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**Candidate for 30th Virginia Council S'ganit**

As Council S'ganit, I will make sure each BBG chapter embodies the six programming folds, increase Virginia Council's activeness in steering and leadership positions at both Regionals and International Convention, and put Virginia Council on the map as a strong, spirited area where teen leaders can thrive.

In order for Virginia Council to truly thrive programs should utilize all six programming folds. I will stay in constant communication with my counterparts in order to make sure that they are constantly pushing boundaries and making sure members leave programs feeling like they are making an impact on the BBYO community. I continually support other people leading programs if they are interested and I want to make sure that every BBG feels heard in VAC. No BBG should ever feel left behind and I want to create a sense of sisterhood in Virginia Council where anyone can feel like they belong. I want to bring BBG movement initiatives to life and have every BBG strive to be the best that they can be.

By representing what it means to be a BBG, I want to show younger members that it is never too late to become involved in BBYO and find what you're passionate about. I always look on the positive side of any situation and through determination I will work through any challenge that comes my way. It is crucial to be open to compromising and hearing out others ideas. I want to be a resource for any BBG in VAC. In order to strengthen programming for future BBGs we have to start early. I think VAC should elect a programming chair, this chair would be the each BBG Chapter S'ganit's personal assistant. They'd learn the ins and outs of programming and be able to express their passion for programming as well. This would create empowered BBGs who have the necessary knowledge about the S'ganit position. This would then strengthen VAC's programming as a whole, by instilling a love of programming into more and more members. This would be a step forward in preventing the burn out of many chapter S'ganits and revitalize programming in VAC. In the future this would provide VAC with an enthusiastic, stable, and creative group of BBGs who want to show the International Order what Virginia Council is all about.

Adding more steering opportunities and overall enhancing the interactivity of programs at Regionals is going to be essential in making Eastern a region to remember. The communication of leadership opportunities that are available at the regional level and in the International Order needs to be elevated in order for VAC to gain participants in these aspects of BBYO. I want to show everyone in our council why I am proud to be a part of VAC and why they should be too. I'd like to work with the N'siah and add a Virginia Council specific chair. Showing people everywhere in BBYO that Virginia Council is made up of tenacious and intelligent leaders is a goal I intend to achieve.

We should take these steps in order to make Virginia Council known as a prosperous council within Eastern and the International Order. I want to continue to impact young BBGs in an inspirational way so that they want to carry along the qualities of a powerful BBG to future members. Dr. Seuss once said, "You're off to great places, today is your day! Your mountain is waiting so...get on your way!". If I am given the amazing opportunity to be your 30th Virginia Council S'ganit, there are endless places we can go together and I can't wait to reach new heights with all of you wonderful BBGs.