

# OFFICAL CALL MASS MEETING OF STAFFORD COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

of the Republican Party of Virginia ("SCRC")

LOCATION: Falmouth Vol. Fire Department 250 Butler Road, Stafford, VA, 22405
WHEN: Saturday, March 7, 2020 at 12:00pm local time

## Call of Convene

As Chairman of the Stafford County Republican Committee of the Republican Party, 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 Mass Meeting to be held at Falmouth Vol. Fire Department, 250 Butler Road, Stafford, VA, 22405, starting at 12:00pm local time on March 7, 2020 for the following purposes:

- 1. Electing a Unit Chairman for the Stafford County Republican Committee;
- 2. Electing members of the Unit Committee as precinct members of the Stafford County Republican Committee;
- 3. Electing up to **1100** Delegates and an equal number of Alternates to the First District Convention (1<sup>st</sup> District Convention), to be held on June 13, 2020 at Caroline County High School, 19155 Rogers Clark Boulevard Milford, VA 22514, beginning at 1:00om for the purposes of:
  - a. Electing a Chairman for the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District of the Republican Party of Virginia;
  - b. Electing three (3) members of the State Central Committee for the term of four (4) years or until their successors are elected;
  - c. Electing three (3) delegates and three (3) alternate delegates to the Republican Nation Convention to be held in Charlotte, NC on August 24-27, 2020;
  - d. Electing one (1) Republican Candidate for elector for the President and Vice President of the United States of America to be voted for at the election on Tuesday, November 3, 2020; and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the Convention.
  - e. Each unit is entitled to one (1) Delegate Vote per **250** Republican votes for Governor and President at their last election, so that the Stafford County Republican Committee is entitled to 220 Delegate Votes; and
  - f. transaction of such other business as may properly come before the 1<sup>st</sup> District Convention.



- 4. Electing up to **1100** Delegates and an equal number of Alternates to the Republican Party of Virginia 2020 Quadrennial Convention (RPV State Convention), to be held May 1-2, 2020 Vines Center Liberty University 1971University Boulevard Lynchburg, VA 24502 (Convening on 5/1at 2:30 pm and on 5/2at 10:00 am) for the following purposes:
  - a. Binding Virginia Delegates to the 2020 Republican National Convention as to their choice for President on the first ballot by a Presidential Preference Poll;
  - b. 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");
  - c. Nominating two Electors At-Large to be voted for in the presidential election on November 3, 2020;
  - d. Electing a State Chairman;
  - e. Nominating a National Committeeman and National Committeewoman; and
  - f. For the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the Convention.
- 5. For the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the mass meeting

## **Qualifications for Participation**

All legal and qualified voters of the Stafford County Republican Committee 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 November 3, 2020 election may, as members of the Republican Party of Virginia, be elected as delegates or alternate delegates to this convention, subject to the provisions in Article I of the State Party Plan. Delegates and alternate delegates must present one of the forms of identification listed in § 24.2-643 of the Code of Virginia in order to participate.

To assist with the operations and the administration of the Mass Meeting, a candidate filing fee is requested, but not mandatory, of each person standing for election as a delegate or alternate delegate to the 1<sup>st</sup> District Convention in the amount of \$5; and of each person standing for election as a delegate or alternate delegate to the RPV State Convention in the amount of \$35. Failure to pay the requested filing fees for the 1<sup>st</sup> District Convention or the RPV State

Convention will not result in disqualification. <u>However, failure to pay the \$35 Delegate fee for the RPV State Convention means that you will only be able to vote in the Presidential Poll.</u>

Payments of the filing fee <u>are required</u> for candidates for Party Chairman and for Unit Membership to the Stafford County Republican Committee to qualify.



## **Military Members as Delegates**

Military Members (any members of the Virginia National Guard, or the United States Armed Forces, Merchant Marine, or Coast Guard serving on active duty) who comply with these filing requirements shall not be required to be elected, but shall be declared delegates pursuant to Article VIII, Section H of the Plain of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia.

Military Member delegates or alternate delegates that are unable to attend the convention in person due to obligations of their official military orders, shall have their votes cast within their unit delegation according to candidate preference ballots. Instructions regarding the casting of candidate preference ballots are available on the Call for the Convention, which is available on the website of the Republican Party of Virginia at <a href="https://virginia.gop">https://virginia.gop</a>.

## **Filing Requirements**

Candidates for election or nomination at the Mass Meeting shall submit the completed and signed relevant Filing Form and filing fee (if applicable) in one of the following ways:

- 1. Complete the Filing Form and pay online at <a href="www.staffordgop.com">www.staffordgop.com</a>. The Form must be signed in Docusign. Payment can also be made online. <a href="NOTE">NOTE</a> that convenience fee(s) will be charged if payment is made online. If a mandatory payment is not paid online, then your filing is not considered timely until payment is received;
- 2. Completed and sign Filing Form and send with any payment due to: Stafford GOP, PO Box 2461, Stafford, VA 22555. If mailed, <u>Postmarks do not govern</u>. Stafford County Republican Committee is not responsible for any late or lost mail, even if mailed timely;
- 3. A copy of the signed Filing Form can also be scanned and emailed to <a href="massmeeting2020@gmail.com">massmeeting2020@gmail.com</a>. If a payment is mandatory, your filing will not be considered received until payment is received; or
- 4. Hand deliver to Adela Bertoldi, 10 Kingsely Ct, Stafford, VA 22554 on one of the following dates and times:

a. 02/17/2020: 3-8pm; andb. 02/21/2020: 12-5pm

<u>NOTE</u>: if none of the above options above are feasible, please contact Adela Bertoldi at 312-213-0318 to see if alternate arrangements can be made to deliver the signed Filing Form and any payment(s), if any.

The Filing Form and mandatory filing fees must be received by 5:00 p.m. the date of the deadline; postmarks are not evidence of receipt by the deadline. Candidates shall use the official Stafford County Republican Committee form, which is provided with this Call and is available on the Stafford County Republican Committee website, <a href="www.staffordgop.com">www.staffordgop.com</a>. Only the Stafford County Republican Committee Filing Form is to be used for submission. No other Filing Fee Form will be accepted by the Stafford County Republican Committee and filing will not be deemed properly and timely filed if wrong Filing Form is used.



Candidates for election as Unit Chairman shall submit the relevant filing form by <u>February 21, 2020</u> and shall include with their filing form a check or evidence of payment of a \$250 filing fee. This fee is mandatory.

Candidates for Unit Membership to the Stafford County Republican Committee shall submit the relevant filing form by <u>February 21, 2020</u> and shall include with their filing form a check or evidence of payment of a \$40 filing fee. This fee is mandatory.

If the number of persons prefiling as candidates for election at the Mass Meeting does not exceed the number to be elected or nominated for a particular office, once the appropriate Mass Meeting Committee determines that such persons meet the requirements of Article I of the State Party Plan, the Mass Meeting Chair shall declare them elected or nominated and cancel the Mass Meeting.

No nominations for offices to be filled by the Mass Meeting may be made from the Floor except upon the vote of two-thirds (2/3) of those delegates present.

## **Publication of the Call**

This Call shall be issues and published on the websites of the Republican Party of Virginia (<a href="www.rpv.org">www.rpv.org</a>) and the Stafford County Republican Committee website (<a href="www.staffordgop.com">www.staffordgop.com</a>). The Stafford County Republican Committee waives publication in a paper of general circulation.

#### **Mass Meeting Registration**

Registration will begin at 11:00am. and will close thirty (30) minutes after the presiding officer convenes the mass meeting. Any person in line during this 30-minute period immediately after the mass meeting is convened will be issued a numbered registration pass, and registered in order of number. Persons arriving after this 30-minute grace period expires will not be allowed to register. All participants shall present a valid photo ID at the time of registration consistent with the Photo ID requirements under VA Code Sec. 24.2-643(B).



### **Mass Meeting Voting**

The Mass Meeting will open at 12:00 pm for the election of Mass Meeting Officers and adoption of rules. No other election shall occur prior to 12:00 pm.

## **Mass Meeting Committees**

- a. Temporary Mass Meeting Chairman
- b. Credentials and Nominations
- c. Rules
- d. Registration
- e. Resolutions
- f. Arrangements

## Resolutions

All Resolutions proposed for consideration at this Mass Meeting must be presented to Adela Bertoldi, Chairman, by email at <a href="massmeeting2020@gmail.com">massmeeting2020@gmail.com</a> no later than March 1, 2020 at 5pm.

## **Official Documents**

Attached to this Official Call is the

- 1) Official Stafford County Republican Committee Mass Meeting Call
- 2) Official Stafford County Republican Committee Filing Form (Unit Chairman for Stafford County Republican Committee, Unit Members Stafford County Republican Committee, District Delegates, Alternate District Delegates, Republican Party of Virginia 2020 Quadrennial Convention Delegates, Alternate Republican Party of Virginia 2020 Quadrennial Convention Delegates)
- 3) Official 1<sup>St</sup> District Committee Convention Call
- 4) Official 1<sup>st</sup> Convention Filing Form (District Chairman, State Central Committee, National Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Elector)
- 5) Official RPV State Convention Call
- 6) Official RPV State Convention Filing Form (Chairman, National Committee, Elector)