

## OFFICAL CALL

Mass Meeting of the Suffolk Republican Party, Suffolk, VA. As Chairman of the Suffolk Republican Party of Virginia and as recommended and directed by the City Committee,

I, Stephen G. Trent, do hereby issue this call for Mass Meeting to be held at the Nansemond Suffolk Rescue Squad, 428 Market Street, Suffolk, VA 23434 or its alternate site starting time 7:00 pm on Wednesday, April 1, 2020. Doors will close for the meeting promptly at 7:30 pm. All time is local time for this call.

- A. Elect a Unit Chairman
- B. Electing members of the Suffolk Republican Party
- C. Electing up to 365 Delegates to the 3<sup>rd</sup> District and 365 Alternates Delegates to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District Convention, to be held Saturday, May 9, 2020, Smithfield Middle School Cafeteria, 14175 Turner Drive, Smithfield, VA 23430 beginning 11:00 am. Registration will begin at 9:00 am for the purpose of:
  - 1) Electing a 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District Chairman
  - 2) 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.
  - 3) Electing three members of the State Central Committee for a term of four years or until their successors are elected.
  - 4) Electing three Delegates and three Alternate Delegates to the Republican National Convention to be held in Charlotte, NC on August 24-27, 2020.
  - 5) Transaction of such other business that is legally brought before the 3<sup>rd</sup> District Convention.
- D. Electing up to 225 Delegates to the 4<sup>th</sup> District and 225 Alternate Delegates to the 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Convention, to be held at Thomas Dale High School - West Campus, 3626 West Hundred Road, Chester, VA 23831 or its alternate site starting at 11:30 am April 25, 2020. Registration will begin at 10:00 AM for the following:
  - 1) Electing a 4th District Chair
  - 2) 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.
  - 3) Electing three members of the State Central Committee for a term of four years or until their successors are elected.
  - 4) Electing three Delegates and three Alternate Delegates to the Republican National convention to be held in Charlotte, NC on August 24-27, 2020.

- 5) Transaction of such other business that is legally brought before the 4<sup>th</sup> District Convention.
- E. Electing up to 590 Delegates and an equal number of Alternates to the State Convention, to be held on May 1-2, 2020 at the Greater Richmond Convention Center, 403 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, beginning at 2:30 PM on May 1, 2020 and 10:00 AM on May 2, 2020 for the purpose of:
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 or its alternate site;
  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 legally come before the Convention.

#### Qualifications for Participation

All legal and qualified voters of the City of Suffolk 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 and may participate in this Mass Meeting, subject to the provision in Article I of the Plan of Organization.

#### Registration

Registration will begin 7:00 PM and shall remain open until 7:30 PM. Anyone in line at 7:30 PM will be allowed to register. Attendees may use the pre-registration form located on the Republican Party of Virginia website or contact Stephen G. Trent, Chairman Suffolk Republican Party at (757) 399-4438.

In order to defray cost of the Mass Meeting participants are asked to pay a \$10.00 fee. Please make check payable to the Suffolk Republican Party.

Only those candidates who have properly Pre-Filed can be nominated at the Mass Meeting. No nominations may be made from the floor of the Mass Meeting for any Delegate, Committee Member, or Unit Chair by virtue of the pre-filing requirements.

Mass Meeting participants must present one of the following forms of identification listed in 24.2-643 of the code of Virginia in order to participate. A Virginia Drivers License or a picture ID with your address are excellent examples.

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#### Military Members as 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, 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 alternates 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 candidates preference ballots are available in the Call for the Convention, which is available on the website of the Republican Party of Virginia ([www.virginia.gop/events/](http://www.virginia.gop/events/)).

#### Cancellation

If not more than the number of persons to be nominated or elected shall file for any office, then such properly filled 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 may also be cancelled. A notice of cancellation will be posted on the website of the Republican Party of Virginia at [www.virginia.gop/events/](http://www.virginia.gop/events/)

Should the Mass Meeting be cancelled, the current membership of the Suffolk Republican Party shall be deemed elected. Any properly submitted and properly notated new applications for memberships will be considered at the next General Meeting of the Suffolk Republican Party.

#### Publication

This call and pre-file/registration publication form is posted on the website of the Republican Party of Virginia at [www.virginia.gop/events/](http://www.virginia.gop/events/) or contact my office at (757) 399-4438 Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM.



### Filing Requirements

Candidates for election or nomination at this Mass Meeting shall file a written statement with Stephen G. Trent by physical or mail delivery at 8973 River Crescent, Suffolk, Virginia 23433. The written statement must be received by 5:00 PM on Wednesday, March 25, 2020.

Candidates for election as Suffolk Republican Party Chairman must file with a \$250.00 filing fee by 5:00 PM local time on Wednesday, March 25, 2020.

Candidates for election or nomination at the Suffolk Republican Party Mass Meeting shall file a written statement by physical delivery to Chairman, Stephen G. Trent, 8973 River Crescent, Suffolk, Virginia 23433. The written statement must be received by 5:00 PM on Wednesday, March 25, 2020. Delivery will be by postal or hand delivery. Note post mark does not govern. Statement of filing must be made on the official filing form, which will be available on the Republican Party of Virginia website at [www.virginia.gop/events/](http://www.virginia.gop/events/) or contact my office at (757) 399-4438 if no one is present you will get a number to contact.

Suffolk Republican Party members who are not current must submit their annual dues of \$20.00 along with the application form by 5:00 PM on Wednesday, March 25, 2020.

Candidates for election as delegate or alternate to the State Convention must indicate on the pre-file written statement "Convention Delegate Pre-Filing Form" by 5:00 PM Wednesday, March 25, 2020. To assist the operation of the Republican Party of Virginia in supporting unit Mass Meetings, Conventions, and the administration of State Conventions, 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. Checks should be made payable to the Republican Party of Virginia. Any Delegate who fails to pay the registration fee may only vote in the Presidential Preference Poll.

Candidates for election as delegate or alternate to the Third Congressional District Convention must file the written statement "Convention delegate Pre-Filing Form" by Wednesday, March 25, 2020. The registration fee is voluntary and not more than \$20.00. Checks should be made payable to the Third Congressional District Republican Committee.

Candidates for election as delegate or alternate delegate to the Fourth Congressional District convention must file written statement by Wednesday, March 25, 2020. There is no recommended pre-file fee. Note this is a convention. You will be provided a ballot by Fourth Congressional District for the United States Congress.

SUFFOLK REPUBLICAN PARTY MASS MEETING / CONVENTION DELEGATE PRE-FILE FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**I HEREBY APPLY FOR:** (select ALL that apply)

- Officer in the Suffolk Republican Party to Chairman \$250.00 non-refundable Pre-file Fee
- Vice Chairman    Secretary    Treasurer to be voted after the Mass Meeting  
(there will not be nominations from the floor)
- Delegate to the Third Congressional District Convention (Voluntary fee of \$20.00)  
Smithfield Middle School, 14175 Turner Drive, Smithfield, VA 23430 on May 9, 2020 at 11:00 am local time
- Delegate to the Fourth Congressional District Convention  
Thomas Dale High School West Campus, 3900 W Hundred Rd, Chester, VA 23831 on April 25, 2020 at 11:30 am local time
- Delegate to the RPV State Convention (Fee of \$35.00 in order to participate in elections other than President)  
Greater Richmond Convention Center, 403 N 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Richmond, VA 23219 on May 1-2, 2020 at 2:30 pm and 10:00 am local time
- Pre-Register for Suffolk Republican Party Mass Meeting (Voluntary Fee of \$10.00)  
Nansemond Suffolk Rescue Squad, 428 Market Street, Suffolk, VA 23434 on Wednesday, April 1, 2020 at 7:00 pm local time. Doors will close at 7:30 pm when the Mass Meeting begins.

**Filing Requirements:**

Any person who desires to seek election as Delegate to any of the aforementioned State or District Conventions must complete and submit this filing form and return it by mail to Stephen G. Trent, 8973 River Crescent, Suffolk, VA 23433 by Wednesday, March 25, 2020. Postmark does not govern. Checks for the Third Congressional District Convention should be made payable to the **Third Congressional District Republican Committee**. Checks for the State Convention should be made payable to the **Republican Party of Virginia**. Checks for the Suffolk Republican Party Mass Meeting should be made payable to the **Suffolk Republican Party**. All fees are nonrefundable.

In accordance with the Qualifications for Participation set forth in the Official Call and Article I of the Plan of Organization, I also do hereby certify that I am a registered voter in Virginia, I am in accord with the principles of the Republican Party of Virginia Creed, and I intend to support all the nominees and endorsees of the Suffolk Republican Party.

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Signature

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Date