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CALL TO VIRTUAL CONVENTION 2022

1. New Process due to Public Health Emergency. As a result of the current Covid-19 virus public health emergency, it is not possible for the Democratic Party of Virginia (DPVA) and the Eleventh Congressional District Democratic Committee (11CDDC) to implement a Convention in an in-person environment. The 11CDDC is therefore opting to hold this process virtually in a manner similar to its 2020 National Delegate Selection Convention and is committed to implementing a fair and open process for reorganization, the selection of members, and conducting other necessary party business.

The delegates filed to participate in this Congressional District Convention will meet to elect 11CDDC members [and conduct other business]. Due to the current health emergency, the Congressional District Convention will be conducted virtually and not in person.

- **2.** Call. Pursuant to the authority provided by the Democratic Party of Virginia (DPVA), the Eleventh Congressional District Convention will convene at 10 AM on Saturday, March 5th, 2022. State Delegates and Guests will be able to view the Convention opening session virtually on the internet. The opening session will include addresses by distinguished guests and an explanation of the voting process by which Delegates will vote for Eleventh Congressional District Democratic members and conduct other business. Following the opening session, Delegates will engage in online voting between 1PM on Saturday, March 5th, and 4PM on Saturday, March 5th.
- **3. Incorporated Documents.** All appropriate provisions of the Virginia Democratic Party Plan are incorporated into this Call by reference and made a part hereof. The delegate selection procedures set forth herein will be implemented subject to the approval of the 11th Congressional District Democratic Committee.
- **4. Purpose.** The purpose of the Eleventh Congressional District Democratic Convention shall be:
 - A. To select 20 Eleventh Congressional District Democratic Committee members (10 female & 10 male).
 - B. To vote to adopt or reject the Report of the Eleventh Congressional District Democratic Convention Resolutions Committee.

5. District Convention Delegates

Delegates to the 11CDDC Convention shall be all those who properly file to be delegates as set forth in this Call. Delegates must be registered to vote within the new boundaries of Virginia's Eleventh Congressional District.

To provide greater participation in the process, the Eleventh Congressional District Democratic Committee, for its 2022 Congressional District Convention, is establishing an unlimited number of delegates to this convention. All delegates must pre-file before the deadline to be permitted participate.

6. Rules for the Eleventh District Convention Delegate Selection.

A. Participation and Access.

Participation in the Eleventh Congressional District Democratic Convention delegate selection process is open to all 11th Congressional District registered voters who wish to participate as Democrats. The process shall be open to all members of the Democratic Party regardless of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, economic status, philosophical persuasion or disability, and all meetings will be fully publicized.

B. Filing.

Any Democrat wishing to be a delegate to the Congressional District Convention must file their candidacy with the 11CDDC as set forth in this Call to Convention. Filing will be conducted using the following link and must be completed by 5PM on Tuesday Feb 15th, 2022.

Click here for the 11CDDC/DPVA Delegate/Alternate Filing Form

To verify the registration status of delegates in a virtual setting, there is a filing deadline (Tuesday Feb 15th, 2022) for any individuals who wish to participate.

7. District Convention Committees.

The District Democratic Convention shall be governed by the rules set forth within this Call to Convention.

The Eleventh Congressional District Democratic Committee Chair shall appoint the members of the Committees on Credentials, Rules and Resolutions. Each Committee shall be composed of up to 15 members with a goal of membership from each jurisdiction.

The Eleventh Congressional District Credentials Committee shall work with Eleventh CD Committee members and DPVA staff to finalize the Eleventh CD delegate roster for Congressional District Convention attendance and voting. The members appointed by the Congressional District Committee shall serve as the Convention Committee members for each of these committees.

8. Rules for Selection of 11th CDDC member positions.

The Eleventh District Democratic Convention shall elect 20 Committee Members to the 11th Congressional District Democratic Committee. Ten (10) shall be identified as female or non-binary and ten (10) shall be identified as male or non-binary. Ballots will list each candidate and their gender identity. The Fairfax County jurisdiction is allocated nineteen (19) 11CDDC members. The Fairfax City Delegation is allocated one (1) 11CDDC member. Delegates rising from the City of Fairfax Caucus shall elect one 11CDDC member who may have any gender identity. Delegates rising from the Fairfax County Caucus shall elect the 19 allocated 11CDDC members to create a gender balance (e.g., if the City of Fairfax elects a male 11CDDC member, the Fairfax County shall have 9 male and 10 female members.)

11CDDC Members

Total 11CDDC Members 20 Fairfax County 19

City of Fairfax 1

Any Democrat wishing to run for one of the CD Committee membership positions to be selected at the District Convention must file a candidate application by Friday, Feb 15th, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. with the 11CDDC/DPVA. Every candidate acknowledges that this convention effort is a transparent public process and open to the vetting of qualifications, including factors such as residency and past voting history.

Click here for the 11CDDC/DPVA member Filing Form

Slates shall be permitted at the Eleventh Congressional District Democratic Convention. Any 11th CDDC jurisdiction member candidate may sponsor and form a same jurisdiction slate and have the slate listed on the ballot.

A Fairfax County slate must be complete, gender-balanced, and be composed of 19 slate members from Fairfax County. Fairfax County delegates may vote for a 19-member slate. A Fairfax City slate of 1 may be filed and voted by Fairfax City delegates. Individuals who wish to form a slate, must provide to the CD Chair and DPVA slate members in writing by Monday Feb 21th, 2022, 5:00PM. Slates shall appear on the electronic ballot apart from the individual applicant listing, in order to allow Delegates to choose either to vote for a slate, or to vote for individuals. An individual candidate on a slate will have his/her name also listed as an individual, but can only be on one slate. The slate sponsor shall provide evidence of each slate member's concurrence. A slate shall not indicate in any way indicate that it is an official slate. A slate sponsor must also file as follows:

Click here for the 11CDDC/DPVA Slate Filing Form

For anyone who has difficulty accessing or navigating online forms, DPVA Staff will be available through the DPVA Voter Protection Hotline to assist in pre-filing at 844-482-8683.

The method of election of 11th CDDC members at the virtual CD convention shall be as follows:

The Delegates elected to attend the Congressional District Democratic Convention will each be assigned a unique identifying number. That number, along with a link to access the ballot that corresponds with their Congressional District, will be emailed to each Delegate. Delegates will click on the link which will first request that they type their specific number in to the space provided to access their ballot. Delegates will then be able to view their ballot and be able to vote for their CD member candidates and approve the Resolutions Package. Delegates will be asked to re-enter their unique ID number prior to submitting their ballot. Only those ballots with a valid ID number entered on them will be counted. Anyone who has issues with accessing their ballot or navigating the online platform will be able to receive assistance from DPVA Staff through the Voter Protection Hotline at 844-482-8683 from 1:00PM to 4:00PM.

The Eleventh Congressional District Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the State Democratic Chair the election of the district's CD members within 36 hours of their election.

9. Resolutions

The 2022 Eleventh Congressional District Democratic Convention Resolutions Committee will develop a resolutions package for consideration at the convention.

In order for a resolution, submitted by a member of the public, to be considered by the Convention Resolutions Committee for inclusion in its resolutions package, the draft resolution must be submitted via email and include the name, address, phone number and email of the drafter; be submitted as an attachment (in Word, Calibri size 10 font), and be received by the Eleventh Congressional District Democratic Committee Chair, Robert Haley, at haleyr@sprintmail.com and the Convention Resolutions Committee Chair, Sandra J. Klassen, at sjkintl@gmail.com by Friday, February 11th, 2022 at 5PM.

Consideration of any resolution submitted by a member of the public is at the discretion of the Eleventh Congressional District Democratic Convention Resolutions Committee and the District Committee Chair.

The Eleventh Congressional District Democratic Convention Resolutions Committee will submit its final Report to the District Committee Chair and the DPVA by Wednesday, February 23rd, 5pm for publication on the district website, for dissemination to convention delegates prior to the March 5th convention.

At the March 5th convention, delegates will vote to accept or reject the Resolutions Report on their ballot. Due to the virtual nature of this Convention and the balloting, no amendments to the Report will be accepted.

If ratified, the Convention Resolutions Report will be forwarded to DPVA and to the 2022-2025 DPVA State Central Resolutions Committee.

Adopted by the 11^{th} Congressional District Democratic Committee, 01/25/2022. Amended 02/01/2022.

Robert J Haley, Chair

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