

## OFFICIAL CALL FOR THE 2020 WINCHESTER REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE PARTY CANVASS

As Chairman of the Winchester Republican Committee (WRC), and pursuant to the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia and as recommended and directed by the Committee, I, Robert A. Hess, do hereby issue this call for a Party Canvass to be conducted by absentee balloting. Ballots may be submitted by mail, commercial delivery service, or in person and must be received by Robert A. Hess, Chairman, at 429 Castleman Drive, Winchester, VA 22601 not sooner than 9:00 AM, May 25, 2020 and not later than 7:30 PM on Tuesday June 2, 2020. Postmarks or commercial delivery service certificates are not evidence of receipt by the deadline and shall not govern.

The purposes of the Winchester Republican Party Canvas shall be:

- To nominate a Republican candidate for the office of Mayor;
- To nominate a Republican candidate for the office of City Council for the First Ward;
- To nominate a Republican candidate for the office of City Council for the Second Ward;
- To nominate a Republican candidate for the office of City Council for the Third Ward;
- To nominate a Republican candidate for the office of City Council for the Fourth Ward;

With the candidates to be voted for at the election on Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

Balloting shall be in accordance with the Rules for Winchester Republican Committee 2020 Party Canvass contained as a part of this Call.

### Qualifications for Participation

All legal and qualified voters of the City of Winchester 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 Party Canvas, subject to the provisions in Article I of the Plan of Organization.

Voters must be registered to vote in the City of Winchester on or before May 1, 2020 to participate in the Party Canvass.

Only voters registered to vote in Ward 1 are eligible to vote for the City Council Candidates for Ward 1.

Only voters registered to vote in Ward 2 are eligible to vote for the City Council Candidates for Ward 2.

Only voters registered to vote in Ward 3 are eligible to vote for the City Council Candidates for Ward 3.

Only voters registered to vote in Ward 4 are eligible to vote for the City Council Candidates for Ward 4.

Party Canvass voters must provide one of the forms of identification listed in § 24.2-643 of the Code of Virginia in order to participate.

There is no registration fee and no prefilling requirement for participants.

### Candidate Filing Requirements

Candidates for nomination at this Party Canvass must submit a written statement, on the official filing form provided by the Winchester Republican Committee, by mail or in person to Robert A. Hess, Chairman, 429 Castleman Drive, Winchester, VA 22601 not later than 5:00 PM on Tuesday May 12, 2020. A filing fee of \$100.00 must accompany the filing form. The filing deadline is for physical receipt of the form and filing fees. Postmarks are not evidence of receipt by the deadline and shall not govern. Only candidates who have properly filed by the stated date and time with the required fee shall be eligible for election. No write-in votes will be permitted at the Party Canvass.

If no person shall file for an office by 5:00 PM EDT on Tuesday, May 12, 2020, then the Executive Committee of the Winchester Republican Committee, at its discretion, may extend the filing deadline for that office.

### Cancellation

If not more than the number of persons to be nominated shall file for any office, then such properly filed persons shall be declared nominated, and no election will occur for that office. Should all elections be cancelled, the Party Canvass will also be cancelled. A notice of cancellation will be posted on the website of the Winchester Republican Committee ([www.WinchesterGOP.org](http://www.WinchesterGOP.org)) and the website of the Republican Party of Virginia ([www.virginia.gop](http://www.virginia.gop)).

### Publication

This Call shall be posted on the website of the Winchester Republican Committee ([www.WinchesterGOP.org](http://www.WinchesterGOP.org)) and the website of the Republican Party of Virginia ([www.virginia.gop](http://www.virginia.gop)). The Winchester Republican Committee waived the newspaper publication requirement by at least two-thirds vote.

*§ 24.2-643 of the Code of Virginia: "...any one of the following forms of identification: his valid Virginia driver's license, his valid United States passport, or any other photo identification issued by the Commonwealth, one of its political subdivisions, or the United States; any valid student identification card containing a photograph of the voter and issued by any institution of higher education located in the Commonwealth or any private school located in the Commonwealth; or any valid employee identification card containing a photograph of the voter and issued by an employer of the voter in the ordinary course of the employer's business."*

**Rules: The Winchester Republican Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia hereby adopts these Rules for the conduct of this 2020 Party Canvass.**

1. Ballots may be submitted by mail, commercial delivery service, or in person and must be received by Robert A. Hess, Chairman, at 429 Castleman Drive, Winchester, VA 22601 not sooner than 9:00 AM, May 25, 2020 and not later than 7:30 PM on Tuesday June 2, 2020. Postmarks or commercial delivery service certificate are not evidence of receipt by the deadline and shall not govern.
2. Ballots should be submitted in an envelope addressed to "Robert A. Hess, Attn: VOTE, 429 Castleman Drive, Winchester, VA 22601." The envelope must also include a copy of one of the forms of identification listed in § 24.2-643 of the Code of Virginia and the home address of the voter if the address is not legibly displayed on the copy of the identification.
3. All Party Canvass voters shall meet the requirements as specified in the Call of the Party Canvass and must submit a copy of one of the forms of identification listed in § 24.2-643 of the Code of Virginia to accompany their ballot envelope in order for their ballot to be counted.
4. Ballots submitted may be either a copy of the official ballot as found on the WRC website ([www.WinchesterGOP.org](http://www.WinchesterGOP.org)) or a sheet of paper which includes the name of the candidate and the office the candidate is seeking.
5. To help maintain the privacy of their vote, voters may place their ballots in a sealed envelope (envelope #1) marked "BALLOT," and that envelope then be placed in another envelope (envelope #2) along with a copy of the voter's identification and address. Envelope #2 should be addressed to "Robert A. Hess, Attn: VOTE, 429 Castleman Drive, Winchester, VA 22601."
6. No envelopes shall be opened prior to the balloting deadline. The Chairman of the Winchester Republican Committee will secure the unopened envelopes received until the polls close.
7. The Chairman of the Winchester Republican Committee shall appoint a Credentials Committee of not less than three (3) persons. The Credentials Committee shall decide any question that may arise concerning the qualifications of a candidate or eligibility to vote.
8. Once the balloting deadline has passed, the Credentials Committee shall open the envelopes, review the identification provided to determine eligibility to vote, and separate the copy of the identification from the ballot or BALLOT envelope for eligible voters. The Credentials Committee will then open the BALLOT envelopes for eligible voters and proceed to tally the votes of all eligible ballots.
9. Votes will be counted only for those candidates who have properly filed as required in the Call of the Party Canvass. No write-in votes will be permitted.
10. Candidates shall be elected on the basis of plurality of votes received. If two or more persons have an equal number of votes and a higher number than any other person, the Winchester Republican Committee shall proceed publicly to determine by lot which of the persons shall be declared elected, after those persons have been notified and are allowed an opportunity to be present.
11. This party canvass shall, to the extent applicable, be governed by and conducted in accordance with the following (giving precedence as listed): the State Party Plan, the Plan of Organization & Bylaws of the Winchester Republican Committee, these rules, and otherwise in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised (current edition).

**Candidate for Mayor  
Official Filing Form  
WINCHESTER REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE  
2020 Party Canvas**

I, the undersigned, being a registered voter in the City of Winchester, Virginia, and meeting all applicable eligibility requirements, hereby file for election at the Party Canvass, to be conducted by absentee balloting from 9:00 AM, May 25, 2020 until 7:30 PM on Tuesday June 2, 2020, as the Republican nominee for the office of Mayor to be voted on in the General Election on November 3, 2020.

This form must be filed via mail or in person to Robert Hess, Chairman, 429 Castleman Drive, Winchester 22601 along with a filing fee of \$100 payable to the Winchester Republican Committee. The **filing deadline is 5:00 PM, Tuesday, May 12, 2020**. Please note the deadline is for physical receipt of the form and filing fees; postmarks shall not govern. Only candidates who have properly filed by the stated date and time with the required fee shall be eligible for election. No write-in votes will be permitted at the Party Canvass.

**PLEASE PRINT**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Winchester \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ 22601 \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

***I hereby certify that I am in accord with the principles of the Republican Party and that it is my intent to support all Republican candidates in the 2020 General Election.***

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Candidate for City Council  
Official Filing Form  
WINCHESTER REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE  
2020 Party Canvass**

I, the undersigned, being a registered voter in the \_\_\_\_\_Ward of the City of Winchester, Virginia, and meeting all applicable eligibility requirements, hereby file for election at the Party Canvass, to be conducted by absentee balloting from 9:00 AM, May 25, 2020 until 7:30 PM on Tuesday June 2, 2020, as the Republican nominee for the office of City Council for the \_\_\_\_\_ Ward to be voted on in the General Election on Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

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Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Winchester \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ 22601 \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

***I hereby certify that I am in accord with the principles of the Republican Party and that it is my intent to support all Republican candidates in the 2020 General Election.***

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_