

OFFICIAL CALL

8th Congressional District Biennial Convention of the Republican Party of Virginia

Waterford at Springfield, 6715 Commerce St, Springfield VA 22150

May 21, 2022, 9:00 a.m.

As Chairman of the 8th Congressional District of the Republican Party of Virginia and pursuant to the Plan of Organization and as recommended and directed by the District Committee, I, Andrew Lopper, do hereby issue this Call for a District Convention to be held at Waterford at Springfield, 6715 Commerce St, Springfield, VA 22150, or its alternate site, starting at 9:00 AM on May 21, 2022 for the following purposes:

- A. Electing a District Chairman, for a term of two years, or until his successors is elected;
- B. Nominating a Republican Candidate for the office of U. S. House of Representatives to be voted on in the November 8, 2022 General Elections; and
- C. For the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the convention.

Qualifications for Participation

All legal and qualified voters of the 8th Congressional 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 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.

Composition of Convention

The District Convention shall be composed of delegates and alternate delegates of the respective units they represent. Representation shall be based on the total number of Republican votes cast in each county or city (or portion thereof within the 8th Congressional District) in the last gubernatorial and presidential election combined. Each unit is allowed one (1) Delegate Vote for each two hundred and fifty (250) Republican votes cast or major portion thereof. Each unit shall be entitled to at least one (1) Delegate Vote. The delegates and alternates shall be elected in county or city mass meetings, party canvasses or conventions that shall be called for this purpose in conformity of with the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia by each unit committee. Units may elect up to 5 times as many delegates and alternates as they are allotted Delegate Votes

Alexandria – 114 Delegate Votes, up to 570 Delegates
Arlington County – 175 Delegate Votes, up to 875 Delegates
Fairfax County – 414 Delegate Votes, up to 2,070 Delegates
Falls Church – 12 Delegate Votes, up to 60 Delegates

Military Members

Any Military Member (members of the Virginia National Guard, or the United States Armed Forces, Merchant Marine, or Coast Guard currently serving on active duty) who is otherwise qualified under Article I to participate in Republican Party actions and who complies with the procedures to become a delegate to any Convention as set forth in the Official Call of the Convention, Mass Meeting, or Party Canvass called for the purpose of selecting delegates and alternates to that Convention and who produces valid military identification or other proof of active-duty status shall be certified as a delegate and shall

not be required to be elected as a delegate. The numbers of delegates certified in this manner shall count toward each unit's maximum allowable number of convention delegates.

Certification of Delegates

The delegates present in a given delegation shall designate which alternate delegates shall vote in the place of an absent delegate except where the unit electing the delegates specifies another method of alternate delegate selection. The said delegates and alternate delegates to the District Convention shall have their election certified in writing (including their names, phone number, and addresses with zip code) by, and over the signature of, their respective permanent chairman and secretary of the unit mass meeting or convention, or the unit chairman if the unit conducted a party canvass.

All certifications, regardless of the date of the mass meeting, party canvass, or unit convention must be delivered to the District Chairman and District Secretary no later than seven (7) days prior to the convening of the District Convention—May 14, 2022 (postmarks do not govern). After the certification filing deadline, no change may be made except that a certified alternate may be made a delegate. A copy of the published call of the convention, mass meeting or party canvass called for the purpose of selecting delegates and alternates to said convention must accompany the certification, including its date of publication. Certification shall be mailed or delivered as follows:

District Chairman Andrew Lopper – chairman@vagop8cd.org – PO Box 245, Alexandria VA 22313
District Secretary Susan Valentine – secretary@vagop8cd.org – PO Box 245, Alexandria VA 22313

Filing Requirements for Candidates for U.S. House of Representatives

Candidates for the Republican nomination for U.S. House of Representatives at the Convention shall file a written statement by mail or in person along with a non-refundable filing fee of \$5,000 no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, February 25, 2022 (postmarks do not govern).

District Treasurer Chris Marston – chris@electioncfo.com – PO Box 245, Alexandria VA 22313

Filing Requirements for Candidates for District Chairman

Candidates for the District Chairman at the Convention shall file a written statement by mail or in person along with a non-refundable filing fee of \$1,000 no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, February 25, 2022 (postmarks do not govern).

District Treasurer Chris Marston – chris@electioncfo.com – PO Box 245, Alexandria VA 22313

Voluntary Delegate Filing Fee

The Committee respectfully requests that Delegates pay a voluntary filing fee of \$25 to offset the cost of the convention. Voluntary filing fees may be remitted through the Unit Committee or directly to the District Committee.

Ranked Choice Voting

The District Convention will elect candidates by ranked choice voting as defined in Article II of the Plan of Organization.

Military Member Absentee Voting

Military Members who are certified as 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. Candidate Preference Ballots shall be made available by the District Committee no later than May 1, 2022. Military Members must return their Candidate Preference Ballots to the District Chairman – votes@vagop8cd.org – PO Box 245, Alexandria VA 22313 - no later than May 18, 2022 at 5:00 PM (postmarks do not govern).

Publication

This Call shall be posted on the website of the Republican Party of Virginia and issued by the District Chairman to the Chairman of all unit committees for units included in the 8th District no later than Friday, February 18, 2022.

Paid for and authorized by the 8th Congressional District Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia.
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