# OFFICIAL CALL Special Party Canvass House of Delegates—District 2

As Chairman of the Legislative District Committee for House of Delegates District 2 of the Republican Party of Virginia, and pursuant to the Plan of Organization and as recommended and directed by the Committee, I, Adela Bertoldi, do hereby issue this call for a Legislative District Party Canvass to be held at Augustine North Community Center, located at 201 Monument Dr., Stafford, VA 22554, from 2:00pm to 4:00pm local time on Saturday, December 12, 2020 for the purpose of nominating a Republican candidate for the office of Delegate to be voted for in the Special Election on January 5, 2021.

## **Qualifications for Participation**

All legal and qualified voters of the House of Delegates District 2 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 this special party canvass.

## Filing Requirements

Candidates for the Republican nomination at said canvass shall file a written statement accompanied by a filing fee of \$250.00 made payable to the Stafford County Republican Committee in person, to Adela Bertoldi, which must be received <u>not later</u> than Friday, December 11, 2020 at 10:00am local time. If only one candidate properly files, then said candidate shall be declared the Republican nominee and no canvass will be held.

Candidates can either email Adela Bertoldi at <u>District2LDC@gmail.com</u> to make an arrangement to personally meet in order to file as a candidate, or in the alterative, can drop off his/her application and check to Adela Bertoldi between 9:00am-10:00am at Peet's Coffee, located at 3845 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Stafford, VA 22554.

#### Registration Fee

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

The Committee waived the requirement to publish this Call in a newspaper by a two-thirds vote. The requirement to have a polling place in each unit in the district was waived by unanimous vote.

Paid for and authorized by the Republican Legislative District Committee for House of Delegates District 2.

#### Rules for the Special Party Canvass

The Legislative District Committee for the House of Delegates District 2 of the Republican Party of Virginia, pursuant to the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia, hereby adopts these Rules for the conduct of this Special Party Canvass.

- 1. 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, these rules, and otherwise in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised (12th ed.).
- 2. The Chair of the Legislative District Committee shall appoint a Credentials Committee of not more than three (3) 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 inside the room in which voting is conducted during the period in which voting takes place and until the ballots are counted.
- 3. All voters shall meet the requirements as specified in the Call of the Party Canvass.
- 4. Only eligible voters duly registered by the Credentials Committee may vote. No proxies are allowed at any time.
- 5. The Credentials Committee shall decide any question that may arise concerning the qualifications of a candidate or eligibility to vote.
- 6. No one will be allowed in the voting area without proper authorization. Candidates shall not loiter or campaign in the room in which voting will take place.
- 7. The Credentials Committee shall prepare ballots listing the names of all qualified candidates for the nomination, who have properly filed as required in the Call.
- 8. 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 two representatives of each candidate, if any, shall be permitted to remain in the room 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.
- 9. 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 Credentials 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.
- 10. The Credentials Committee shall preserve order inside and outside 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.