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BUSINESS

## Albemarle snags AstraZeneca

Pharmaceutical giant to construct multibillion-dollar plant in county

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Richmond Times-Dispatch

Virginia lawmakers have approved two proposed economic development packages for advanced

pharmaceutical manufacturing plants proposed by AstraZeneca in Albemarle County and Eli Lilly & Co. in Goochland County, according to multiple state sources.

The moves come as the state looks to establish itself as a center for the fast-growing industry.

The Major Employer Investment Project Approval Commission, known as MEI, voted unanimously

to adopt state incentive packages for the projects proposed by AstraZeneca and Eli Lilly, two of the world's largest pharmaceutical companies, the sources said. The commission, composed of senior members of the General Assembly budget committees, did not provide details of the state incentive packages, but valued each at more than \$10 million.

The companies have not publicly confirmed details of their respective projects, including location, but in Washington last month AstraZeneca officials joined Gov. Glenn Youngkin in publicly announcing the company would build a multibillion-dollar advanced pharmaceutical manufacturing plant in Virginia.

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HORSE COUNTRY

## OLD AND BROKEN BUT NOT BEAT



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Sally Hamlin, president of the Virginia Thoroughbred Project, leads a horse, Thursday, July 24, 2025, at James Madison's Montpelier in Orange County.

### Virginia Thoroughbred Project provides aftercare to racehorses they don't always get

HEATHER PRICE IVES  
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When a racehorse enters the homestretch of its career, retirement requires a dedicated group of trainers and volunteers to ensure

the remainder of the animal's life includes the best care available.

Virginia's growing racing industry means an abundance of retired racehorses need a place to call home after their short careers send them

into retirement. And the Virginia Thoroughbred Project helps those horses whenever possible.

"We're here to secure a safe

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ELECTION 2025

## Miyares tries, fails to boot press from local event

Campaign staff for AG running for reelection attempts to kick press out of public gathering

DAVID VELAZQUEZ  
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Virginia Attorney General Jason Miyares tried and failed to remove press from a campaign stop outside Charlottesville last week.

And even after the press was admitted by the owner of the business hosting the stop, campaign staffers stood between journalists and the candidate, blocking their view.

Neither Miyares nor his team disclosed why, especially since the invitation was posted publicly, the business remained open to the public throughout the campaign stop and the gathering was held at a coffee shop that has become a regular campaign stop for Virginia Republicans where the press has been admitted in the past without hesitation.

"MAGA Miyares may run from the press, but he can't outrun his record of attacking Medicaid, threatening Virginians' fundamental reproductive freedoms, and allowing Donald Trump to take a hammer to Virginia's workforce and economy," Georgia Greenleaf, spokeswoman for Miyares' Democratic opponent Jay Jones, told The Daily Progress later in the week. "If Miyares is too weak to answer questions from the press, then he's too weak to serve as Attorney General."

The Daily Progress was first alerted that Miyares would be speaking at First Free Coffee Bar in Hollymead just north of the city weeks ahead of his Aug. 19 arrival. When the newspaper reached

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