#### OFFICIAL CALL

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

As Chairman of the Winchester Republican Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia, and pursuant to the Plan of Organization and as recommended and directed by the Committee, I, Robert Hess, do hereby issue this call for a Mass Meeting to be held at The Wingate Inn, 150 Wingate Drive, Winchester, or its alternate site, starting at 7:00 PM on Thursday, March 19, 2020. Registration will begin at 6:30 PM and close promptly at 7:00 PM, except for those waiting in line. The Mass Meeting will be held for the following purposes:

- **A.** To elect a Unit Committee Chairman;
- **B.** To elect precinct and at-large members of the Unit Committee as follows: Merrimans Precinct, up to 6 members; Old Town Precinct, up to 5 members; Virginia Avenue Precinct, up to 4 members; War Memorial Precinct, up to 5 members; Frederick Douglass Precinct, up to 3 members; Rolling Hills Precinct, up to 6 members; and at-large members of up to 30% of the committee;
- C. To elect up to 160 Delegates and 96 Alternates to the District Convention of the Tenth Congressional District of the Republican Party of Virginia, to be held on Saturday, May 30, 2020 at Shenandoah University, James R. Wilkins, Jr. Athletics & Events Center, 1188 Ralph Shockey Drive, Winchester, VA 22602 starting at 10:00 AM for the following purposes:
  - 1) Electing a chairman for the 10<sup>th</sup> District Republican Committee;
  - 2) Nominating a Republican candidate for member of the U.S. House of Representatives to be voted for at the election on Tuesday November 3, 2020;
  - 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;
  - 4) Electing 3 members of the State Central Committee for a term of four years or until their successors are elected:
  - 5) Electing 3 delegates and 3 alternates to the Republican National Convention to be held in Charlotte, NC from August 24 to 27, 2020;
  - 6) Nominating one elector to be voted for in the presidential election on November 8, 2016;
  - 7) And for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the convention.
- The registration fee for delegates to the 10<sup>th</sup> District Convention is \$25.00. Any delegate who fails to pay the registration fee may participate only in the nomination of candidates for U.S. House of Representatives and Presidential Elector.
- **D.** To elect up to 155 Delegates and an equal number of Alternates to the Republican Party of Virginia 2020 Quadrennial Convention to be held on May 1-2, 2020 at the Greater Richmond Convention Center, 403 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Richmond, VA 23219, or alternate location for the following purposes:
  - 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;

- 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;
- 3) Nominating two Electors At-Large to be voted for in the presidential election on November 3, 2020;
- 4) Electing a state chairman;
- 5) Nominating a National Committeeman and National Committeewoman;
- 6) And for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the Convention.

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.

**E.** And the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the mass meeting.

# **Qualifications for Participation**

All legal and qualified voters of Winchester 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 Mass Meeting, subject to the provisions of Article I of the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia.

### **Pre-Filing Requirements**

Candidates for the election as chairman or election as a member of the committee or election as a Delegate to the District Convention of the Tenth Congressional District of the Republican Party of Virginia or election as a Delegate or Alternate to the Republican Party of Virginia 2020 Quadrennial Convention must file a written statement of their intent on a form provided by the Winchester Republican Committee by mail or in person, to Carolyn Griffin, Treasurer, 205 Fairmont Avenue, Winchester, VA 22601, which must be received either in person or by mail not later than 5:00 PM on Friday, March 13, 2020. Postmarks do not apply.

A filing fee of \$50 must accompany any application for the position of Committee Chair. Membership dues of \$20.00 must accompany any application for membership. Applicable Convention Registration Fee(s) must accompany any application for Delegate to the District Convention of the Tenth Congressional District of the Republican Party of Virginia and/or for Delegate to the Republican Party of Virginia 2020 Quadrennial Convention.

A pre-filing form may be obtained from Carolyn Griffin, Treasurer, at the above address or can be printed from the websites of the Winchester Republican Committee (<u>www.WinchesterGOP.org</u>), 10<sup>th</sup> District GOP Committee (www.VaGOP10.org), or the Republican Party of Virginia (<u>www.RPV.org</u>).

# **Military Members as Convention Delegates**

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) who comply with these filing requirements shall not be required to be elected as 10th District or State Convention delegates, but shall be declared delegates pursuant to Article VIII, Section H. of the Plan 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 in the Calls for the Conventions, which is available on the website of the Republican Party of Virginia (www.RPV.org).

## **Registration Fee**

There will be no registration fee to participate in this mass meeting.

#### Cancellation

If not more than the number of persons to be nominated or elected shall file for any office, then such properly filed persons shall be declared nominated or elected as the case may be, and no election will occur for that office. Should all elections be cancelled, the Mass Meeting will also be cancelled. A notice of cancellation will be posted on the website of the Republican Party of Virginia (www.RPV.org).

Paid for and authorized by the Winchester Republican Committee