

Armenian American Issues - 2012 Candidate Questionnaire



Candidate Bruce Shuttleworth

Party Dem State VA District 8

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1) Will you cosponsor and support the adoption of the Congressional Armenian Genocide Resolution?

Yes

2) Will you oppose "historical commissions" and other efforts to call into doubt the Armenian Genocide?

Yes

3) Do you support decisive U.S. steps to help end the genocide in Darfur?

Yes

U.S. Support for Armenia and Nagorno Karabagh: U.S. aid has strengthened Armenia's economy by promoting trade and investment, and by helping offset the impact of dual Turkish-Azerbaijani blockades.

4) Do you support U.S. aid and other programs to strengthen Armenia's self-reliance?

Yes

5) Do you support continued U.S. developmental and humanitarian aid to Nagorno Karabagh?

Yes

U.S.-Armenia Economic Relations: Over the past five years, U.S.-Armenia trade levels have nearly doubled, creating export, investment and commercial opportunities for U.S. firms.

6) Do you support actions to expand U.S.-Armenia economic relations?

Yes

U.S. Military Aid Parity: Since 2001, based on an agreement between the White House and Congress to promote regional stability, parity has been maintained in military aid to Armenia and Azerbaijan.

7) Do you support maintaining parity in U.S. military aid to Armenia and Azerbaijan?

Yes

Self-Determination for Nagorno Karabagh: The people of the Nagorno Karabagh Republic have built a democratic, free-market oriented society, overcoming the brutal legacy of Stalin's arbitrary decision to place Karabagh under Soviet Azerbaijani administration, and, more recently, independent Azerbaijan's campaign of blockades, ethnic cleansing, and outright military aggression.

8) Do you support the Nagorno Karabagh Republic's right to independence?

Yes

Conditions on U.S. Aid to Azerbaijan: In 1992, Congress passed Section 907 of the Freedom Support Act to limit aid to Azerbaijan until it lifts its blockades of Armenia and Karabagh. In 2001, the Congress reaffirmed its support for this law, but gave the President limited waiver authority.

9) Do you support maintaining Section 907?

Yes

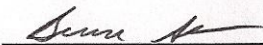
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10) Do you support legislative and other means to urge Turkey to end its blockade of Armenia?

Yes

11) Do you support linking Turkey's ability to purchase U.S. arms to its progress in ending its blockade of Armenia, occupation of Cyprus, attacks on Kurds, restrictions on Christians, and rights abuses?

Yes

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Candidate Congressman Jim Moran

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I have supported it in the past, but have conditioned my support on implications this resolution may impose on our military and national security interests in the Middle East.

2) Will you oppose "historical commissions" and other efforts to call into doubt the Armenian Genocide?

I oppose any attempt(s) to white-wash the past.

3) Do you support decisive U.S. steps to help end the genocide in Darfur?

Yes.

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I support continued aid to Armenia.

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I support aid to those affected by the conflict over Nagorno Karabagh as the best means to influence a peaceful outcome of the current dispute.

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I support a renegotiated solution to the Armenia - Azerbaijani conflict.

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The US should encourage both countries to normalize relations and re-open their borders.

11) Do you support linking Turkey's ability to purchase U.S. arms to its progress in ending its blockade of Armenia, occupation of Cyprus, attacks on Kurds, restrictions on Christians, and rights abuses?

The US should continue to emphasize our policy priorities which include both adherence to the rule of law, respect for human rights, and our national security interests in the region.

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