

February SAW Program  
February 9, 2021

There were approximately 40 SAW members on the Zoom. Four candidates presented their views and took questions. See Video of Zoom [HERE](#). Note: Experienced technical difficulties at beginning of Feb. video, therefore, also see Perryman introductory Video [HERE](#)

These are the highlights:

**Candidate for Lt. Governor Sean Perryman** - he presented his new campaign video, which included working for Elijah Cummings and the NAACP of Fairfax County. He spoke of being a voice for digital empowerment and economic, social and environmental justice. He took a question on broadband by emphasizing treating it as an infrastructure project and challenging the last mile rule. He admitted to having no state government experience except in the advocacy realm and argued for converting commercial spaces into affordable housing as well as calling for a fossil fuel moratorium. See, website [HERE](#)

**Candidate for Lt. Governor Elizabeth Guzman** - currently a social worker who represents the 31<sup>st</sup> district in the House of Delegates. Ms. Guzman gave a thumbnail of her inspiring immigrant success story, being activated by Hillary's 2016 loss and the triumph of being asked to deliver the State of the Union response. She has passed 19 bills during her four year tenure, is a strong voice on the education committee and has a reputation as a coalition builder. She emphasized the need to

make Virginia #1 for workers and to increase teacher pay. See website [HERE](#)

**Candidate for Attorney General Jay Jones** - Highlighting his family history in the civil rights movement, Jones represents the 89<sup>th</sup> district in the House of Delegates. His time in office has seen him focused on justice reform, especially emphasizing holding Dominion and power companies to account. He has championed the idea of a civil rights division in the AG office as well as opening satellite offices to bring the AG closer to the people served. He also advocates the end of qualified immunity, increased pay for public defenders and the need for expungement in marijuana legalization. See website [HERE](#)

**Candidate for Governor Lee Carter** – He currently represents the 50<sup>th</sup> district (Manassas) in the House of Delegates, Carter stressed his small town roots and being the only candidate who takes no campaign money from companies of any kind. A former marine, Carter entered politics when the worker's comp system was unresponsive to his needs. His economic program centers on small business and the rural sphere. Carter also proposes reparations for black and indigenous Virginians from the cannabis revenues and lowering the prison population by 30%. A Medicare for all supporter, he believes states should innovate when the federal government lags. He has led successful efforts to cap insulin prices. See website [HERE](#)