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Seeking comment — Manassas & Manassas Park Democrats ticket endorsements (Murina Dove / Marcus Still) — Deadline 5 p.m. today, Friday, August 21

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Please note: I need any comment by 5 p.m. today, Friday, August 21, 2026, to include it in our reporting.

To the Manassas & Manassas Park Cities Democratic Committee, Murina Dove, and Marcus Still:

I'm writing from Potomac Local News regarding the "Our Democratic Ticket" graphic recently circulated by the Manassas & Manassas Park Cities Democratic Committee. The graphic lists Murina Dove and Marcus Still among the endorsed candidates for Manassas City School Board (alongside Lisa Stevens), with early voting beginning September 18 and the general election on November 3.

I am seeking on-the-record comments for a story examining the endorsements and related questions that have arisen about two of the school board candidates. Please respond to the questions below that apply to you or your organization.

Questions for the Manassas & Manassas Park Cities Democratic Committee

- Does the circulated graphic constitute a formal endorsement of Murina Dove and Marcus Still for Manassas City School Board?
- What was the process and timeline for considering and granting these endorsements? What criteria does the committee use when evaluating school-board candidates?
- Was the committee aware of the series of Facebook posts shared by Murina Dove between 2024 and early 2026 that support prayer and Bible reading in public schools, reject evolutionary science in favor of a biblical narrative, affirm traditional marriage as "one man and one woman," and state that cultural opinion does not override what the Bible calls sin?
- Were those posts reviewed or discussed as part of the endorsement process?
- Does the committee stand by its endorsement of Murina Dove in light of those posts?
- We previously emailed the committee on these topics in July and received no response. Can you address them now that the candidates appear on the formal ticket graphic?

Questions for Murina Dove

- What is your background and what motivated you to run for Manassas City School Board?
- What is the current status of your effort to secure the Democratic Party endorsement?
- Do the Facebook posts you shared between 2024 and early 2026 — including those supporting prayer and putting "God back... in schools," rejecting "false evolution" in favor of a biblical framing, affirming marriage as one man and one woman, and stating that the Bible's definition of sin overrides cultural opinion — reflect your current views?

- What is your position on the separation of church and state as it applies to public schools?
- How would your personal religious beliefs influence decisions on curriculum, instructional materials, or school policy if you are elected?
- How do you plan to represent all students and families in Manassas City Public Schools, including those who hold different religious or non-religious views?

Questions for Marcus Still

- Your partner, Michael Gramajo (Family Liaison at Baldwin Elementary), posted a video on TikTok and Facebook alleging that sitting School Board Member Sara Brescia contacted or visited him at school after learning you were a candidate, circulated an older photo of you, and referenced personal details. Two formal written complaints followed and were cited in the subsequent request for an investigation of Brescia. Do you have any comment on the video, the complaints, or the sequence of events that followed?
- The complaints contributed to Board Member Diana Brown's August 6 request that Superintendent Kevin Newman open a full investigation of Brescia. That request led to what Brescia alleges was an unlawful electronic/telephonic vote by a majority of the board and her subsequent petition for a writ of mandamus (now set for hearing September 24). Do you have any comment on that process or the litigation?
- We previously sought comment from you on these matters and received no response. Do you wish to provide one now?

Thank you. I can be reached at this email or by phone/text if you have questions or would prefer to discuss by phone.

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