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2 **LYNCHBURG REPUBLICAN CITY COMMITTEE**

3 **OFFICIAL CALL FOR A MASS MEETING**

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5 As Chairman of the Lynchburg Republican City Committee (“LRCC”), pursuant to

6 the Republican Party of Virginia Plan of Organization, and as recommended and directed

7 by the LRCC, I, Eric Harrison, do hereby issue this call for a Mass Meeting to be held at

8 Heritage Baptist Church, located at 219 Breezewood Dr. Lynchburg, Virginia 24502, or

9 alternative location, starting at 9:00 AM, Eastern Daylight Time (hereafter “EDT”), on

10 Saturday, May 22, 2021 or an alternate location, date and/or time, for the following

11 purposes:

- 12 1. Nomination of Republican candidates in the November 2, 2021 General
- 13 Election for the offices of Commissioner of the Revenue, Commonwealth’s
- 14 Attorney, Sheriff and Treasurer (hereafter “the Constitutional Offices”);
- 15 2. For the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the
- 16 mass meeting.

17 **QUALIFICATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION**

18 If in compliance with the prefile requirement, *infra*, all legal and qualified voters in

19 the City of Lynchburg under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, regardless of race,

20 religion, national origin or sex, who are in accord with the principles of the Republican

21 Party and who, if requested, express in open meeting either orally or in writing as may be

22 required their intent to support all of its nominees for public office in the ensuing election

23 may participate as members of the Republican Party of Virginia in this mass meeting.

24 In addition to the foregoing, to be in accord with the principles of the Republican

25 Party, a person otherwise qualified hereunder shall not have participated in Virginia in a

26 nomination process of a party other than the Republican Party within the last five (5)

27 years. A single exception shall be approved for a voter who renounces affiliation with any

28 other party in writing, and who expresses in writing that he/she is in accord with the

29 principles of the Republican Party and intends, at the time of the writing, to support the

30 nominees of the Republican Party in the future. Any voter who utilizes the foregoing

31 exception, and thereafter participates in the nomination process of a party other than the

32 Republican Party, shall not have the benefit of the exception thereafter. Within 30 days

33 of receipt, the Official Committee shall provide a copy of this signed renunciation

34 statement to the Republican Party of Virginia, to be maintained for a period of five (5)
35 years.

36 Any Military Member who is otherwise qualified under Article I to participate in
37 Republican Party actions and who complies with the procedures to participate, and who
38 produces valid military identification or other proof of active-duty status shall be certified
39 as a participant in the mass meeting.

40 Military Members who are certified pursuant to the foregoing paragraph who are
41 unable to attend the mass meeting in person due to obligations of their official military
42 orders, shall have their votes cast according to candidate preference ballots. Candidate
43 preference ballots shall list the Military Member's rank order preference among
44 candidates (i.e., first choice, second choice, third choice, etc.). Their votes shall be cast
45 for the highest ranked choice candidate who remains eligible to receive a vote in a
46 particular round of voting. Candidate preference ballots shall be returned to the LRCC
47 Chairman or his designee not less than seven (7) days prior to the convention.

48 **PREFILING OF MASS MEETING PARTICIPANTS IS REQUIRED**

49 Any individual seeking to participate in the mass meeting must prefile by submitting
50 a completed "2021 Constitutional Officer Nomination Filing Form". The completed 2021
51 Constitutional Officer Nomination Filing Form must be delivered to the Lynchburg
52 Republican City Committee c/o Patsy Walker, Secretary, no later than 8:00 PM EDT on
53 Wednesday, May 12, 2021. Forms may be mailed to the Lynchburg Republican City
54 Committee at Post Office Box 12237, Lynchburg Virginia, 24506, scanned and emailed
55 to LynchburgRepublicanCC@gmail.com, or delivered to Patsy Walker at 2432 Indian Hill
56 Road, Lynchburg, Virginia 24503. No vote shall be permitted to be cast at the mass
57 meeting herein called by anyone who has not prefiled pursuant to this section.

58 **MASS MEETING TO BE "DRIVE THROUGH" MASS MEETING**

59 All prefiled participants shall be deemed present at the mass meeting once the
60 meeting is called to order. The mass meeting shall be a "drive through" style mass
61 meeting. Prefiled participants in the mass meeting may arrive at any time between when
62 the meeting is called to order and 2:00 PM EDT on the date of the mass meeting and cast
63 their ballot for the contested nominations. After casting their ballot they will then be
64 permitted to leave. Any participant physically present by 2:00 PM EDT shall be permitted
65 to cast his or her ballot even if the ballot is cast after 2:00 PM EDT.

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67 **FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE REPUBLICAN NOMINATION FOR ELECTION**
68 **TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICES**

69 Qualified candidates seeking the Republican nomination for one of the
70 Constitutional Offices on the ballot in the November 2, 2021 general election must prefile
71 a written statement of their intent on a form provided by the LRCC and must pay a
72 candidate filing fee of \$2,500. A copy of the written statement of intent form will be
73 available to download on the LRCC website, www.lynchburgrepublicanparty.com or will
74 be provided upon request. The candidate filing fee of \$2,500 shall be in check or money
75 order made payable to the Lynchburg Republican City Committee and must be submitted
76 contemporaneously with the written statement of intent. The written statement form and
77 candidate filing fee must be delivered to the Lynchburg Republican City Committee c/o
78 Patsy Walker, Secretary, no later than 8:00 PM EDT on Tuesday, March 30, 2021.
79 Postmarks do not govern. Forms and filing fees must be actually received by 8:00 PM
80 EDT on Tuesday, March 30, 2021. Forms may be mailed to the Lynchburg Republican
81 City Committee at Post Office Box 12237, Lynchburg Virginia, 24506 or delivered to Patsy
82 Walker at 2432 Indian Hill Road, Lynchburg, Virginia 24503.

83 **QUALIFICATIONS FOR CANDIDACY**

84 In order to be considered a “qualified candidate” to file as a candidate for
85 nomination, the filing individual must him/herself personally satisfy the “Qualifications for
86 Participation”, *supra*, and as set forth in Article I, Section A of the Republican Party of
87 Virginia Plan of Organization as Amended.

88 **DETERMINATION OF QUALIFICATION**

89 The unit chair shall appoint a committee consisting of no fewer than 3 individuals
90 to review any filings received to ensure that the individual seeking nomination meets the
91 “Qualifications for Candidacy”, *supra*. A candidate filing fee received for an individual
92 deemed unqualified shall be returned. The unit chair shall not participate as a member of
93 this committee.

94 **HOW CANDIDATES SHALL BE DECLARED NOMINATED**

95 If the number of qualified candidates for nomination to one of the Constitutional
96 Offices as set forth in the preceding paragraph does not exceed one, then the lone
97 qualified candidate for that particular Constitutional Office shall be declared the nominee
98 of the Republican Party in the November 2, 2021 general election for that office.

99 If 2 qualified candidates for nomination to a Constitutional Office as set forth, *supra*,
100 the nomination shall be decided by majority vote of the mass meeting.

101 In the event of more than 2 qualified candidates for nomination to a Constitutional
102 Office, the nomination for such office shall be determined by ranked choice voting of the
103 mass meeting.
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105 **CANCELLATION OF MASS MEETING IN THE EVENT OF NO CONTESTED**
106 **NOMINATIONS**

107 If the number of qualified candidates for nomination does not exceed one for each
108 of the Constitutional Offices, the lone qualified candidate for each office shall be declared
109 the nominee of the Republican Party for their respective office as set forth in the preceding
110 paragraph and this mass meeting will be cancelled.

111 **CHAIR TO APPOINT TEMPORARY COMMITTEES**

112 The Unit Chair shall have authority to appoint temporary committees to plan and
113 prepare for this mass meeting. Such temporary committees may, but do not necessarily
114 include: rules committee, accommodations committee or credentials committee.

115 **PUBLICATION**

116 This mass meeting call, along with prefile and candidate forms, will be published
117 on the Lynchburg Republican City Committee website at
118 <http://www.lychburgrepublicanparty.com>, on the Virginia Sixth District Republican
119 Committee website <http://www.sixthdistrictgop.org/> and on the Republican Party of
120 Virginia website at <http://virginia.gop/> .

121 The publication requirement in a newspaper of general circulation has been waived
122 by a vote of at least 2/3 of the members of the Lynchburg Republican City Committee
123 approving this call.