**OFFICIAL CALL**

**LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT PARTY CANVASS**

**OF THE 71st HOUSE DISTRICT OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF VIRGINIA**

As Chairman of the 71st House Legislative District Committee of the Republican Party, and pursuant to the Republican Party of Virginia plan of organization and as recommended and directed by the Committee, I, Kristin L. Allen, do hereby issue this call for a Legislative District Party Canvass to be held at the Republican Party of Virginia, 115 E Grace Street, Richmond, VA 23219, starting at 10:00 AM EDST and ending at 4:00PM EDST, on May 22, 2021 for the purposes of nominating a Republican candidate for the office of Delegate to be voted for in the General Election on November 2, 2021.

Registration for the Party Canvass will open at 10:00 AM and close at 4:00 PM. Any qualified voter already in line at 4:00 PM will be allowed to register and participate in the Party Canvass.

**Qualifications for Participation**

All legal and qualified voters of the 71st House District 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 the 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.

In addition to the foregoing, to be in accord with the principles of the Republican Party 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 this 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 this writing, to support the nominees of the Republican Party in the future. Any voter that utilizes the forgoing exception, and thereafter participates in the nomination process of a party other than the Republican Party, shall not have the benefit of the exception thereafter.

Canvass participants must present an acceptable form of photo identification to vote at the Canvass.

**Candidate Filing Requirements**

1. Candidates who are seeking the Republican nomination for Delegate of the 71st House District at said Party Canvass shall meet the Qualifications for Participation and file by email to Kristin L. Allen, at uva72@reagan.com, a written statement which must be received not later than midnight on April 30, 2021. Written statement should include the following information: candidate name as it appears on the Candidate’s Richmond City voter registration, current address, email address, primary phone number, and the office for which candidate is seeking nomination. The written statement should also acknowledge that the Candidate meets all requirements for candidacy as defined by the Virginia State Board of Elections (refer to <http://elections.virginia.gov/>). No nominations for Delegate to the 71st House District shall be made in any other manner.
2. A candidate filing fee, in the amount of $700, payable by check or money order to the **Republican Party of the City of Richmond**, must be submitted by mail and postmarked no later than midnight April 30, 2021. The mail must be addressed to Mr. Kristin L. Allen, Republican Party of the City of Richmond, 1612 Brookland Pkwy, Richmond, VA 23227.

**Participant Registration Fee**

There will be no registration fee to participate in this Party Canvass.

**Cancellation**

If only one qualified candidate pre-files for the House of Delegate nomination, that candidate will be deemed the nominee and the Party Canvass will be canceled.

**71st Legislative District Republican Committee Party Canvass**

**Statement of Intent/Registration Form**

I hereby declare that I am qualified and intend to participate at the 71st House Legislative District Republican Committee Party Canvass on May 22, 2021 and affirm that:

(initial each line as appropriate)

\_\_\_\_ I am a registered voter of the 71st House District;

\_\_\_\_ I am in accord with the principles of the Republican Party;

\_\_\_\_ I intend to support the Republican nominee in the November 2, 2021 General Election for the 71st House Legislative District;

\_\_\_\_ I understand that if I subsequently publicly support a candidate in opposition to a Republican nominee that I shall not be qualified to participate in party actions for a period of four years; and

(initial one of the following two statements as appropriate)

\_\_\_\_ I have not participated in the nominating process of another party in the last five years;

OR

 \_\_\_\_ I have participated in the nominating process of another party in the last five years, but I renounce affiliation with any party other than the Republican Party, intend to support the nominees of the Republican Party in the future and understand that the 71st House Legislative District Republican 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.

BY MY SIGNATURE BELOW: I AFFIRM THAT ALL THE INFORMATION AND THE DECLARATIONS I HAVE PROVIDED ON THIS FORM ARE TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

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

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Approved: \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No / Reason: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Party Canvass Rules**

The Republican Party of the City of Richmond Committee 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 Party Canvass.

The Republican Party Canvass shall be held at the Republican Party of Virginia, 115 E Grace Street, Richmond, VA 23219 on May 22, 2021, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The purpose of the Canvass shall be to elect a Republican candidate from the 71st House Legislative District to run in the General Election to be held on November 2, 2021.

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, District or Unit Plan or By-Laws, these rules, and otherwise in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised (10th Edition).
2. Only eligible voters duly registered by the Credentials Committee may vote. No proxies are allowed at any time.
3. All voters shall meet the requirements as specified in the Call of the Party Canvass.
4. The Chairman, 71st House Legislative District Committee, shall appoint a Credentials Committee of not more than six (6) 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.
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. No resolutions may be introduced.
8. The Credentials Committee shall prepare ballots listing the names of all qualified candidates for contested nominations or elections, who have properly filed as required in the Call of the Party Canvass.
9. 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.
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 71st House Legislative District 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. The 71st House Legislative District Committee shall preserve order inside and outside the polling place(s). No person shall hinder, intimidate, or interfere with any qualified voter so as to prevent the voter from casting a secret ballot. The 71st House Legislative District 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.