



Suffolk City Republican Committee

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OFFICIAL CALL

FOR THE 2022 SUFFOLK CITY REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

April 21, 2022

Registration 5:00 p.m., Convention 7:30 p.m., Balloting no earlier than 7:30,

Voting at or around 8:00 p.m.

Suffolk Elks Lodge, 329 West Constance Road, Suffolk, VA 23434

As Chairman of the Suffolk City Republican Committee and pursuant to its direction, and in accordance with the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia, Inc., I, Miller Cary, do hereby issue this Call for Convention of the Suffolk City Republican Committee to be held at the Suffolk Elks Lodge, 329 West Constance Road, or its alternate site, on April 21, 2022.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION

All legal and qualified voters 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.

A voter who, subsequent to making a statement of intent, publicly supports a candidate in opposition to a Republican nominee shall not be qualified for participation in party actions as defined in Article I for a period of four (4) years.

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.

A single exception to the preceding paragraph shall be approved for a voter that renounces affiliation with any other party in writing, and who expresses in writing that he/she is in accord with the principles of the Republican Party and intends, at the time of the writing, to support the nominees of the Republican Party in the future. Any voter that utilizes the foregoing exception, and thereafter participates in the nomination process of a party other than the Republican Party, shall not have thereafter the benefit of the exception identified in this paragraph. Within 30 days of receipt, the Official Committee shall provide a copy of this signed renunciation statement to the Republican Party of Virginia, to be maintained for a period of 5 years.

In order to be eligible for election as a Delegate or Alternate Delegate to any convention, an individual must be registered to vote no later than the prefilings deadline established by the Official Committee.

SUFFOLK CITY REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

The Suffolk City Republican Convention shall be held at the Suffolk Elks Lodge, 329 West Constance Road, Suffolk, Virginia 23434, on Thursday, April 21, 2022.

Registration will begin at 5:00 p.m. and close at 7:30 p.m. The Convention will be called to order at 7:30 p.m. Balloting will begin no earlier than 7:30 p.m. The casting of ballots is anticipated to begin at 8:00 p.m., or shortly thereafter.

PURPOSES OF THE SUFFOLK CITY REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

The purposes of the Suffolk City Republican Convention shall be:

1. To elect a Chairman of the Suffolk City Republican Committee;
2. To elect 394 Members of the Suffolk City Republican Committee; and
3. To elect 750 Delegates and 750 Alternates to the Convention of the 2nd Congressional District of the Republican Party of Virginia. The purposes of the Convention of the 2nd Congressional District of the Republican Party of Virginia are to elect a Chairman for the 2nd Congressional District of the Republican Party of Virginia to a new two-year term, and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the convention.

BALLOTING AT THE CITY CONVENTION

Election for Suffolk City Republican Chairman shall be by majority vote and weighted by Borough according to the methodology stipulated in the Plan of Organization, Republican Party of Virginia (the "Party Plan"). The full vote rule shall apply. In the event that no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast on the first ballot, it shall be in order to proceed immediately to a second ballot. Subsequent ballots to the first shall be so conducted until a candidate receives a majority vote. In the event that subsequent ballots to the first are required, the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes on each preceding ballot shall be withdrawn from consideration on the next.

COMPOSITION OF CITY CONVENTION

The Suffolk City Republican Convention shall be composed of (i) delegates and alternate delegates of the respective Boroughs they represent, and (ii) Military Members, as defined in the Party Plan.

Representation by delegates shall be based on one (1) delegate vote per one hundred ten (110) of the total number of Republican votes cast in each Borough in the 2016 Presidential and 2017 Gubernatorial elections combined, due to insufficient data for 2020 and 2021, respectively. The delegate votes shall be as follows:

<u>Borough</u>	<u>Voting Weight</u>	<u>Max # of Delegates</u>
Sleepy Hole	35	35
Chuckatuck	37	37
Cypress	16	16
Whaleyville	23	23
Holy Neck	45	45
Suffolk	20	20
Nansemond	21	21
Total	197	197

ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE 2ND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CONVENTION, MEMBERS TO THE SUFFOLK CITY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE SUFFOLK CITY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

Wherever under-filings exist for Delegates to the 2nd Congressional District Convention or City Committee Membership at Borough or At-Large levels, all duly filed and qualified individuals for the respective positions shall be declared elected and the convention shall be cancelled. In the event a convention is required, all duly filed and qualified delegates in any over-filed Borough shall be informed in writing by mail or email.

Wherever over-filings exist for Delegates to the 2nd Congressional District Convention or City Committee Membership at Borough or At-Large levels, separate paper ballots shall be used for each class of position to be elected. Ballots shall list all duly filed and qualified candidates in alphabetical order. Election for all positions shall be by weighted vote. Individuals receiving the highest number of votes, up to the maximum allowed, shall be declared elected.

If only one person properly files as a candidate for election as Suffolk City Republican Committee Chairman and such person meets the requirements of Article I of the Party Plan, that individual shall be declared elected, the convention shall be cancelled, and election of Delegates to the 2nd Congressional District Convention and for City Committee Membership at Borough or At-Large levels shall be conducted at the next business meeting of the Suffolk City Republican Committee.

Any Military Member who is otherwise qualified to participate in Republican Party actions and who has filed the required form and produced at the time of filing valid military identification or other proof of active-duty status shall be certified as a delegate to the Suffolk City Republican Convention and shall not be required to be elected as a delegate. The number of delegates certified in this manner shall count toward the maximum number of allowable delegates to the Suffolk City Republican Convention from each of the respective Boroughs.

Candidates must be duly filed in accordance with this Call and, as appropriate, with the Call for the 2nd Congressional District Convention. There shall be no write-ins and no filings from the floor for any position whatsoever. Candidates must be registered voters in the Borough from which they file as of the filing date indicated in this Call.

The 2nd Congressional District Convention shall be composed of delegates and alternate delegates of the Units it represents. Representation shall be based on a percentage of the total number of Republican votes cast in each county and city in the last gubernatorial and presidential elections combined. The delegate votes for the City of Suffolk shall be as follows:

<u>Congressional District</u>	<u>Voting Strength</u>	<u>Maximum # Delegates</u>	<u>One the basis of one delegate vote per</u>
2 nd Congressional District of Virginia	150	750	250 GOP votes

The time, date, and location for the 2nd Congressional District Convention follow:

<u>Congressional District</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
2 nd Congressional District of Virginia	Saturday August 6, 2022	Chesapeake Conference Center 700 Conference Center Drive Chesapeake, VA	9:00 a.m.

The Official Call for the 2022 Convention for the 2nd Congressional District of the Republican Party of Virginia, Inc. can be found at: <https://virginia.gov/assets/uploads/2022/03/official-call-2022-convention-submitted-version.pdf>

Borough representation on the Suffolk City Republican Committee shall be based on one (1) member per forty (40) Republican votes cast in each Borough in the 2017 gubernatorial election, as follows:

<u>Borough</u>	<u>Max # of Members</u>
Sleepy Hole	50
Chuckatuck	51
Cypress	21
Whaleyville	30
Holy Neck	64
Suffolk	30
Nansemond	29
At-Large	118
Total	394

FILINGS FOR SUFFOLK CITY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Any person who desires to seek election as Chairman of the Suffolk City Republican Committee must file in writing a signed statement of such intention with the Suffolk City Republican Chairman’s designee, accepting applications at 6391 Leafwood Road, Suffolk, VA 23437, by no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 29, 2022, along with a filing fee of \$100.00 by personal check only, made payable to the Suffolk City Republican Committee. Checks returned for any reason will incur a \$50.00 returned check fee, and nullify the application. Postmark shall not govern. Please call 757-672-1072 to schedule in-person delivery and receipt.

FILINGS FOR DELEGATE AND COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Candidates for Delegate to the Suffolk City Republican Committee Convention, or 2nd Congressional District Convention or City Committee Membership at Borough or At-Large levels, or any combination of the foregoing categories, and Military Members desiring to serve as Delegates to the Suffolk City Republican Committee Convention and/or 2nd Congressional District Convention must file in writing no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, April 15, 2022 via the official paper Suffolk City Republican Committee filing form, to be submitted with signature to the Suffolk City Republican Committee Chairman at 3608 Pruden Boulevard, Suffolk, Virginia. Candidates for membership should include a personal check for 2022 membership fee (see below), dated not after April 15, 2022, made payable to the Suffolk City Republican Committee. Official filing forms will be made available at www.virginia.gov/events or www.suffolkvagop.com/events no later than Thursday, March 31, 2022. There shall be two versions: a paper one for active-duty Military Members, and a paper one for all non-military individuals, both to be printed by individuals from the websites posted above.

All filing forms must be reasonable legible and contain all mandatory information requested therein. All noncompliant forms may be subject to rejection, and funds attached to such noncompliant forms deemed contributions to the Suffolk City Republican Committee. Any additional monies submitted following application of fees to Committee membership may be considered a donation to the Suffolk City Republican Committee.

In the case of individuals who file to be a Delegate to the Suffolk City Republican Committee Convention or 2nd Congressional District Convention, or to be a member of the Suffolk City Republican Committee Membership by their Borough and who are found to be in a Borough other than the one in which they filed, they may be transferred to the correct Borough delegate and membership lists regardless of when the error is identified. Once certified as elected to the Delegate to the Suffolk City Republican Committee Convention, or 2nd Congressional District Convention or City Committee Membership, no challenge may be made with respect to participation of said member and/or delegate.

APPLICABLE FEES

All candidates for membership in the Suffolk City Republican Committee shall pay a non-refundable fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00, though more is always encouraged) which shall be applied to Borough-level membership in the Committee. Checks returned for any reason will incur a \$50.00 returned check fee, and nullify the application. All candidates for membership must apply for Borough-level membership, and all candidates will be considered first for Borough-level membership before any application for election to At-Large membership will be considered. No individual will be elected to more than one level of membership. The filing fee for Suffolk City Republican Committee membership will cover dues for the first year of the two-year City Committee membership period. Annual dues for 2023 will be due in March of that year in order to continue membership through that year.

There will be no registration nor filing fee charged for, nor associated with, participation in the Suffolk City Republican Committee Convention or 2nd Congressional District Convention.

CONVENTION COMMITTEES AND RULES

Members of the Temporary Convention Rules, Credentials, Nominations, Elections, and Resolutions Committees shall be appointed by the City Chairman and shall meet prior to the start of the Suffolk City Republican Convention. The Convention shall be conducted in accordance with the aforementioned Party Plan and the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

Resolutions proposed for consideration by the Suffolk City Republican Convention shall be typed and submitted to SuffolkVaGOP@ProtonMail.com by 12:00 noon, April 2, 2022. No resolutions received after this deadline shall be accepted.

This Call shall be published on the Republican Party of Virginia website (www.virginia.gop/events) and the Suffolk City Republican Committee website (www.suffolkgop.com/events) at least seven days prior to the earliest filing deadline declared herein. The official filing forms shall be posted on the same websites.

**POSTED AND EFFECTIVE THIS TWENTY SECOND DAY OF MARCH, 2022 BY THE
SUFFOLK CITY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE**

Signed: Miller Cary
Miller Cary, Chairman

Paid for and Authorized by the Suffolk City Republican Committee.