation. Regardless of who is appointed, Mount Vernon deserves an engaged representative and a timely decision.

Within my first 60 days, I will review district appointments, vacancies, attendance, and expiring terms. I will promptly recruit and nominate qualified representatives, especially for housing, publish the status of vacancies, and follow up when appointees cannot participate. Affordable housing must receive sustained attention, not an unfilled seat and an outdated webpage.

Make serving residents my only job

I will have no other job while serving as your supervisor. I will limit discretionary committee and commission commitments to those that directly advance district priorities, while fulfilling required Board duties and maintaining the regional partnerships needed to deliver results.

Supervisor Storck's official biography lists roughly two dozen committee and regional assignments and describes his background developing and owning health care and benefits firms. These responsibilities warrant public accountability for time and results. My commitment is straightforward: the work of serving Mount Vernon will have my full professional attention. [23]

Gerry Hyland once told me that being a supervisor is best described as the "complaint department." I take that responsibility seriously. When residents face a county problem, they should be able to reach their supervisor, receive a clear response, and know who is following through.

I will schedule personal office hours for residents' convenience, including regular evenings, weekends, and rotating locations across the district. I will publish when I am personally available, offer telephone and virtual appointments, and establish a two-business-day acknowledgment target for routine constituent requests. My office will track unresolved cases and keep residents informed. Access to your supervisor should fit your life, not an outside work schedule.

Deliver the projects residents have been promised

An approved project is a commitment to the public. Residents deserve to know when it will open, what it will cost, and who is responsible for moving it forward.

The Penn Daw Fire Station and Eleanor Kennedy Shelter replacement illustrate why stronger accountability is needed. Their original voter approvals date to 2015 and 2016. The combined project's planning and zoning approvals came in April 2026. Combining facilities can be sensible, but residents are entitled to ask why essential improvements have taken so long. [2–3]

Residents deserve an accurate account of when projects began. Important projects completed during Supervisor Dan Storck's tenure had roots in the administration of his predecessor, Gerry Hyland. Construction of the earlier Richmond Highway widening began in 2014. The Mount Vernon Memorial Highway Trail was also included in the Board's January 2014 approved transportation priorities, years before its 2023 completion. Attending a ribbon cutting does not establish who initiated a project. [4–5, 15–16] I have heard Supervisor Storck say in speeches, "it took me 4 years to get done, but I did it." Completing a project deserves credit, but residents also deserve the full history of the approvals and funding that made it possible.

I will seek a public project dashboard showing when each project was first proposed, approved, funded, started, and completed, alongside original and current schedules, budgets, funding sources, outstanding decisions, and reasons for delays. It should track financing deadlines before they become problems. Major missed milestones should trigger a public explanation and a recovery plan.

My office will hold quarterly reviews of priority district projects, bringing together the agencies responsible for design, utilities, permitting, funding, and construction. A bond vote should be followed by visible progress and accountable delivery.

Put Richmond Highway improvements on a credible schedule

Residents and businesses cannot plan their lives around completion dates that keep moving. The earlier Richmond Highway widening through Fort Belvoir, between Telegraph Road and Jeff Todd Way, opened in 2017 after construction began in 2014 and a much longer planning history. The widening north of Jeff Todd Way toward the Costco area has faced a prolonged wait, with the county reporting in 2024 that completion was not anticipated until 2032. [4–6]

Those projects differ in scope, property acquisition, utilities, and transit requirements. An honest comparison must acknowledge those differences. But complexity does not excuse an unclear schedule or inadequate accountability.

I will press VDOT and county transportation officials for one coordinated delivery plan covering widening, utility relocation, sidewalks, crossings, and bus rapid transit. It should identify which decisions are holding up progress, who can resolve them, and what resources would accelerate delivery. Where feasible, completed improvements should open in stages so residents receive benefits before the entire corridor is finished.

Make Fort Belvoir transit a federal partnership priority

The Pentagon has direct Metrorail access. Fort Belvoir is also a major employment center, and its workers and surrounding communities deserve a serious commitment to better transit.

I will work with Congressman Don Beyer, our U.S. senators, the Army, WMATA, Virginia officials, and neighboring jurisdictions to pursue Metrorail access to Fort Belvoir. That effort must establish a viable route, ridership case, capital and operating costs, federal contribution, and realistic milestones.

While pursuing that goal, I will press for reliable connections to existing Metro stations, improved service for shift workers, coordinated access at installation gates, and delivery of Richmond Highway bus rapid transit. Federal employment generates transportation demands. The federal government should be a partner in meeting them.

Improve roads in southern Mount Vernon

Lorton and surrounding communities need transportation infrastructure that reflects their residential growth and commuter traffic. Roads serving dense suburban communities must provide safe and reliable access.

I will seek a prioritized program of targeted road widening, intersection improvements, turn lanes, signal coordination, sidewalks, and safer crossings. Priorities should reflect traffic volumes, crash history, emergency-response needs, school access, and measurable travel-time improvements.

Where additional lanes are justified, I will pursue them. Where a smaller improvement can solve the problem faster and at lower cost, we should deliver it. Residents deserve a published list of priority locations, funding needs, and delivery dates, coordinated with adjoining districts and VDOT.

Make partnership an operating commitment

I will actively work with Congressman Beyer, Senator Scott Surovell, Delegate Paul Krizek, the Board Chair, fellow supervisors, and other officials representing our communities.

Within my first 100 days, I will invite these partners to establish a shared district agenda covering transportation, housing, federal property opportunities, and overdue capital projects. I will propose quarterly coordination meetings and publish progress summaries identifying commitments, responsible agencies, unresolved obstacles, and next steps.

I will return calls, meet with our legislative partners, and examine proposals on their merits—even when we disagree. A supervisor cannot deliver major projects alone. Building a working majority on the Board and sustained partnerships in Richmond and Washington is part of the job.

Make school budgets transparent and support English learners

Publish a clear budget for every school

Parents and taxpayers should be able to see how much money reaches each school, what it pays for, and whether resources match student needs. FCPS publishes budget documents and transparency reports. I will push for a comprehensive, easy-to-use school-by-school budget that brings the numbers together and makes comparisons understandable. [18]

I will work with the School Board and superintendent to publish proposed and adopted allocations and actual spending for every school, with at least three years of comparisons. Reports should show total and per-student spending, staffing positions and vacancies, classroom instruction, English learner services, special education, counseling, administration, and operating costs. They should separately identify centrally provided services, explain how shared costs are allocated, and distinguish operating spending from construction and major renovations.

Residents should be able to download the figures, see quarterly spending updates, and understand why allocations differ among schools. Comparisons must account for enrollment, student needs, specialized programs, and staff experience. Greater need can justify greater investment; the public deserves to see how that decision is made.

Strengthen English learner support at Mount Vernon High School

Mount Vernon High School serves a substantial population of students learning English. Its FCPS profile reports 379 English learners, or 22.25 percent of enrollment, in 2025–26. These students deserve the instruction and support needed to master English while succeeding in rigorous academic courses. [19]

I will advocate for increased funding and staffing for English learner support at Mount Vernon High School. Priorities will include additional qualified English language development teachers, manageable instructional groups, tutoring and summer learning, and support for students entering U.S. schools with interrupted formal education.

I will also support multilingual family liaisons, reliable interpretation and translated communications, graduation planning, and access to counseling. Students should have a clear path into advanced courses, career and technical education, and college preparation while receiving language support. Stronger support should expand opportunity while maintaining the same academic standards.

Within my first budget cycle, I will seek a joint public review with FCPS of Mount Vernon High School's needs, current staffing, and service gaps, followed by a costed improvement plan. I will press for annual reporting on English proficiency growth, attendance, course completion, graduation, and access to advanced coursework, with measurable improvement targets and student privacy protected.

The School Board controls school operations and staffing. As a supervisor, I will use the county funding process, joint budget meetings, and public advocacy to pursue these commitments in partnership with our School Board representatives. I will seek state and federal support as well as responsible county investment.

My pledge is straightforward: make life more affordable, deliver essential projects, and give Mount Vernon the responsive government it deserves.

Source notes and factual qualifications

Sources reviewed for this platform as of October 5, 2026. Numbered references support factual statements; policy commitments are proposals. These notes are provided for campaign review and reference.

1 Residential sewer billing. Fairfax County bills residential sewer usage using current consumption or the preceding winter quarter, whichever is lower. [Source](#)

2 Original approvals and financing. The FY2025 third-quarter review identifies Penn Daw's 2015 and Kennedy's 2016 approvals and describes a shift toward Economic Development Authority bond financing. [Source](#)

3 Combined facility approvals. The county project page reports approval of the Comprehensive Plan amendment and rezoning on April 14, 2026. [Source](#)

4 Earlier road construction. The Army reported construction beginning in 2014 after approximately 20 years of planning. [Source](#)

5 Earlier road opening. County reporting identifies the Telegraph Road to Jeff Todd Way project and its June 15, 2017 public opening. [Source](#)

6 Later road schedule. The county's 2024 update reported a 2032 anticipated completion date for the widening north of Jeff Todd Way. This is a dated schedule statement, not a guarantee of the current delivery date. [Source](#)

7 Davison Army Airfield. The Army Aviation Brigade describes the operational mission of the 12th Aviation Battalion at Davison. Surplus status is not established. [Source](#)

8 Meals tax and FY2026 property taxes. The adopted budget package, page 4 of the PDF, explicitly links the meals tax to replacing almost \$60 million from the proposed property-tax rate and reports the \$638 and \$499 average increases. [Source](#)

9 FY2027 property tax bills. The adopted-budget announcement reports the rate reduction to \$1.12 per \$100 and an average annual bill increase of \$337. [Source](#)

10 Casino legislation. The Governor's announcement describes the veto of Senate Bill 756 concerning a Tysons casino referendum. [Source](#)

11 Proposed local gaming allocation. The enrolled SB756 text retained tiered local allocations based on adjusted gross receipts. These are not percentages of total tax collections. The 10 percent figure was not substantiated. [Source](#)

12 Tysons market conditions. The Tysons Community Alliance Q2 2026 report describes 2 percent retail vacancy and 3 percent year-over-year growth in credit and debit card spending. Additional casino-related retail growth is a potential benefit, not a verified forecast. [Source](#)

13 Dumfries and The Rose. Potomac Local's October 27, 2025 report attributes to the police chief the finding that the feared crime wave had not occurred. Its public summary does not supply a full before-and-after statistical analysis. The Rose uses historical horse-racing terminals. [Source](#)

14 MGM National Harbor. WTOP reported on December 3, 2025 that Chief George Nader cited a 32 percent decline in area violent crime that year while addressing a fatal targeted shooting. This does not establish the casino's causal effect or a trend since its 2016 opening. [Source](#)

15 Trail scope and budget. Fairfax County reports a \$6.5 million local budget, 6,400 feet of new shared-use path, a Dogue Creek pedestrian bridge, crossing improvements, and completion in May 2023. The approximately \$6 million statement is the candidate's account of a personal conversation with Supervisor Storck; it is not an independently verified quotation or audited final cost.

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/walk/projects/mount-vernon-memorial-highway-trail-project>

16 Trail approval history. The county's January 28, 2014 transportation priorities list includes project 154, Mount Vernon Memorial Highway (Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail), with a \$6.5 million estimate and funding recommendation, including the Dogue Creek bridge. <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/projects/approved>

17 Annual community bike ride. Fairfax County's official Tour de Mount Vernon event page identifies Supervisor Storck as host of the 10th-anniversary community ride in October 2025. <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mountvernon/tourdemountvernon.htm>

18 Existing FCPS financial reporting. FCPS publishes budget documents and a transparency portal. This platform proposes a consolidated school-by-school reporting standard; it does not claim that no school-level financial information is currently public. <https://www.fcps.edu/about-fcps/leadership/budget-finance/transparency>

19 Mount Vernon High School English learners. The FCPS demographic profile lists 379 English learners (22.25 percent) for 2025–26, separately from 362 students receiving English Learner Services. English learner status does not establish immigration status or place of birth.

https://schoolprofiles.fcps.edu/schlrprfl/f?p=108:13:::::P0_CURRENT_SCHOOL_ID:220

20 AHAC website roster. The Executive Committee webpage lists Keary Kincannon (Mount Vernon). <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/housing/node/909>

21 Vacancy record. The February 17, 2026 final Board package identifies the Mount Vernon AHAC seat as vacant following Kincannon's resignation; May records also list a vacancy.

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/boardofsupervisors/sites/boardofsupervisors/files/Assets/meeting-materials/2026/February17-Board-Package-Final.pdf>

22 AHAC June 2026 minutes. June 12 minutes state that Mount Vernon was seeking a member. These records establish a vacancy at that time, not its status on every later date. The three-year absence claim and private conversations are supplied by the candidate and have not been independently corroborated across the complete attendance record. <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/housing/AHAC>

23 Storck commitments and access. His official biography lists numerous Board and regional assignments, some intrinsic to the supervisor's duties. It describes ownership of health care and benefits firms but does not establish current day-to-day operation of Washington clinics. The office advertises weekday hours, Thursday evening hours, and second-Saturday hours except August; those do not establish his personal availability throughout. The platform does not assert that no extended hours exist. The Hyland quotation is the candidate's recollection.

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mountvernon/node/162>

Additional qualifications

Public reporting from Congressman Beyer's office documents prior collaboration with Supervisor Storck, Surovell, and Krizek; the platform therefore emphasizes stronger accountability rather than asserting that these officials have never met.

Beyer office account of collaboration

The claim that project funding expired after seven years is not used. Current Virginia law generally allows eight years to issue referendum-authorized bonds, extendable by court order to ten. The platform does not assume that Fort Belvoir housing is surplus, or assert a current like-for-like employment comparison with the Pentagon.

Virginia bond authorization provisions

A comprehensive inventory establishing that "almost all" projects completed in the past 12 years originated under the prior supervisor has not been verified. The platform uses documented examples instead. The trail's inclusion in the 2014 priorities also prevents characterizing it as a project first initiated by Supervisor Storck. The speech quotation is supplied by the candidate as a personal recollection; no recording or transcript has been independently verified.