#### OFFICIAL CALL

# Mass Meeting of the Hopewell Republican Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia

As Chairman of the Hopewell Republican Committee (HRC) of the Republican Party of Virginia (RPV), and pursuant to the Plan of Organization and as recommended and directed by the Committee, I, Brandon Howard, do hereby issue this call for a Mass Meeting to be held at Rosa's Italian Restaurant, 4098 Oaklawn Blvd, Hopewell VA 23860 registration starts at 6:00 p.m. local time and the meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. local time on Thursday, March 12, 2020.

# 1. <u>Purpose</u>

- 1.1. Electing a Unit Chair for the Hopewell Republican Committee;
  - 1.1.1. Reconstituting the Membership and all other elections of Officers of the HRC (Vice Chairman, Treasure and Sectary) will be elected at the April 2020 Regular Business Meeting;
- 1.2. Electing the Delegates to the Virginia Republican Party Convention;
  - 1.2.1. Binding Virginia Delegates to the 2020 Republican National Convention as to their choice for President on the first ballot by a Presidential Preference Poll:
  - 1.2.2. Electing 12 At-Large Delegates ("National Delegates") and 12 At-Large Alternate Delegates ("National Alternates") to the Republican National Convention to be held on August 24-27, 2020 at the Spectrum Center, Charlotte, NC in (or its alternate site) (the "National Convention");
  - 1.2.3. Nominating two Electors At-Large to be voted for in the presidential election on November 3, 2020; D. Electing a State Chairman;
  - 1.2.4. Nominating a National Committeeman and National Committeewoman;
  - 1.2.5. And for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the Convention;
- 1.3. Electing the Delegates to the Republican 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Convention;
  - 1.3.1. Electing a District Chairman;
  - 1.3.2. Nominating a Republican candidate for member of the U.S. House or Representatives to be voted for at the election on Tuesday, November 3, 2020;
  - 1.3.3. Nominating a Republican candidate for elector for President and Vice-President of the United States to be voted for at the election on Tuesday, November 3, 2020;
  - 1.3.4. Electing three members of the State Central Committee for a term of four years or until their successors are elected;
  - 1.3.5. Electing three delegates and three alternate delegates to the Republican National Convention to be held in Charlotte, NC on Mon, August 24, 2020 Thu, August 27, 2020; and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the convention.

# 2. Qualifications for Participation

- 2.1. All legal and qualified voters of The City of Hopewell 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 are required to express in open meeting orally and in writing to support all of the nominees of the Republican Party 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. Voters are required to produce personal identification such as a valid Driver's License or other form of Photo ID Card. Attendance is required;
- 2.2. 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 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 the writing, to support the nominee 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 the benefit of the exception identified in this paragraph thereafter;
- 2.3. Every voting participant in the Mass Meeting shall sign a Statement of Intent, as noted above, before being registered to participate;
- 2.4. Military Members;
  - 2.4.1. Military Members (any members of the Virginia National Guard, or the United States Armed Forces, Merchant Marine, or Coast Guard currently serving on active duty) may be certified as delegates by complying with the procedures detailed in a Unit's call pursuant to Art. VIII, Sec. H, para. 6. Military Member that are unable to attend the Mass meeting in person due to obligations of their official military orders, shall have their votes cast according to candidate preference ballots;
  - 2.4.2. Candidate preference ballots will be made available by the City Committee no later than March 3, 2020 upon request by e-mail to hrc.chairman@gmail.com. Candidate preference ballots must be received by the Hopewell Chairman no later than 5:00 p.m. March 9, 2020 by e-mail to hrc.chairman@gmail.com or by physical delivery to 809 North Ave, Hopewell, VA 23860, post mark does not govern.

# 3. Filing Requirements

#### 3.1. Mass Meeting

- 3.1.1. Candidates for election as Unit Chairman of the HRC shall complete a prefile form plus pay a mandatory \$35.00 Filing Fee and your \$25.00 Annual Membership Dues at the single rate for a total of \$60.00;
- 3.1.2. Candidates shall submit their Pre-file form and fees by mail or in person to be received by HRC Treasurer, Martin Mitchell, at 3308 Ivor St, Hopewell, VA 23860, by 5:00 P.M. by February 28, 2020. Postmark does not govern;
- 3.1.3. If only one person meets the filing requirements that person shall be declared the Hopewell Republican Committee Chairman. All other Offices will be elected at the regular April 2020 Meeting of the HRC;
- 3.2. Virginia Republican Party Convention;
  - 3.2.1. Candidates for election as Delegate to the Virginia Republican Party Convention shall complete pre-file form;
  - 3.2.2. Candidates shall submit their Pre-file form and fees by mail or in person to be received by HRC Treasurer, Martin Mitchell, at 3308 Ivor St, Hopewell, VA 23860, by 5:00 P.M. by February 28, 2020. Postmark does not govern;
- 3.3. Republican 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Convention;
  - 3.3.1. Candidates for election as Delegate to the Republican 4th Congressional District Convention shall complete a pre-file form;
  - 3.3.2. Candidates shall submit their Pre-file form by mail or in person to be received by HRC Treasurer, Martin Mitchell, at 3308 Ivor St, Hopewell, VA 23860, by 5:00 P.M. by February 28, 2020. Postmark does not govern;
- 3.4. The information and fees required in the above paragraphs shall be mail or in person to be received by HRC Treasurer, Martin Mitchell, at 3308 Ivor St, Hopewell, VA 23860, by 5:00 P.M. by March 16, 2018. Postmark does not govern;
  - 3.4.1. All fee paid by check or money order are to be made payable to Hopewell Republican Committee;
  - 3.4.2. All submitted pre-file forms shall be completely and correctly filled out with all fees paid clear indicated, signed and dated to be considered by the Nominating Committee;
  - 3.4.3. Pre-file form received after pre-file dead line and/ or incomplete Pre-file forms will not be considered by the Nominating Committee and any/ all paid associated fees are deemed a nonrefundable donation to the Hopewell Republican Committee;
  - 3.4.4. Fees paid in cash should not be mailed, but rather be paid in person to HRC Treasurer, Martin Mitchell, at 3308 Ivor St, Hopewell, VA 23860;
    - 3.4.4.1. Contact the HRC Treasure, Martin Mitchell, by telephone to make an appointment for cash payments of fees. (804) 536-8380;
    - 3.4.4.2. HRC does not take any responsibility for lost payment sent through the mail or any other form of delivery methods.

### 4. FEES

- 4.1. All fee collected for the HRC Mass Meeting and/ or Virginia Republican Party Convention are nonrefundable and are deemed as a donation to the HRC or the RPV:
- 4.2. To assist the operations of the Republican Party of Virginia in supporting unit mass meetings and conventions, and the administration of the state Convention, a Delegate Registration Fee of Thirty-Five Dollars (\$35.00) is requested of each person standing for election as a delegate or alternate delegate to the state Convention. Any delegate who fails to pay the registration fee may participate only in the Presidential Preference Poll;
- 4.3. There is no registration fee for convention delegates;
- 4.4. To assist the operations of the Hopewell Republican Committee in supporting the unit Mass Meetings a Registration Fee of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) is requested of each person participating in the Mass Meeting;
- 4.5. With the exception of the Participation Fees which may be paid at registration at Mass Meeting, all other fees shall be received by HRC Treasurer, Martin Mitchell, at 3308 Ivor St, Hopewell, VA 23860, by 5:00 P.M. by February 28, 2020. Postmark does not govern.

#### 5. CALL REVISIONS

- 5.1. The HRC Chairman is authorized to revise the issued Call to make any such technical or conforming changes in the event such changes are necessary;
- 5.2. The City Chairman must promptly notify the City Committee of any such technical or conforming changes.

#### 6. PUBLICATION OF CALL

- 6.1. Convention call will be posted online as permitted by RPV Party Plan and distributed by other electronic means. Newspaper publication is waived;
- 6.2. This document was approved by the Hopewell Republican Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia on February 13, 2020.