

## Speakers

**Senator Barbara A. Favola** is focusing her legislative efforts on women's reproductive rights, health care access, K-12 education funding, social services, foster children and domestic violence issues. She is also dedicated to environmental stewardship and maintaining the ban on uranium mining. Ms. Favola served on the Arlington County Board for fourteen years (1997-2011). Throughout her public life she has been a vigorous supporter of universal human rights.

**Delegate Mark Levine** was elected in 2015 to represent the eastern half of Alexandria, and neighboring parts of Arlington and Fairfax County, in the Virginia General Assembly. A former Legislative Counsel to Democratic Congressman Barney Frank, Levine is a long-time activist on many issues, including promotion of LGBT equality and protection of survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Levine's radio show *The Inside Scoop* is heard on more than 40 stations nationwide.

**Delegate Alfonso H. Lopez** is a lifelong Democrat and activist with more than 20 years of Federal and Virginia legislative experience. He championed legislation creating the Virginia Affordable Housing Trust Fund, establishing the Small Business Investment Grant Fund, and expanding Medicaid coverage to immigrant mothers and children. He is a committed advocate for the rights of New Americans in Virginia and for protecting our environment and growing energy industries.

**Rev. Dr. Linda Olson Peebles** is committed to community building, through arts education, service and justice-making. She was ordained in 1997, and joined the ministry of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington in 2001. She now serves as its Minister of Faith in Action. Rev. Peebles is a supporter of families and children, and has been a leader for education reform, women's health rights, peace education, and sexuality education.

**Dr. Medha Shah** is a Polytrauma/Rehabilitation physician at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Washington, DC, where she focuses on functional recovery from traumatic injury. Dr. Shah's life-long concern for public health and well-being led to her medical career. She is a Lyon Park resident and mother of three.

## Program

### Welcome

Natalie Roy

*Lyon Park Resident*

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#### Dr. Medha Shah

*Polytrauma/Rehabilitation Physician*

*Veterans Affairs Medical Center*

*Lyon Park Resident*

#### Sen. Barbara Favola (D-31)

*Representing parts of Arlington, Fairfax & Loudon*

#### Del. Alfonso Lopez (D-49)

*Representing parts of Arlington and Fairfax*

#### Del. Mark Levine (D-45)

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#### Rev. Dr. Linda Olson Peebles

*Minister of Faith in Action*

*Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington*

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**Act4LyonPark** is a group of concerned citizens living in Arlington, VA who oppose the arrival of a gun dealer within a small retail area in the Lyon Park neighborhood. We have the right to shape our community. We are concerned about the effect this dealership will have on our neighborhood's economic well-being. We do not want gun dealers near daycare centers and schools. We are committed to preventing other Arlington neighborhoods from becoming targets for more gun stores.

[www.Act4LyonPark.org](http://www.Act4LyonPark.org)

## Voices

"I will continue to introduce legislation to give local governments the authority to set limitations and conditions on where gun stores may be located in communities. There seems to be bipartisan agreement with the premise that the government closest to the people is the government that governs the best. Well, there are safety and quality of life issues inherent with decisions on where to locate firearm stores and local governing bodies are in the best position to evaluate these issues."

*Virginia State Senator Barbara Favola (D-31)*

"The residents of Lyon Park and Ashton Heights have spoken and they overwhelmingly oppose opening up a store that sells such dangerous and deadly weapons in their community. They have very legitimate concerns about the impact of this store on their property values, safety, security, and the character of their neighborhood. I stand with the citizens of Arlington in asking that NOVA Armory find a more responsible and appropriate location to sell firearms."

*Virginia State Delegate Alfonso Lopez (D-49)*

"NOVA Armory has no respect for Arlington values or the people of Lyon Park, more than 90% of whom oppose selling AK-47s and other military-grade weaponry so close to an existing pre-school, a day-care center, and residential homes. To my knowledge, NOVA Armory made no attempt to even discuss relocation."

*Virginia Delegate Mark Levine (D-45)*

"Why do gun stores have more rights than the people who live, work and raise their families in a community? The purpose of a gun is to threaten, injure or kill. This is one of the only indisputable facts in an otherwise emotional and profit-driven debate. In an era of mass shootings, with more child casualties than ever before, why enable dangerous products near schools?"

*Dr. Medha Shah, Lyon Park Resident*

"As members of the community, we have the right to protect the well-being of our families and our recently revitalized business area. A gun dealership close to schools, parks and residential homes does not add any value to our community. Our issue is not with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment. If people choose to own guns, that's their business. When people start selling guns next to our homes and children, that's our business."

*Act4LyonPark*



## Act4LyonPark

### A Community Celebration to Share Concerns About a Gun Dealer Opening in Lyon Park

March 26, 2016



Our neighborhood overwhelmingly opposes the gun dealership that advertised, "Basically if it has a trigger, we probably have it & we have it at the lowest possible price."

A substantial majority of Lyon Park voters (88%) and Ashton Heights voters (93%) oppose the business in our neighborhood. More than 3,600 people have signed a petition opposing the gun dealer.