

OFFICIAL CALL
Alexandria Republican Party Canvass

As Chairman of the Alexandria Republican City Committee, and pursuant to the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia, and as recommended and directed by the Committee, I, Pete Benavage, do hereby issue this call for a Party Canvass to be held at The Coal Yard, 205 S Henry Street, Alexandria, Virginia, from 10 AM to 2 PM on Saturday, May 15, 2021, for the following purposes:

- a) Nominating a Republican candidate for Mayor to be voted for in the General election on November 2, 2021.
- b) Nominating not more than six candidates for City Council to be voted for in the General election on November 2, 2021.
- c) Nominating a Republican candidate for the office of Commonwealth Attorney to be voted for in the General election on November 2, 2021.
- d) Nominating a Republican candidate for the office of Sheriff to be voted for in the General election on November 2, 2021.

Qualifications for Participation

All legal and qualified voters of City of Alexandria 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.

Filing Requirements

Candidates for the nomination at said canvass shall file a written statement by mail, email or in person, to Pete Benavage, PO Box 245, Alexandria, VA 22313, which must be received not later than 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 8. Postmarks do not govern. Candidates for nomination must pay a nonrefundable filing fee of \$250, prior to the filing deadline. To make arrangements to deliver in person, contact Pete Benavage by e-mail at chair@alexgop.org.

If only one candidate properly files for any office, then said candidate may, at the discretion of the Chairman, be declared the Republican nominee and no canvass will be held for that office.

Registration Fee

There will be no registration fee to participate in this canvass.

Publication

This Call shall be published on the websites of the Republican Party of Virginia and Alexandria Republican City Committee. The Committee waived the requirement to publish this call in a newspaper of general circulation by a two-thirds vote.

Paid for and authorized by the Alexandria Republican City Committee.
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PARTY CANVASS RULES

The Alexandria Republican City Committee, pursuant to the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia, hereby adopts these Rules for the conduct of this Party Canvass.

1. The Republican Party Canvass shall be held at the Coal Yard, 221 S Henry Street, Alexandria, Virginia on May 15, 2021, from 10 AM to 2 PM. The purpose of the Canvass shall be Nominating a Republican candidate for each of the offices of Sheriff, Commonwealth Attorney and Mayor and no more than six candidates for the office of City Council to be voted for in the General election on November 2, 2021.
2. 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, District or Unit Plan or By-Laws, these rules, and otherwise in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised (12th Edition).
3. Only eligible voters duly registered by the Credentials Committee may vote. No proxies are allowed at any time.
4. All voters shall meet the requirements as specified in the Call of the Party Canvass.
5. The Chairman of the Alexandria Republican City Committee shall appoint a Credentials Committee of not more than 5 persons, to register those persons who offer to vote and to count the ballots once the polls are closed. The members of the Credentials Committee shall remain at the site at which voting is conducted during the period in which voting takes place and until the ballots are counted.
6. The Credentials Committee shall decide any question that may arise concerning the qualifications of a candidate or eligibility to vote.
7. No resolutions may be introduced.
8. The Credentials Committee shall prepare ballots listing the names of all qualified candidates for contested nominations who have properly filed as required in the Call of the Party Canvass.
9. The Credentials Committee shall preserve order at the polling place. No person shall hinder, intimidate, or interfere with any qualified voter so as to prevent the voter from casting a secret ballot. The Credentials Committee may order a person violating this Rule to cease such action and, if such action continues, may remove such person from the polling place.
10. Everyone present at the polling location should endeavor to follow appropriate public health guidelines, including social distancing and mask-wearing. In no event may anyone other than a Credentials Committee member or Committee-appointed volunteer approach within six feet of a voter without express permission.
11. During the times the polls are open and while ballots are being counted, no person may (i) loiter or congregate within 40 feet of any entrance of any polling location; (ii) within such distance give, tender, or exhibit any ballot, ticket, or other campaign material to any person or solicit or in any manner attempt to influence any person in casting his vote; or (iii) hinder or delay a qualified delegate in entering or leaving a polling location. The Credentials Committee has discretion to modify the 40-foot line to accommodate the layout of the building or parking area or to address safety concerns at their polling locations.

12. In addition to the above restrictions, the posting of signs and the location of campaigning are subject to reasonable restrictions imposed by the polling location as a condition of its use or by the Credentials Committee in the interest of safety.
13. As soon as the polls are closed, the Credentials Committee shall immediately proceed to ascertain the vote given at the Canvass and shall continue without adjournment until they declare the results of the canvass. Only the members of the Credentials Committee and one representatives of each candidate shall be permitted to remain in the count area once the polls have closed and until the ballots are counted. Ballots shall then be placed in a sealed envelope and preserved and secured by the Credentials Committee for at least thirty (30) days in the event of any challenge to the results. Once the Credentials Committee has certified the vote, no recount may be requested.
14. Candidates shall be nominated only if they receive votes from a majority of those voting. In the case of a tie vote for Mayor or for the sixth highest vote getter for City Council, the Credentials Committee shall proceed publicly to determine by lot which of the persons shall be declared nominated, after those persons have been notified and are allowed an opportunity to observe.
15. Candidates for offices other than City Council shall be elected on the basis of plurality of votes received, provided that the winning candidate receives votes on at least forty percent of all ballots cast, including blanks. Candidates for City Council shall be nominated only if they receive votes from a majority of those voting. In the case of a tie vote for Mayor, Sheriff, or Commonwealth Attorney or for the sixth highest vote getter for City Council, the Credentials Committee shall proceed publicly to determine by lot which of the persons shall be declared nominated, after those persons have been notified and are allowed an opportunity to observe.