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As in any given year, Stafford County faces challenges and opportunities. The Board of Supervisors has worked together in addressing the challenges of maintaining a Triple A Bond Rating and low taxes while continuing to experience growth, and address community needs. With the sound leadership we have today, Stafford also has the opportunity to continue managing growth and foster even greater economic development and job growth. Yet these issues continue to confront us.

As a result of the recent vacancy by Mr. Robert Thomas, I hope to meet the exciting opportunity, and the personal challenge, to continue to work with the Stafford Board of Supervisors in aiding our county. Serving as the appointee to the Board would certainly be a step up from my role as Chairman of the Stafford Planning Commission, but I believe my service on the Commission these past four years, as well as my previous service on numerous other local boards and commissions over the past nearly two decades have demonstrated my interest in the county and commitment to its future.

During my years in Stafford I have undertaken to improve the quality of life and to plan for the county's future. My experience is diverse, from community to political, and importantly, governmental. For over four years I have served on the Planning Commission, in leadership positions for three of them. This work afforded me knowledge of the Comprehensive Growth Plan, traffic patterns and issues, the old and new proffer laws and cluster developments, among other issues. As Chair of the Comp Plan Sub-committee I led the process which developed to the update which was passed by both the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors with few alterations or conflicts. My work on the SCPS Capital Improvements Plan Citizens Advisory Committee furnished me knowledge of processes, policies and methods of how the school system develops its CIP as well as the county's process. Part of my teaching of government on both the high school and college level includes the budget process, the theories and realities. As the Coordinator of Student Government Day for the past seventeen years I have had the pleasure of working with staff from all the government departments.

Throughout my service it has been an honor to have repeatedly been elected to leadership positions. On every county body, members have placed me in key leadership positions, including chair of each at least once. In the workplace co-workers for over a decade elected me as Department Chair and I was selected to attend a Leadership Fellowship at the University of Mary Washington. The College Board has selected me to serve in leadership positions for over a decade. Members of these organizations, boards and departments have cited professionalism, openness, fairness and the ability to bring people together as traits that aid me in leading the groups to successful results. Being a team player and not seeking individual attention, but recognizing that decisions are made by consensus are also mentioned. Whether on committees

that deal with issues as volatile as redistricting or the Comprehensive Plan or less contentious issues, it is important to recognize that end products must be viable and able to be adopted. It is important that fellow members feel that their work and opinions have been valued and productive. Additionally, key to all activities are listening and respecting others. Members come to the table with knowledge and experience as well as ideas. It is important to create an environment where they feel that they will be listened to and have a positive impact.

This appointment will afford me the opportunity to continue my work for Stafford. In the near term there are several issues which the county must address; the budget, growth, including upcoming housing developments, the CIP and addressing issues in projections and enrollments as well as their fiscal impact. As my resume illustrates, these are all areas in which I have been involved and allows me to be able to assist the Board in its deliberations. These issues tie into long term goals: managing and directing growth, establishing procedures for long term planning both financial as well as infrastructure, shifting away from playing "catch up or keep up", economic development and importantly, preserving the county's rural character which is important, especially to the George Washington District.

Over the years it has been my pleasure to work with members of the board on different projects and levels. My hope is that you will allow me to bring my knowledge and experience to the board, where we can work together for Stafford's future.

Thank you.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Thomas C. Coen", written in a cursive style.

Thomas C. Coen

George Washington District Planning Commissioner

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**OBJECTIVE: Seeking appointment to George Washington District Board of Supervisors seat.**

**SUMMARY of EXPERIENCE:** Possess significant governmental and political experience in Stafford County after nearly two decades of active service to the county. Service includes county boards and commissions, state boards, participation in elections on all levels.

**EDUCATION:**

M.A. in Political Science, American Military University, 2012  
M.A. in Education, George Mason University, 1995  
B.S. in Government, Suffolk University, 1983

**EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS:**

**Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA. 8/2014- Present**

**Randolph- Macon College, Richmond, VA. Fall, 2015- Present**

**Adjunct Professor**

Teaching courses in American National Politics as well as State and Local Politics.  
Instructing college level students in national, state and local politics and government.

**Stafford County Public Schools, Stafford, VA.**

**8/1998- Present** Advanced Placement U.S. Government Instructor.

Teaching senior students college level material in U.S. government.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

2013- Present: Stafford County Planning Commission

Served as Chair 2017, Vice Chair 2016, Secretary 2014 and 2015

Chaired Subcommittees on Update of Comprehensive Plan and Served on numerous others

Coordinator- Student Government Day 2002- Present. Develop and implement simulated Board of Supervisors' Meeting, coordinate participants from area high schools.

2015- Member Stafford County Public Schools Capital Improvement Plan Advisory Committee

2010- 2012: Chair; Stafford County Agricultural/Purchase of Development Rights Commission.

2006-2009: Vice Chair; Stafford County Agricultural Commission.

2012- 2014: Chair, Stafford County Public Schools Capital Improvement Plan Advisory Committee

2015-16: Member; Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee, Chair of Land Use sub committee

2002- 2007: Chair; Stafford County Schools Long Range Planning Citizen's Advisory Committee.

2003- 2006- Chaired school redistricting committees, including serving as public presenter of material and interacting with the public

2005- Present: Member; Virginia Commission on Civics Education

2013: Member, Governor's Teachers Cabinet

Rappahannock Issues, CVTV Public Access Network – co-host 8/2014- 12/2017

Served the public through sponsoring debates as well as covering issues such as VDOT projects, growth issues, opioid abuse, fracking.

**Political Activities:**

Stafford County Republican Committee- 2002- Present. Served as Vice Chair 2002- 2006

Campaign work- duties vary per campaign: from getting signatures, coordinating letters to the editor, arranging volunteers, sign placement, sign removal, debate prep, as well as serving as campaign “manager” for over eighteen local, state and national campaigns.

**Community Activities:**

Presbyterian Church of Fredericksburg, active member

Bell Ringer for the Salvation Army for my church as well as with family

Coordinator for national Hurricane and Disaster Efforts at Colonial Forge and Brooke Point High Schools

Speaker at Boy Scout Troops on Civics and government

**Professional Associations:**

American Political Science Association

# STAFFORD *Virginia*

**Board of Supervisors**  
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 County Administrator

## STAFFORD COUNTY BOARD BANK APPLICATION

Name	Thomas C Coen		
Mailing Address	32 Twin Lake Court Stafford VA 22405		
Phone Numbers	Home (540) 368-1851	Work (540) 658-6115	Cell (540) 220 8218
E-Mail Address	coen4stafford@yahoo.com		
Profession	Educator		
Committee on Which you Wish to Serve	Board of Supervisors George Washington District		
Education	BS. - Government - Suffolk University - Boston - MA Masters - Political Science - American Military University		
Prior Civic or Service Organization Experience	Stafford Co. Planning Commission - Present AG/PDR Commission Virginia Civic's Comm. AG Commission SCPS CIP Committee VA Teachers Cabinet		
Registered Voter	Yes or No (please circle)	Election District Name: George Washington	
Signature	Date: 1/25/18		

Please be aware that your completed Board Bank Application and the information contained therein may be available to the general public. Under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, the County must make public records available for inspection, upon request, unless the record is otherwise exempt under federal or state law.



Commonwealth of Virginia  
CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDATE QUALIFICATION  
LOCAL OFFICES

Pursuant to § 24.2-501 of the Code of Virginia, I hereby certify that:

1. I am a citizen of the United States. ☒ YES ☐ NO
2. I am at least eighteen years of age or will be on or before the date of the election for the office I am seeking. ☒ YES ☐ NO
3. I have been a resident of the Commonwealth of Virginia for the year immediately preceding the election for the office I am seeking. ☒ YES ☐ NO
4. I now reside at the address shown below in the \*county or city and, if applicable, district in which I seek office [residence address must be given; post office box or general delivery is not acceptable]:  
32 Twin Lake Court  
STREET AND NUMBER, RURAL ROUTE AND BOX NUMBER, OR HIGHWAY ROUTE NUMBER  
City/Town Stafford ZIP 22405
5. I am registered to vote at the above address in the precinct in which I reside.  
[or if not and registration books are closed, my application for registration, transfer, or change of address is on file in the general registrar's office for processing when books re-open] ☒ YES ☐ NO
6. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? ☐ YES ☒ NO
7. Have you ever been adjudicated mentally incompetent and lost your right to vote? ☐ YES ☒ NO
8. If you answered YES to 6, give date of certificate restoring voting rights.  
If YES to 7, give date of court order restoring competency. DATE OF RESTORATION
9. I am an attorney admitted to the bar of the Commonwealth.  
[answer only if seeking office of Commonwealth's Attorney] ☐ YES ☒ NO

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY ALL THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

YOUR NAME AS IT IS TO APPEAR ON BALLOT [SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR REQUIREMENTS]		OFFICE SOUGHT	<u>Board of Supervisor</u>
MAILING OR CAMPAIGN ADDRESS		DISTRICT IF APPLICABLE	<u>George Washington</u>
<u>32 Twin Lake Court</u> <u>Stafford, VA 22405</u>		YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	[REDACTED]
		ELECTION DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)	<u>11/06/2018</u>
E-MAIL ADDRESS		CHECK ONE	<input type="checkbox"/> Republican Primary <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Special Election <input type="checkbox"/> Democratic Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General Election
WEB ADDRESS		(AREA CODE) HOME TELEPHONE	<u>(540) 368-1851</u>
		(AREA CODE) BUSINESS TELEPHONE	<u>(540) 220-8218</u>

I do solemnly swear [or affirm] subject to penalty provisions for making false statements that the information given above is true and correct and that I am qualified to vote for and hold the office for which I am a candidate.

PLACE PHOTOGRAPHICALLY REPRODUCIBLE  
NOTARY SEAL/STAMP BELOW

Thomas C. Coen  
SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE

11/29/18  
DATE

State of VIRGINIA County/City of STAFFORD

The foregoing instrument was subscribed and sworn before me this 29 day of

JANUARY, 20 18, by THOMAS C. COEN

PRINT NAME OF CANDIDATE

758 9538 6/30/2018  
NOTARY REGISTRATION NUMBER DATE NOTARY COMMISSION EXPIRES

Lorraine Courtney Lince  
SIGNATURE OF NOTARY OR CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT

KNOWINGLY MAKING ANY UNTRUE STATEMENT OR ENTRY IN THIS DOCUMENT IS A FELONY UNDER VIRGINIA LAW.  
THE PUNISHMENT IS A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$2,500 AND/OR CONFINEMENT FOR UP TO TEN YEARS. ALSO, YOU LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE.

\*See §15.2-1525 of the Code of Virginia for certain exceptions to residence requirements for Commonwealth's Attorneys.