**Citizens on Redistricting Commission: Brief info for Mock Ranked Choice Voting**

**1. James Abrenio**

**Male, Asian, nonHispanic, 37 years old**

B.A. in Government from UVA in 2005, J.D. from Syracuse University College of Law. “Due to a family emergency, I visited my last year of law school at the Univ. of Richmond. I own my own law firm in Fairfax. I have worked as a criminal defense attorney; have done pro bono work and worked with vulnerable communities. I believe this experience has helped me appreciate the needs of our most vulnerable and trust this experience would serve the Commission well”.

Ref: “His superior research, writing and oratory skills, quickly distinguished James in the large Northern Virginia legal community. As a board member of NAMI he showed compassion and empathy for our members. Would bring unique diversity to the Commission… is the son of a Filipino immigrant.”

**2. Mackenzie Babichenko**

**Female, White, 37 years old**

B.S. from George Washington University, J.D. from University of Miami School of Law (2010). Employed as Hanover County Commonwealth’s Attorney Office managing a team of attorneys for the Juvenile and Domestic Court. “I work well with others, enjoy problem solving, and value the integrity of our political system.”

 Ref: “I have found her ethics to be beyond reproach and I have found her to be a “tough” prosecutor, but sympathetic and empathetic when the facts warranted, … always struck the perfect balance amongst the multitude of competing factors in our cases.”

**3. Jose Feliciano, Jr.**

**Male, Hispanic, 52 years old**

20 Year Marine Corps Vet Retired, College Graduate; Federal agent for FCC

“I am very concerned about how redistricting has been accrued in the past. I would gladly like to be part of solution by helping create a fair and bipartisan solution to the redistricting nightmare.”

Ref: “We have personally known Joe since 2004. Joe is an outstanding citizen and is passionate about serving his community. We feel he would be a wonderful assert to the commission and would make fair and unbiased decisions with citizens of Virginia’s best interest in mind.

**4. Marvin Gilliam, Jr.**

**Male, White, Non-Hispanic, 64 years old**

Graduate of J.J. Kelly High School in Wise, VA.; UVA with a BA in Economics. Worked in and around underground coal mining for 32 years, retired. Participate in a wide range of community and state affairs and in numerous non-profit boards and organizations. “I have… learned a great deal about working with disparate viewpoints and arriving at a consensus plan of action.”

Ref: “He is a consensus builder, thoughtful, and visionary in all issues he approaches.”

**5. Richard Harrell, III**

**Male, White, 74 years old**

High School in Halifax County; UVA School of Law; NC State Truck Driving School (certificate, 1974). Does not practice law; owns company to transport petroleum products in tank vehicles. “I wanted to give value to both my employees and my customers. “…any relative success that I attained is not accurately attributed to solely my own actions, but rather should be considered a joint effort of working with some terrific people who helped me over the years.”

Ref: Mr. Harrell is gifted with a keen, analytical mind, great energy, considerable patience, and an enormous amount of common sense informed by experience.”

**6. Greta J. Harris**

**Female, Black, 60 years old**

High School in Danville, Bachelor of Architecture (VT), MS (Architecture & Urban Design, Columbia University. President & CEO of Better Housing Coalition, Richmond.

“I educate and work with elected officials in a nonpartisan manner, …to help them better understand impacts of policies that disproportionately affect impoverished communities of color.”

Ref: “I am sure Ms. Harris was drawn to apply for this position as a way to add voice to the many Virginians who will benefit from the process of equitably drawing the voter lines…”

**7. Brandon Christopher Hutchins**

**Male, Black, 39 years old**

Navy Veteran, Iraq War; BS in Healthcare Administration; health care professional working for city’s most vulnerable populations; Virginia Beach. “I aspire to be just another voice of reasoning, and hopefully provide a different perspective.”

Ref: “Brandon’s leadership was action oriented and it made a difference. What was most striking about Brandon was his keen ability to listen to all sides even when he faced opposing views.”

**8. Sean S. Kumar**

**Male, Multi Race; Non-Hispanic; 41 years old**

UVA (2001), U of Richmond School of Law (2005), Darden School of Business; Worked in U.S. Army as a Judge Advocate serving in Korea, Kosovo and Afghanistan. Bio states: “…unique ability to ask the right questions, build coalitions, and solve complex problems.” “The Commission’s work will have to consider and balance the interests of many different stakeholder groups including a diverse citizenry and large veteran population. As the son of an immigrant from India and as a veteran, I understand the needs of many different groups and will work to listen to the needs of all.”

Ref #1: “Mr. Kumar will bring important diversity and sensitivity to cross-cultural matters to the Commission.” Ref #2: re Sean: “He will not bow to pressure from any side and will try to achieve an outcome that will do the most objective good for our democracy.”