

Fairfax County
Youth Leadership
Program



February Assignment

Due: March 14, 2007

Questions?

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check our website: www.co.fairfax.va.us/dmb/FCYLP.htm

1. Please check your email & be sure that you have received my email(s). If not, email Miss Noonan so that we have the correct address for you.
2. Make plans with your teacher sponsor and other fcylp students who live in your district to meet with your Supervisor. You must have at least one teacher sponsor accompany you and any other student in your district so be sure that the time works for them also.
3. Research the voting record and background of your Supervisor.
4. Based on the research, write ten questions to pose to the Supervisor and have these approved by your teacher sponsor (*see suggestions on the back of this sheet*).
5. Conduct the meeting with your Supervisor and record the answers to your questions.
6. Type up a summary of the interview (this should be 1-2 pages). Include answers to the questions you posed and your personal observations.
7. Based on the interview, bring a list of the five most important issues in your immediate area. We will share these at our next meeting.
8. Share your summary with your teacher-sponsor & get his/her signature prior to the March meeting.

NEXT MEETING:
MARCH 14 at the Fairfax County Government Center

Preparation for the Board of Supervisors Interview

After identifying your Board member and planning with your “groupmates” you need to brainstorm questions for your interview. One way to prepare is to read what he/she has on the county website; check your supervisor’s website before preparing questions (find the link to his/her site at the following link: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/board/>). There are likely other websites that would be helpful in preparing for your interview, as well.

You must have at least 10 questions that address local government & the issues facing the Board. There are some suggestions below; this list is *not comprehensive*, but can be a good starting point for you:

- 💡 Transportation
 - HOV lanes
 - Metro issues
 - Dulles Toll Road
 - Financing of changes
- 💡 Education
 - Facilities
 - Supplies
 - Curriculum issues
 - VSOL tests
 - IB vs. AP (and financial constraints on the county vs. Newsweek rankings)
- 💡 Environmental Concerns
 - Parks
 - Hunting
 - Stray animals
 - Water purity
- 💡 Public Safety
 - Emergency Facilities
 - Recruiting & retaining personnel
- 💡 Expansion / Housing Issues
 - Encouraging families to move
 - Making it easier to purchase homes/townhomes/condominiums
 - Rising property taxes
- 💡 Budget
 - Allocation of funds
 - Priorities in different districts
- 💡 Civic Participation
 - Voter participation
 - Community programs

Be sure to have your teacher sponsor review the questions *at least 2 weeks prior* to your scheduled interview.