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The Virginia Association of Counties releases 2009 Gubernatorial Spotlight videos

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Side-by-side, that's how you will see the 2009 Virginia Gubernatorial candidates today on the Virginia Association of Counties' Web site, www.vaco.org.

VACo, in association with Dominion Virginia Power, has produced Q&A videos of candidates Bob McDonnell and Creigh Deeds titled "2009 Gubernatorial Spotlight."

Lisa Schaffner, director of public relations and marketing at United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS), interviewed the candidates and questioned them about jobs, education, transportation and public safety. The candidates also revealed some unique aspects of their life and family.

The videos were shot live to tape--none of the answers were edited--allowing for the kind of sincerity that will help voters select Virginia's next governor on Nov. 3. The idea for interviews was inspired from the need to keep local and county government front and center in the mind of each candidate.

The 2009 gubernatorial election has garnered national attention by the unprecedented funding brought into respective campaigns. Also, Virginia and New Jersey are the only states to choose new governors in this off-off-year election.

VACo encourages county governments, businesses and the media to post these videos on their Web sites and to pass the link to local school boards, classroom teachers and other interested Virginians.

Here are the URL addresses and the embedded codes of the videos. Please contact Gage Harter if you have trouble posting the videos or passing along the link.

VACo exists to support county officials and to effectively represent, promote and protect the interests of counties to better serve the people of Virginia.

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