

# Virginia Latino Leaders Council

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## **Virginia Latino Leaders Council Survey Leads to Endorsement of Terry McAuliffe for Governor, Hala Ayala for Lt. Governor and Mark Herring for Attorney General**

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Arlington, Virginia – Today the Virginia Latino Leaders Council (VLLC), endorsed Terry McAuliffe for Governor, Hala Ayala for Lt. Governor and Mark Herring for Attorney General.

This announcement comes after the VLLC 2021 endorsement survey of hundreds of Latino leaders and activists yielded an overwhelming 93% support for all three Democratic candidates. VLLC's President, The Honorable J. Walter Tejada, stated, "Terry McAuliffe has been a good friend to the Latino community. He embraces diversity and stands for the issues that are important to our community. During his tenure as Governor, he fought for the expansion of health care, in-state tuition for immigrants and educational opportunities for all Virginians. In stark contrast, Glenn Youngkin, the Republican nominee, has no record of public service, and has expressed support for debunked conspiracy theories that threaten our democracy. Instead, we need a Governor who focuses on REAL issues and knows how the government works to ensure that Virginians are kept safe as we recover

from the COVID epidemic, that our economy is kept strong, and that all immigrants are treated with dignity and respect. The candidate who can do this is Terry McAuliffe.”

Tejada further stated, “Terry McAuliffe has a proven track record of including Latinos in his administration. When he was our 72nd Governor, Latinos were part of his cabinet, the Governor’s office, and the state government. He also appointed multiple Latinos to state boards and commissions. We know he will continue to support our representation at all levels of state leadership. VLLC encourages the community to vote for Terry McAuliffe as our next Governor and Hala Ayala for Lt. Governor. In addition, Mark Herring time and time again has earned the support of the Latino community, and we strongly urge voters to reelect him as Attorney General.”

The Virginia Latino Leaders Council Board includes President J. Walter Tejada, Vice President Beatriz Amberman, Members-at-Large Edgar Aranda-Yanoc, The Honorable Emma Violand-Sanchez, The Honorable Fernando Marty Martinez, Leni Gonzalez, Mayra Pineda, Legal Counsel Sam McTyre, and Executive Director Andres Tobar.

***The Virginia Latino Leaders Council is a nonpartisan statewide organization of Latino leaders and activists who focus on Latino civic engagement. VLLC communicates with Latino voters and establishes a dialogue with Virginia’s state government officials to ensure that Virginia remains a welcoming community for all.***