Lifting Up Black Virginians: Terry's Plan to Create a Stronger, More Equitable Commonwealth

Creating Opportunities for Black Virginians to Build Wealth, Fighting Housing Discrimination, Defending Civil Rights, and Ensuring Equitable Access to Quality Health Care and A World-Class Education

THE PLAN

As Virginia’s next Governor, Terry will take on the systemic racism that plagues our Commonwealth. That means addressing racial disparities and creating opportunities for Black Virginians to build wealth through homeownership and by investing in Black-owned businesses. Terry will continue his fight to defend and advance civil rights by making the restoration of voting rights permanent in Virginia’s constitution, reforming the criminal justice system, and working to improve police-community relations. Terry will also ensure that Black Virginians have access to high-quality, affordable health care coverage and a world-class education, and promote equitable land use and access to safe and welcoming green spaces.

TERRY’S RECORD

As Virginia’s 72nd Governor, Terry boldly reversed a racist Jim Crow law and restored voting rights to 173,000 Virginians - more than any governor in U.S. history, and issued a record 227 pardons to correct discriminatory and unjust sentences. Terry also laid the groundwork for Medicaid expansion, extended health care coverage to tens of thousands of Virginians, and created a first-of-its-kind program to provide free dental care for low-income pregnant women. He bolstered Small Women and Minority-Owned (SWaM) businesses by creating a SWaM micro-loan program.

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THE WORK AHEAD

• Build Black wealth by increasing the minimum wage and eliminating racial pay gaps, promoting homeownership, investing in Black businesses, and promoting ownership in the new cannabis industry.
• Advance civil rights by enshrining the automatic restoration of voting rights in our constitution and creating more opportunities for Black communities to vote.
• Rebuild trust between communities and public safety agencies by increasing accountability for and transparency of serious misconduct.
• Protect Black LGBTQ+ Virginians by improving identification, reporting and enforcement of hate crimes.
• Address racial health disparities by lowering premiums, promoting health literacy, diversifying the health care workforce, and combating maternal mortality.

I will use my power as Governor to remedy the wrongs of the past and build an equitable future for all Virginians.

Terry McAuliffe