



OFFICIAL CALL

2024 Convention of the 10th Congressional District Republican Committee

ISSUED: January 21, 2024

I, Geary Higgins, as Chairman of the Tenth Congressional District Committee (District Committee) of the Republican Party of Virginia and pursuant to the Plan of Organization and as recommended and directed by the District Committee, do hereby issue this Call for a District Convention to be held at **John Champe High School located at 41535 Sacred Mountain Street, Aldie, VA 20105**, or its alternative site, starting at **10:00 AM (with registration opening at 8:30 AM) on Saturday, April 27, 2024**, for the following purposes:

- a) Electing a District Chairman of the 10th Congressional District Republican Committee;
- b) 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 5, 2024;
- c) Electing three members of the State Central Committee for a term of four years or until their successors are elected; and
- d) For the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the convention.
There shall be no resolutions brought before the convention.

Qualifications for Participation

All legal and qualified voters of the 10th 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.

In addition to the foregoing, to be in accord with the principles of the Republican Party, unless otherwise stipulated by the appropriate Official Committee, a person otherwise qualified hereunder shall not have participated in Virginia in the nomination process of a party other than the Republican Party in the last five years. A single exception to this rule shall be approved for a voter that renounces affiliation with any other party in writing, and who expresses in writing that he/she is in accord with the principles of the Republican Party and intends, at the time of the writing, to support the nominees of the Republican Party in the future.

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 years.

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 and city in the last gubernatorial and presidential election combined. Each unit delegation's voting strength shall equal one (1) Delegate Vote for each two hundred fifty (250) votes cast or major portion thereof for the Republican candidate in the most recent elections for President and Governor. Each unit shall be entitled to at least one (1) Delegate Vote. Each unit's maximum number of delegates is a number five (5) times its respective Delegate Vote. Each locality's Delegate Vote and maximum number of delegates are set forth below.

County	Delegate Vote	Maximum Number of Delegates = Delegate Vote x 5	Maximum Number of Alternate Delegates = Delegate Vote x 5
Fairfax	21	105	105
Fauquier	189	945	945
Loudoun	614	3,070	3,070
Manassas	45	225	225
Manassas Park	13	65	65
Prince William	254	1,270	1,270
Rappahannock	21	105	105
Total	1,157	5,785	5,785

The delegates and alternates shall be elected in county and city mass meetings, party canvasses or conventions that shall be called for this purpose in conformity with the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia by each unit committee.

The delegates present for a Unit delegation shall designate which alternate delegate(s) shall vote in the place of an absent delegate(s) except where the electing body has determined another method of alternate delegate selection. The delegates present and voting at the Convention shall cast the full vote of the Unit delegation with proportionate weight given to majority and minority vote.

Military Members as Delegates

Any Military Member (any members of the Virginia National Guard, or the United States Armed Forces, Merchant Marine, or Coast Guard currently serving on active duty) who complies with these filing requirements (i.e., qualified under Article I to participate in Republican Party actions and who complies with the procedures set forth in the Official Call of their Unit process), and who produces valid military identification or other proof of active-duty status, shall not be required to be elected, but shall be declared a delegate pursuant to Article VIII, Section H. of the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia. Delegates certified in this manner shall count towards each unit's maximum number of delegates.

Military Member Delegates who 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 list the Military Member's rank order preference among candidates. Their votes shall be cast for the highest ranked choice candidate who remains eligible to receive a vote in a particular round of voting.

Candidate preference ballots shall be made available by the District Chairman or designee at least twenty days prior to the convention (**by 5:00 PM on Saturday, April 6, 2024**). Ballots must be returned to the District Chairman or his designee no later than **5:00 PM on Tuesday, April 23, 2024**. The Chairman or designee shall cause the ballots received to be certified to the credentials committee to be tabulated with each unit's votes.

Registration of Delegates

Registration of delegates shall begin at 8:30 AM and shall conclude at 10:30 AM. The Convention shall be called to order at 10:00 AM. All persons wishing to participate in the Convention must present themselves during registration times to verify and receive their credentials. Those in line at the close of registration shall be permitted to register, **but no one shall join the line after 10:30 AM.**

In order to receive credentials at the Convention, each delegate must **present a valid, non-expired photo identification** issued by the Commonwealth of Virginia, one of its political subdivisions, the United States government, or a United States college or university.

Balloting

Election for District Chairman and Elector shall be by plurality vote; the candidate receiving the highest number of votes is elected.

The three candidates for State Central Committee member receiving the highest number of votes are elected.

No provisional, absentee, or proxy voting will be permitted. Delegates must cast their own ballots. Names of the candidates shall appear on the ballot as determined by lot.

Balloting shall not begin before 11:00 AM.

The Elections Committee shall design procedures to permit candidates (or their designees) to observe balloting and counting of ballots. The Elections Committee may enact such rules as it deems appropriate in its discretion to ensure the integrity and security of the voting process.

Candidacy Filing Requirements

Candidates for election as District Chairman of the 10th Congressional District Republican Committee must pre-file by submitting the official candidacy filing form along with remitting the required, non-refundable filing fee of \$1,000.00 (One Thousand Dollars).

Candidates for election for member of the State Central Committee must pre-file by submitting the official candidacy filing form along with remitting the required, non-refundable filing fee of \$250.00 (Two Hundred Fifty Dollars).

Candidates for Elector from the 10th Congressional District must pre-file by submitting the official candidacy filing form along with remitting the required, non-refundable filing fee of \$250.00 (Two Hundred Fifty Dollars).

THE OFFICIAL CANDIDACY FILING FORM AND THE APPROPRIATE FILING FEE MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5:00 PM on Saturday, February 10, 2024. Postmarks will not govern; actual receipt is required.

No nominations shall be accepted from the floor of the District Convention.

All filing fees shall be made payable to the *10th Congressional District Republican Committee*.

The District Chairman has designated the following individual to receive candidacy filings:

Candidacy Filing Coordinator

Name: Dottie Miller

Address: 14008 Aden Road, Nokesville, VA 20181

Phone: 703-628-5714

Email: dottie.miller@comcast.net

Candidacy filing forms are available online at www.virginia.gov and www.vagop10.org. Candidacy filing forms may also be obtained by contacting the Candidacy Filing Coordinator.

Certification of Convention Delegates/Alternates by Units

Delegates and alternate delegates to the District Convention so elected by their respective units shall be certified in accordance with Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia, including contact information: respective names, addresses (including city and zip codes), and email address and phone number (if provided).

Every person elected as a delegate or alternate to the District Convention will be required to pay a \$25.00 (Twenty-Five Dollar) registration fee. This mandatory, non-refundable fee will be paid to the unit represented and the unit will forward it to the District Committee. Mandatory fees collected will be used to assist with the cost and expenses of holding the District Convention. Failure to pay the registration fee will result in the disqualification of the delegate or alternate delegate.

Units shall certify delegates and alternate delegates selected to attend the District Convention to the District Chairman and District Treasurer by using one of the following official methods. Only one method should be used to provide official certification.

METHOD 1/Electronic (preferred):

Electronically by following the instructions and procedures which will be provided by

email to all unit chairmen by **5:00 PM on Friday, March 1, 2024**. The electronic method will provide the certification to the District Chairman and District Treasurer.

METHOD 2/Mail or Personal Delivery:

By mail or personal delivery by following the instructions and procedures which will be provided by email to all unit chairmen by **5:00 PM on Friday, March 1, 2024**. Such completed certifications must be mailed or delivered to the District Chairman and District Treasurer and received by the filing deadline.

Units must also certify that the unit call for the mass meeting, canvass, or convention from which delegates or alternates were elected to the District Convention was published on the Republican Party of Virginia website at www.virginia.gop. The call may also be published on any other appropriate unit or district web sites.

Regardless of the certification method utilized, all unit certifications of delegates/alternates must be received with appropriate filing fees by the District Chairman and District Treasurer by 11:59 PM on Sunday, April 7, 2024. Postmarks will not govern; actual receipt is required.

After the filing deadline of the certification, no change may be made except for a certified alternate delegate may be made a delegate.

Convention Committees

The temporary Credentials, Logistics/Arrangements, Nominations, Rules, Tellers Committees and their members shall be appointed by the District 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.

Uncontested Offices/Cancellation of Convention

If any office has only one candidate properly file to be elected (or for State Central Committee, no more than three candidates file), the candidate for that office shall be deemed to be elected. Should there be no contested offices for the Convention to decide, the Convention will be canceled.

Call Revisions

The District Chairman is authorized to revise the issued Call to make any such technical or conforming changes in the event such changes are necessary. The District Chairman must promptly notify the District Committee of any such technical or conforming changes.

Publication of Call

Convention call will be posted online as permitted by RPV Party Plan and distributed by other electronic means.

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