

Howard Ostergren
Candidate for the State Central Committee
From Hanover County

Experience Coupled With Vision

Goal: Continue to serve on State Central Committee and the First District Congressional Committee to work to win back the majority in the House and Senate and to get more Democrats elected on the local, state and national level. Howard has a wealth of experience to draw from, while at the same time, a vision for new progressive leadership in the Democratic Party.

Experience: Howard is a lifelong Democrat who has served on the Seventh Congressional District, and now the First Congressional District (since Hanover County was redistricted last year by court order.) Howard has been a backbone of the Hanover Democratic Committee for decades, all the way back to the reorganization of the committee in the 1980s, and he has supported our political heroes all the way back to Robb and Wilder up through the election of Gov. Terry McAuliffe. He is a major donor to most every state Democratic campaign, and more importantly, works hard to get Democrats elected. In addition, he is a major contributor to the JJ Dinner to help fund the state party.

On the local level, Howard serves on the executive committee of the Hanover Democratic Committee, supports the committee with financial contributions and is a key player in the Committee's efforts. Whether he's cooking for the Committee's Pancake Breakfast or putting up billboards throughout the county or considering the Committee's strategic planning, Howard is a crucial part of Hanover's team. With years of experience behind him, Howard understands the importance of recruiting young Democrats, and he has worked with the YDs in the Richmond area, helping support their activities.

Challenges: "As I see it, our greatest challenge is to bring in those Democrats stunned by Trump presidential win, and incorporate them into our political efforts to get Democratic candidates elected. We have to stay centered as Democrats, but also we need to incorporate the progressive ideals posed by new generations of Democrats. We can do this. But it will take experience coupled with vision," Howard Ostergren.