

The Loudon County Republican Committee hosted its first ever Senatorial Forum for Virginia in Loudoun County. The event was superb with eye opening ideas, topics and entertainment. It was filmed in front of a live audience.

The senatorial forum was attended by all 5 senate candidates.

1. Hung Cao - <https://www.hungforva.com/>
2. Jonathan Emord - <https://www.emordforva.com>
3. Eddie Garcia - <https://www.eddiegarcia.com>
4. Scott Parkinson - <https://scottparkinson.com>
5. Chuck Smith - <https://chucksmithva.com>

Questions for the forum ranged from current day events to large national and international issues.

1. **Education:** Should you win, what will you do to help parents take back our schools from the indoctrination of our children?
2. **Energy:** Under current policy, the capacity of the national energy grid is projected to fall short of demand within a decade. What is your vision for energy production and distribution in the U.S.?
3. **International Affairs:** What would you do to promote a lasting peace in the Middle East?
4. **International Affairs:** What is your view on continued funding of the war in Ukraine?
5. **International Affairs:** What should be U.S. policy to reduce China's threat to U.S. national security?
6. **National Security:** What are the repercussions to Virginia of an open border, and what legislation would you sponsor to alleviate those impacts?
7. **Abortion:** What is your stand on abortion, and should there be a federal abortion law?
8. **National debt:** How would you address the broken budget process in this country that has contributed to inflation and our national debt?
9. **Deep state:** What will you do to reign in the power and cost of both the unelected bureaucracy and the regulatory state in the Federal government?
10. **Multiple choice:** If you could wave a magic wand and enact only one of the following three options, which would it be and why?
 - a. Prohibit members of Congress from insider trading?
 - b. Mandatory term limits?
 - c. Mandatory mental health checks for members of Congress?

The candidates then closed with very interesting and welcoming topics.

The senatorial forum had ~160 people in attendance for a weekday evening dinner event. It was well attended and well publicized.

The winner of the straw poll was Jonathan Emord with 64 votes. Hung Cao with 30 votes. Eddie Garcia with 25 votes. Chuck Smith with 16 votes and Scott Parkinson with 5 votes.

You can enjoy the full video of the event below.

Early voting starts May 3rd and goes 45 days till June 18th. Each of these candidates will be on the Republican primary ballot.

WATCH FORUM: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9xX0cnH1CDc>