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ED HAS RELEASED 4 DETAILED, SUBSTANTIVE POLICY PLANS:

- [The “Cutting Taxes for ALL Virginians” Plan](#) cuts individual income tax rates by ten percent across-the-board, increasing disposable income by nearly \$1,300 for the average family of four and creating more than 53,000 new full-time private sector jobs.
- [The “FAITH In Our Government for ALL Virginians” Plan](#) will impose a zero gifts policy for Ed, his immediate family and political appointees, increase government transparency and ban personal use of campaign funds by state legislators.
- [The “Efficiency + Effectiveness: A Government that Works for ALL Virginians” Plan](#) will modernize our state government, cut spending, implement evidence-based solutions, right-size our government to better steward taxpayer dollars, and incentivize our state government workforce to be more responsive to the needs of all Virginians.
- [The “Removing Barriers to Job Creation for ALL Virginians” Plan](#) will eliminate outdated regulations that stifle job creation, tear down barriers to entry in the marketplace, and make it easier for businesses to start and grow in the Commonwealth by standing up for Virginia’s job creators, reforming Virginia’s regulatory climate, reforming occupational licensing and streamlining business formation.

FAST FACTS

Born: August 1, 1961

Residence: Fairfax County near historic Mount Vernon.

Family: Ed and his wife Cathy have three grown children.

Education: Bachelor of Arts degree, Catholic University of America, 1983.

Experience: Small business owner; strategic communications consultant; Counselor to the President for President George W. Bush; Chairman of the Republican Party of Virginia; Chairman of the Republican National Committee; Republican nominee for U.S. Senate in 2014.

BIOGRAPHY

Ed Gillespie is a business owner, longtime conservative leader and a Republican candidate for Governor in 2017.

Ed grew up working in his parents’ grocery store, the JC Market. The son of an Irish immigrant, he started his career as a senate parking lot attendant and eventually worked his way up to become Counselor to President George W. Bush.

A former Chairman of the Republican Party of Virginia and the Republican National Committee, a lead author of the 1994 Contract with America, and a long-time policy and communications aide to former House Majority Leader Dick Armey, Ed has always been a champion of conservative policies.

As Chairman of the RNC, Gillespie in 2004 was the first GOP chairman in 80 years to preside over his party’s winning the White House, House of Representatives, and U.S. Senate. In 2009, he was general chairman of Bob McDonnell’s highly successful campaign for governor, reclaiming the governorship after back-to-back Democratic governors. Ed and Cathy have lived in Virginia for 25 years.

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