

OFFICIAL CALL

District Convention of the 8th Congressional District of the Republican Party of Virginia
May 30, 2020 at 10:00AM
The Waterford at Springfield
6715 Commerce Street
Springfield, VA 22150

As District Chairman of the 8th Congressional District of the Republican Party of Virginia, pursuant to the Plan of Organization and as recommended and directed by the District Committee, I, Mark Kelly, do hereby issue this call for a District Convention to be held at The Waterford at Springfield, 6715 Commerce Street, Springfield, VA 22150 or its alternate site, starting at 10:00 AM EDT on May 30, 2020 (Registration begins at 8 am) for the following purposes:

1. Electing a District Chairman;
2. Nominating a Republican candidate for member of the U.S. House or Representatives to be voted for at the election on Tuesday, November 3, 2020;
3. 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;
4. Electing three members of the State Central Committee for a term of four years or until their successors are elected;
5. Electing three delegates and three alternate delegates to the Republican National Convention to be held in Charlotte, North Carolina on August 24-27, 2020 ;

and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the convention.

Convention registration shall begin at 8:00 AM EDT and shall conclude at 10:00 AM EDT. The Convention shall be called to order at 10:00 AM EDT. Upon commencement of the first ballot for any office and thereafter, no quorum call or point of order regarding the quorum of the Convention or of any committee thereof shall be in order.

Qualifications for Participation

All legal and qualified voters of the 8th Congressional District 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 November 3, 2020 election may, as members of the Republican Party of Virginia, be elected as delegates or alternate delegates to this convention, subject to the provisions in Article I of the Plan of Organization.

Delegates and alternate delegates must present one of the forms of identification listed in § 24.2-643 of the Code of Virginia in order to participate.

The registration fee for delegates is \$25. Any delegate who fails to pay the registration fee may participate only in the nomination of candidates for public office (House of Representatives).

Composition of Convention

Delegate votes are allocated to the units (counties and cities) in the District as follows: Each unit is allocated one delegate vote for **each 500 votes** or major portion thereof cast for the Republican nominee in the last preceding Gubernatorial and Presidential elections combined; provided that each unit shall be allocated at least one delegate vote.

Delegates and alternate delegates shall be elected in unit mass meetings, party canvasses or conventions called in conformity with the Plan of Organization. Each unit may elect no more than five delegates and five alternate delegates for each delegate vote allocated.

UNIT DELEGATE VOTES and MAXIMUM NUMBER of DELEGATES

City of Alexandria 48 -- 240

Arlington County 73 -- 365

Fairfax County 146 -- 730

City of Falls Church 5 -- 25

Total Votes 272

Certification of Delegates

Delegates and alternate delegates to the Convention shall be certified to the Convention, in the case of those selected by a Mass Meeting or Convention, by the permanent chairman and permanent secretary of the Mass Meeting or Convention, or, in the case of those selected by a Party Canvass or those declared elected pursuant to the call of a cancelled Mass Meeting, Party Canvass, or Convention, by the chairman of the unit committee.

Certifications must be delivered to the District Chairman and Treasurer no later than May 23, 2020. After this deadline, no change may be made except that an alternate delegate may take the place of a delegate. Certifications shall be delivered by e-mail to chairman@vagop8cd.org and by physical delivery to Chris Marston 110 Shooters Court, Alexandria, 22314. Certification of names will require that the \$25 registration fee for each delegate and alternate delegate listed on the certification form accompany the delegate and alternate delegate certification when applicable. No certification will be accepted without the accompanying applicable fee.

Certifications must include at least the name and address appearing on the voter registration rolls of each delegate and alternate, as well as an indication of which delegates or alternates, if any, 1) paid the delegate registration fee; 2) are Military Members certified as delegates pursuant to Art. VIII, Sec. H, para. 6 of the Plan of Organization, so that the eligibility of such delegates or alternates to have their votes cast by candidate preference ballot may be determined.

A copy of the published call of the Mass Meeting, Party Canvass, or Convention, and the date of publication must be provided with the certification.

Unless the certification states how an allocation of votes is to be fractionalized, the delegates present and voting may cast the full vote of the delegation.

Unless the certification includes an order from the Mass Meeting, Party Canvass, or Convention establishing a different method, the delegates from the unit shall designate which alternate shall vote in place of an absent delegate.

The District Chairman shall be responsible for preparing from the certifications a roll of delegates and alternate delegates which shall govern the procedures of the Convention, unless and until changed by the Convention.

Unit Chairman shall make available, upon request, to a duly filed candidate for public or party office to be filled at the convention the list of delegates, including all contact information provided by the delegates within 14 days of the delegates election if 250 or fewer delegates are elected or within 21 days if more than 250 delegates have been elected.

Filing Requirements

Candidates for election or nomination at the Convention shall file a written statement with Chris Marston by e-mail at chairman@vagop8cd.org or by physical delivery at 110 Shooters Court, Alexandria, 22314. The written statement must be received by the deadline; postmarks are not evidence of receipt by the deadline.

Candidates for election as District Chair must file the written statement by Friday, February 28, 2020 at 5pm and shall include with their written statement a check or evidence of payment of a \$1,000 filing fee.

Candidates for nomination for member of the U.S. House of Representatives must file the written statement by Friday, February 28, 2020 at 5pm and shall include with their written statement a check or evidence of payment of a \$3,500 filing fee.

Candidates for nomination for elector must file the written statement by Friday, February 28, 2020 at 5pm and shall include with their written statement a check or evidence of payment of a \$1,000 filing fee.

Candidates for election for member of the State Central Committee must file the written statement by Friday, February 28, 2020 at 5pm and shall include with their written statement a check or evidence of payment of a \$500 filing fee.

Candidates for election as delegate to the Republican National Convention must file the written statement by Friday, February 28, 2020 at 5pm and shall include with their written statement a check or evidence of payment of a \$250 filing fee.

Publication

This Call shall be posted on the website of the Republican Party of Virginia www.rpv.org and issued by the District Chairman to the Chairman of all unit committees for units included in the District no later than February 21, 2020. By a two-thirds (2/3) vote, the District Committee has waived the requirement that this call be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the District.

Committees

Members of the Temporary Convention Arrangements, Credentials, Nominations, Elections, and Rules Committees as appointed by the District Chairman shall meet in advance of the Convention (at the discretion of the Temporary Chairman of each such Committee and the District Chairman) to perform their duties subject to ratification by the delegates present and voting at the Convention. The Convention shall be conducted in accordance with the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia, and Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

Rules Recommendations

The District Committee will recommend to the Convention Rules Committee that it propose the following rules to the convention (a) no resolutions will be considered; (b) the election for delegate and alternate delegate to the Republican National Convention shall be by one ballot with the top three finishers being named delegate and the next three named alternate delegate, and each delegate to the 8th District Convention will be able to cast up to six (6) votes; and (c) election for U.S. House be by majority vote.

Uncontested Offices

No nominations shall be accepted from the floor of the District Convention. If, at the convention, any office, other than Republican nominee for the U.S. House of Representatives, has fewer than or an equal number of candidates for offices to be elected, all legally filed candidates for that office shall be deemed to be elected.

Revisions

In the event that venue availability, court order, or any other unforeseen circumstance requires technical or conforming changes to the Call, the District Chairman is authorized to revise the Call to make any such technical or conforming changes. The District Chairman must promptly notify the District Committee of any such conforming changes.

APPROVED by the Eighth Congressional District Republican Committee, February 14, 2020.

Authorized and Paid for by **8th District Republican Party of Virginia.**