

OFFICIAL CALL
District Convention and Party Canvass of the 11th Congressional District of the
Republican Party of Virginia
May 7, 2022 at 9:00 AM
University of North America, 12750 Fair Lakes Circle, Fairfax, VA 22033 (and/or its
alternate sites)

As District Chairman of the 11th Congressional District of the Republican Party of Virginia, pursuant to the Plan of Organization and as recommended and directed by the District Committee, I, Steve Knotts, do hereby issue this call for a District Convention and Party Canvass to be held on May 7, 2022 at the University of North America, 12750 Fair Lakes Circle, Fairfax, VA 22033 and/or its alternate sites.

The District Convention shall start at 10:00 AM EDT with registration to begin at 9:00 AM EDT, for the following purposes:

1. Electing a District Chairman, by District Convention, for a term of two years or until their successors are elected;
2. and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the Convention.

The Party Canvass (sometimes referred to colloquially as a “firehouse primary”) shall begin at 9:00 AM EDT and continue until 4:00 p.m. EDT for the following purposes:

1. Nominating a Republican candidate for member of the U.S. House of Representatives to be voted for at the election on Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

Qualifications for Participation in the Party Canvass and District Convention

All legal and qualified voters of the 11th 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 November 8, 2022 election may, as members of the Republican Party of Virginia, be elected as delegates or alternate delegates to this Convention and participate in the Party Canvass, subject to the provisions in Article I of the Plan of Organization.

In addition to the foregoing, to be in accord with the principles of the Republican Party, a person otherwise qualified hereunder shall not have participated in Virginia in the nomination process of a party other than the Republican Party with in the last five years. A single exception shall be approved for a voter that renounces affiliation with any other party in writing, and who expresses in writing that he or she is in accord with the principles of the Republican Party and intends to support the nominees of the Republican Party in the future. A voter who 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. The 11th Congressional District Committee will provide a copy of all signed renunciation statements to the Republican Party of Virginia, to be maintained for a period of five (5) years.

Any voter who, subsequent to making a statement of intent, publicly supports a candidate in opposition to a Republican nominee is not qualified to participate as a member of the Republican Party of Virginia in its mass meetings, party canvasses, conventions, or primaries for a period of four (4) years.

Party Canvass voters and District Convention delegates and alternate delegates must present a valid, non-expired photo identification issued by the Commonwealth of Virginia, one of its political subdivisions, or the United States government.

Registration for the District Convention shall be accompanied by a \$25.00 non-refundable registration fee for each delegate and alternate delegate. Registration fees are not deductible for federal tax purposes. Individuals must register to be a delegate to the District Convention through their unit committee (Fairfax County Republican Committee or City of Fairfax Republican Committee) using the forms provided by and pursuant to the deadlines set by the unit committees.

There is no registration fee to participate in the Party Canvass. A voluntary registration fee of \$25.00 is requested of each voter in the Canvass. Any Convention delegate who fails to pay the registration fee may participate only in the Canvass to nominate candidates for public office.

Balloting in the Party Canvass

Balloting will begin at 9:00 a.m. EDT and will end at 4:00 p.m. EDT, except that anyone in the registration line at 4:00 p.m. may continue the registration process.

A statement of intent, properly completed and signed by the voter, must be submitted at the time of registration. No ballot will be given to any voter who has not signed and submitted this statement of intent.

No absentee voting, proxies, or provisional ballots are permitted.

Military Members as Delegates to the District Convention

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 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.

Candidate preference ballots will be made available by the District Committee no later than April 9, 2022 upon request by e-mail to knotts4va@gmail.com. Candidate preference ballots must be received by the District Chairman no later than three days prior to convention, by e-mail to knotts4va@gmail.com, or by physical delivery to P.O. Box 8593, Reston, Virginia 20194. Postmark shall not count.

Composition of the District Convention

Delegate votes are allocated to the units (counties and cities) in the District as follows: Each unit is allocated one delegate vote for each 250 votes or major portion thereof cast for the Republican nominee in the last preceding Gubernatorial and Presidential elections combined; provided that each unit shall be allocated at least one delegate vote.

Delegates and alternate delegates shall be elected in unit mass meetings, party canvasses or conventions called in conformity with the Plan of Organization. Each unit may elect no more than five delegates and five alternate delegates for each delegate vote allocated.

UNIT VOTING STRENGTH -- MAXIMUM NUMBER OF DELEGATES

City of Fairfax 30 delegate votes (150 people maximum who can carry the unit vote)

Fairfax County 847 delegate votes (4,235 people maximum who can carry the unit vote)
Totals 877 delegate votes (4,380 people is the maximum who can carry the unit vote).

Certification of Delegates to the District Convention

Delegates and alternate delegates to the Convention shall be certified to the Convention, in the case of those selected by a Mass Meeting or Convention, by the permanent chairman and permanent secretary of the Mass Meeting or Convention, or, in the case of those selected by a Party Canvass or those declared elected pursuant to the call of a cancelled Mass Meeting, Party Canvass, or Convention, by the chairman of the unit committee.

Certifications must be delivered to the District Chairman and Secretary no later than March 31, 2022. After this deadline, no change may be made except that an alternate delegate may take the place of a delegate. Certifications may be delivered by e-mail to Steve Knotts at knotts4va@gmail.com and/or by physical delivery to P.O. Box 8593, Reston, VA 20194.

Certifications must include at least the name and address appearing on the voter registration rolls of each delegate and alternate, as well as an indication of which delegates or alternates, if any, are Military Members certified as delegates pursuant to Art. VIII, Sec. H, para. 6 of the Plan of Organization, so that the eligibility of such delegates or alternates to have their votes cast by candidate preference ballot may be determined.

A copy of the published call of the Convention and the date of publication must be provided with the certification. Unless the certification states how an allocation of votes is to be fractionalized, the delegates present and voting may cast the full vote of the delegation.

Unless the certification includes an order from the Convention establishing a different method, the delegates from the unit shall designate which alternate shall vote in place of an absent delegate.

The District Chairman shall be responsible for preparing from the certifications a roll of delegates and alternate delegates which shall govern the procedures of the Convention, unless and until changed by the Convention.

The District Chairman shall make the list of delegates available, upon request, to a duly filed candidate for public or party office to be filled at the convention including all contact information provided by the delegates within seven (7) days of the delegates' certification to the District Chairman.

Filing Requirements for Candidates for Public Office

All persons seeking the Republican nomination for public office at the Party Canvass shall provide a completely filled out and executed filing form approved by the Committee, along with a non-refundable filing fee of an amount designated below in the form of a money order or non-postdated check made payable to the 11th Congressional District Republican Committee, to the 11th Congressional District Republican Temporary Nominations Committee Chairman, Richard McCarty, at the Fairfax County Republican Committee, 4246 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, VA, 22030, prior to 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 19, 2022 (postmark shall not count). Filing does not guarantee that the Canvass will select a person to fill a particular role.

Fees are as follows:

Candidates for nomination for member of the U.S. House of Representatives: \$5,000.00.

Filing Requirements for Candidates for Party Office

All persons seeking election to party office at the District Convention shall provide a completely filled out and executed filing form approved by the Committee, along with a non-refundable filing fee of an amount designated below in the form of a money order or non-postdated check made payable to the 11th Congressional District Republican Committee, to the 11th Congressional District Republican Temporary Nominations Committee Chairman, Richard McCarty, at the Fairfax County Republican Committee, 4246 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, VA, 22030, prior to 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 19, 2022 (postmark shall not count). No person shall be allowed to run or be nominated from the floor of the Convention unless having conformed with this paragraph. Filing does not guarantee that the Convention will select a person to fill a particular role.

Fees are as follows:

Candidates for election as District Chair: \$1,000.00.

Ranked Choice Voting

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

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 District no later than March 11, 2022.

Cancellation Clauses

If not more than the number of persons to be elected shall file for each office to be elected at the Party Canvass, then such properly filed persons shall be declared nominated or elected, as the case may be, and no canvass will be held for such purpose.

If not more than the number of persons to be elected shall file for each office to be elected at the District Convention, then such properly filed persons shall be declared nominated or elected, as the case may be, and the District Committee shall have the option to cancel the District Convention.

Committees

Members of the Temporary Convention Arrangements, Credentials, Nominations, Elections, and Rules Committees shall be appointed by the 11th Congressional District Republican Committee Chairman and shall meet in advance of the Convention (at the discretion of the Temporary Chairman of each such Committee and the District Chairman) to perform their duties subject to ratification by the delegates present and voting at the Convention. The Convention shall be conducted, in order of precedence, in accordance with the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia, this Call, and Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, 11th Edition.

ADOPTED THIS 14th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2022, BY THE VIRGINIA ELEVENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE, Steve Knotts, Chairman.

Authorized and Paid for by 11th Congressional District Republican Committee