

OFFICIAL CALL
Mass Meeting
of the Staunton City Republican Committee
of the Republican Party of Virginia

As Chairman of the Staunton City Republican Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia, and pursuant to the Plan of Organization, and as recommended and directed by the Committee, I, Matthew Fitzgerald, do hereby issue this call for a Mass Meeting to be held at the Staunton City Hall, 116 West Beverley Street, Staunton, VA 24401 on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 starting at 7:30 pm for the following purposes:

- a) Electing a Unit Chairman;
- b) Electing up to 45 members of the Unit Committee;
- c) Electing up to 175 Delegates* and an equal number of Alternates to the Republican Party of Virginia 2020 Quadrennial Convention on May 2, 2020 at Vines Center, 1971 University Boulevard, Lynchburg, VA 24502 beginning at 10:00 am for the purposes of:
 - I. Binding Virginia Delegates to the 2020 Republican National Convention as to their choice for President on the first ballot by a Presidential Preference Poll;
 - II. Electing 12 At-Large Delegates (“National Delegates”) and 12 At-Large Alternate Delegates (“National Alternates”) to the Republican National Convention to be held on August 24-27, 2020 at the Spectrum Center, Charlotte, NC in (or its alternate site)(the “National Convention”);
 - III. Nominating two Electors At-Large to be voted for in the presidential election on November 3, 2020;
 - IV. Electing a State Chairman;
 - V. Nominating a National Committeeman and National Committeewoman;
 - VI. And for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the Convention.

*Each unit's maximum number of delegates is a number five (5) times its Delegate Voting strength proportional to the State Convention. Staunton Delegate Voting Strength is 35, therefore up to 175 delegates may represent Republican voters in Staunton;

- d) Electing up to 175 Delegates and an equal number of Alternates to the 6th Congressional District Republican Convention to be held at Central High School, 1147 Susan Avenue, Woodstock, VA 22664, or alternate location, starting at 10:00 A.M. local time on May 30, 2020, or alternate date, for the following purposes:
 - I. Electing three (3) National Delegates and three (3) National Alternates from the Sixth Congressional District of Virginia to the Republican National Convention;
 - II. Nominating one (1) Elector from the Sixth Congressional District of Virginia to be voted for in the presidential election on November 3, 2020;

- III. Electing a Chairman for the Sixth Congressional District of the Republican Party of Virginia;
- IV. Electing three (3) Regional Vice Chairmen for the Sixth Congressional District of the Republican Party of Virginia;
- V. Electing three (3) members to the State Central Committee from the Sixth Congressional District;
- VI. The transaction of such other business that may properly come before the Sixth Congressional District Republican Convention.

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- e) For the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the mass meeting.

I. Qualifications for Participation

- a) All legal and qualified voters in the City of Staunton, under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, regardless of race, religion, national origin or sex, who are in accord with the principles of the Republican Party and who, if requested, express in open meeting either orally or in writing as may be required, their intent to support all of its nominees for public office in the ensuing election, may participate as members of the Republican Party of Virginia participate in this Mass Meeting, subject to the provisions in Article I of the Plan of Organization.
- b) Military Members (any members of the Virginia National Guard, or the United States Armed Forces, Merchant Marine, or Coast Guard currently serving on active duty) who comply with these filing requirements shall not be required to be elected, but shall be declared delegates pursuant to Article VIII, Section H. of the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia.
- c) Executed versions of the attached Statement of Qualifications shall be used to assist the Convention Credentials Committee in determining qualifications.

II. Filing Requirements:

- a) Candidates for election of unit chair shall file the attached official pre-file form, along with a letter of intent, by mail or in person no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 7th, 2020, to Ms. Betty Jordan, at 303 Sussex Drive, Staunton, VA 24401; postmarks do not govern. If the pre-file form is submitted in person on the deadline date, it must be received in person by Ms. Jordan before 5pm.
- b) An official pre-file form for those seeking membership to the Staunton Republican Committee, and/or who wish to be elected as delegate to the 6th District

Convention and/or who wish to be elected as a delegate to the Republican Party of Virginia State Convention, is attached. Individuals may pre-file by submitting the attached form by mail or in person to Ms. Betty Jordan, at 303 Sussex Drive, Staunton, VA 24401, by Friday, February 21 at 5pm; postmarks do not govern. If the pre-file form is submitted in person on the deadline date, it must be received in person by Ms. Jordan before 5pm.

- c) Please note, if not more than 1 person pre-files for chair AND not more than 45 people pre-file for committee membership AND not more than 175 people pre-file for the 6th District convention, AND not more than 175 people pre-file for the State Convention, the qualified pre-filed candidates are considered elected and the mass meeting will be canceled.

- d) Military Members as Delegates
 - a. Military Members (any members of the Virginia National Guard, or the United States Armed Forces, Merchant Marine, or Coast Guard currently serving on active duty) who comply with these filing requirements shall not be required to be elected, but shall be declared delegates pursuant to Article VIII, Section H. of the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia.
 - b. Military Member delegates or alternate delegates that are unable to attend the convention in person due to obligations of their official military orders, shall have their votes cast within their unit delegation according to candidate preference ballots. Instructions regarding the casting of candidate preference ballots are available in the Call for the 6th District Convention (http://www.sixthdistrictgop.org/event/6th-congressional-district-of-the-republican-party-convention-call/?instance_id=1090), and in the Call for the RPV State Convention, <https://virginia.gop/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/2020-Quadrennial-Convention-Call.pdf>.
 - c. Qualified Delegates who would like to serve in the Military Delegation in lieu of serving as a Delegate for the Staunton City Republican Committee should notify Matt Fitzgerald, Chairman, mattfitz82@yahoo.com along with their Delegate application. Qualifying Military Members will be sent a Ballot Preference Form to be returned as directed prior to the Convention.

- e) There will be no nominations from the floor for the office of Unit Chair.

- f) Should a mass meeting occur, doors open for registration at 7:00 p.m. All qualified voters who wish to participate in the mass meeting must be in line by 7:29pm and have valid photo id.

III. Registration Fee

- a) A voluntary contribution of \$5 is requested to participate in this mass meeting.
- b) To assist the operations of the Republican Party of Virginia in supporting unit mass meetings and conventions, and the administration of the state Convention, a candidate filing fee of Thirty-Five Dollars (\$35.00) is requested of each person standing for election as a delegate or alternate delegate to the Convention. Failure to pay the requested filing fee will not result in disqualification.
- c) To assist the operations of the Sixth Congressional District Republican Committee in the administration of the Convention, a voluntary contribution of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) is requested of each Delegate and Alternate Delegate to the District Convention to help defray the cost of the Convention.
- d) Cash and Checks are accepted. Checks shall be made payable to the Staunton Republican Committee, and signed by the participant/delegate.

IV. Publication

This call, along with pre-file and candidate forms, will be published at <http://www.sixthdistrictgop.org/official-calls/> & <https://virginia.gop/events/category/official-call/>.

Electronic copies will be sent to all current committee members with valid email addresses.

*Paid for and authorized by the Staunton Republican Committee,
Matthew Fitzgerald, Unit Chair*



**2020 Staunton Republican Committee Mass Meeting
Declaration of Candidacy Form**

I hereby declare that I am qualified to seek election and/or participate at the February 25, 2020 Staunton Republican Mass Meeting, in accordance with the qualifications set forth in the RPV Party Plan and in the Staunton Republican Committee Mass Meeting Call. I affirm with a check mark that:

- I am a legally qualified voter in Staunton;
- I am in accord with the principles of the Republican Party;
- I pledge to support all Republican nominees for their respective offices in the Nov. 3, 2020 general election;

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Full Legal Name (Please Print): _____

Registered Voting Address (Please Print): _____

Ward: _____ Phone: _____ Email (pls print): _____

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY	FEES PAID
_____ Delegate, Staunton City Republican Committee Mass Meeting on February 25, 2020 (Voluntary filing fee of \$5 to help defray costs)	\$ _____
_____ Member, Staunton City Republican Committee filing as Ward Member _____, filing as At-large Member _____ (Membership dues \$15)	\$ _____
_____ Delegate to the 2020 6th Cong. District Republican Convention on May 30, 2020 (Voluntary filing fee of \$20 to help defray costs of Convention)	\$ _____
_____ Delegate to the 2020 Republican Party of Virginia State Convention on May 2, 2020 (Voluntary filing fee of \$35 to help defray costs of Convention)	\$ _____
_____ Candidate for Unit Chair, Staunton Republican Committee (Attach letter of intent-letter must be included to be considered a candidate.)	
TOTAL FEES PAID (Please make one check payable to the Staunton Republican Committee)	\$ _____

Please return this form and all fees due to the Staunton City Republican Committee, Ms. Betty Jordan, at 303 Sussex Drive, Staunton, VA 24401, by **Friday, February 21st at 5pm** if filing for membership or delegate to a convention, or by **Friday, February 7th, at 5pm** if filing for Chair. Postmarks do not govern for either prefile deadline. If submitted in person on the deadline date, it must be received in person by Ms. Jordan prior to 5pm.