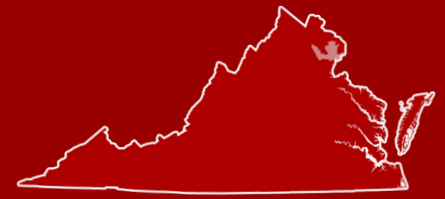


District 11

CONGRESSIONAL REPORT



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Tom Davis (R) retires

CANDIDATES

Keith Fimian (R), Gerry Connolly (D)

The retirement of 7-term moderate GOP congressman Tom Davis makes this race a top target of both national parties in a competitive Northern Virginia district.



Fairfax County Board Chairman Gerry Connolly won a fiercely contested nomination fight over former U.S. Rep. Leslie Byrne with 58% of the vote, an unexpectedly high margin that propelled him to front-runner status in this increasingly blue district. Although long held by a Republican, the 11th district is voting decidedly Democratic in recent elections, and Democrats nationally rate it among their best chances to pick up a GOP-held seat in the House.

Conservative businessman Keith Fimian makes this bid with the formidable backing of retiring incumbent Tom Davis and the national GOP, plenty of money, and a strong Republican base that will certainly be energized and mobilized in this Presidential election year.

The district includes the city of Fairfax and large portions of Fairfax and Prince William counties. U.S. Sen. Jim Webb carried the district with 55% in 2006. In the statewide races of 2005, Gov. Kaine garnered 56%, and Leslie Byrne, running for Lt. Gov., captured 55%.

Fairfax County has all the makings of a large city. With a population well over 1 million, it is twice the size of Washington D.C. and very cosmopolitan in its complexion: some 25% of residents speak a language other than English at home. It is among the most affluent districts in the country, with high median income in two-earner families, a high level of education and a high percentage of home ownership. Technology companies, defense contractors and the federal government are the area's major employers. Tysons Corner, the new downtown of Northern Virginia, is now home to one of the largest concentrations of office space anywhere east of the Mississippi.

Gerry Connolly was elected Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors in 2003. Prior to that, he served nine years as the Providence District Supervisor. He is a member and past chairman of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission, incoming chairman of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission, and a member of the Board of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. He holds a B.A. in Literature from Maryknoll College in Illinois, and an M.A. in Public Administration from Harvard. After graduating from Harvard, he began a 10-year career with the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee.



Gerry Connolly

In 1989, Connolly joined SRI International where he served as the vice president of the Washington Office. He currently serves as Director of Community Relations for SAIC, a Fortune 500 company that specializes in scientific and technology solutions for government and commercial clients.



Keith Fimian

Keith Fimian is Chairman and Founder of U.S. Inspect, the nation's largest provider of residential and commercial property inspection services. Prior to founding the Company, Mr. Fimian worked for seven years with the international accounting firm KPMG Peat Marwick, including a two-year rotational assignment in the firm's executive offices in New York City. A certified public accountant, Mr. Fimian received his Bachelors in Accounting from the College of William & Mary where he was awarded a four-year scholarship and captained the football team.

Two heavyweights, Connolly and Byrne, squared off in the June Democratic Primary, and were joined on the ballot by two lesser-known candidates: Retired Naval Commander Doug Denny and Mount Vernon physical therapist Lori Alexander.

Byrne had the endorsement of U.S. Senator Jim Webb, while Connolly enjoyed the support of Gov. Tim Kaine. Byrne was the first woman elected to represent Virginia in the U.S. Congress, holding the 11th district seat for one term before losing to Tom Davis in a bruising campaign in 1994. She ran an impressive campaign for Lt. Gov in 2005, losing by less than 1% to Bill Bolling and capturing nearly 50,000 more votes across the state than gubernatorial contender Jerry Kilgore. She also served 4 terms in the VA House of Delegates (1986 -1992) and 1 term in the state Senate (2000 – 2003).