

## **OFFICIAL CALL**

### **Mass Meeting of the Republican Party of the City of Richmond**

As Chairman of the Republican Party of the City of Richmond (herein referred to as the Richmond City Unit), and pursuant to the Plan of Organization and as recommended and directed by the Richmond City Unit Committee, I, Leon Benjamin, do hereby issue this call for a Mass Meeting to be held at Mary Munford Elementary School, 211 Westmoreland Street, Richmond, Virginia, 23226, starting at 2:00 PM local time on March 7, 2020 for the following purposes:

1. Electing a Unit Chairman
2. Electing up to 268 precinct members and up to 116 at-large members of the Richmond City Unit Committee
3. Electing up to 560 Delegates and an equal number of Alternates to cast 112 delegate votes at the Fourth District Republican Convention to be held April 25, 2020 at Thomas Dale High School West Campus – 3900 W. Hundred Rd., Chester, VA 23831, starting at 11:30am. The purposes of the Fourth District Convention are: (a) Electing a District Chairman; (b) Nominating a Republican candidate for member of the U.S. House of Representatives to be voted for at the election on Tuesday, November 3, 2020; (c) Nominating a Republican candidate for Elector for President and Vice-President of the United States to be voted for at the election on Tuesday, November 3, 2020; (d) Electing three members of the State Central Committee for a term of four years or until their successors are elected; (e) Electing three delegates and three alternates to the Republican National Convention to be held in Charlotte, NC on Monday, August 24, 2020 – Thursday, August 27, 2020; and (f) for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the convention. Each unit is entitled to one Delegate Vote per 250 Republican votes or major portion thereof cast for the Republican nominee in the most recent elections for President and Governor, so that the Richmond City Unit Committee is entitled to 112 Delegate Votes.
4. Electing up to 560 Delegates and an equal number of Alternates to cast 112 delegate votes at the Republican Party of Virginia Quadrennial State Convention to be held on May 1-2, 2020 at Richmond Convention Center, 403 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Richmond, VA 23219. The purposes of the State Convention are: (a) Binding Virginia Delegates to the 2020 Republican National Convention as to their choice for President on the first ballot by a Presidential Preference Poll; (b) 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 (or its alternate site) (the “National Convention”); (c) Nominating two Electors At-Large to be voted for in the presidential election on November 3, 2020; (d) Electing a State Chairman; (e) Nominating a National Committeeman and National Committeewoman; and (f) for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the Convention.

Registration for this mass meeting will open at 1:00pm and close at 2:00pm. Any qualified voter already in line at 2:00pm will be allowed to register and participate in the mass meeting. All participants must present a photo ID in order to participate.

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## **Qualifications for Participation**

All legal and qualified voters of the City of Richmond 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 in its mass meetings, party canvasses, conventions or primaries encompassing their respective election districts. In addition to the foregoing, to be in accord with the principles of the Republican Party, unless otherwise stipulated by the appropriate Official Committee, a person otherwise qualified hereunder shall not have participated in Virginia in the nomination process of a party other than the Republican Party within the last five years.

## **Filing Requirements**

**Candidates for Member of the Richmond City Unit Committee, Delegate to any convention, or Unit Chairman** must prefile using the form available with this call on the Republican Party of Virginia website, [www.virginia.gop](http://www.virginia.gop), or the Richmond City Unit website, [www.richmondgop.org](http://www.richmondgop.org). Completed forms, along with a check for applicable filing fees, must be received by Mr. Kris Allen, Richmond City Unit Committee, 25 E. Main Street, Richmond, VA 23219, not later than 5:00 pm, Friday, February 21, 2020. Postmarks shall not govern. No nominations will be accepted from the floor.

**Filing Fees (please make checks payable to Republican Party of the City of Richmond and attach to the filing form):**

1. Candidate for Unit Chairman - \$100.00 (required)
2. Candidate for Member, Richmond City Unit Committee - \$25.00 (required)
3. Delegate, Fourth District Convention – No fee
4. Delegate, Quadrennial State Convention – A registration fee of \$35.00 is requested from each Delegate or Alternate. Any Delegate or Alternate who fails to pay the registration fee may participate only in the Presidential Preference Poll.

**Mass Meeting Voluntary Contribution (please make checks payable to Republican Party of the City of Richmond and attach to the filing form – this may be combined with other fees):**

A voluntary donation of \$15.00 is requested to help offset the costs of the mass meeting and may accompany the prefilling form or be paid at the door. If the mass meeting is canceled, the \$15.00 donation will be refunded.

**Active Duty Members of the Military:** Please follow the filing requirements above and make a note on your pre-filing form that you are active duty military. If you are unable to attend the convention for which you have been certified as a Delegate due to obligations of your official military orders, you can have your vote cast within the unit delegation according to a candidate preference ballot.

**Possibility of Cancellation:** If the number of persons prefilling as candidates for election to any office by this Mass Meeting does not exceed the number that can be elected, all duly prefiled candidates qualified under Article I of the State Party Plan shall be declared elected. If the number of qualified persons prefilling as candidates for election for all offices to be decided upon by the Mass Meeting does not exceed the number that can be elected, then the candidates shall be declared elected and the Mass Meeting shall be cancelled.

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