

**OFFICIAL CALL**  
**DISTRICT CONVENTION**  
**OF THE**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF VIRGINIA**  
**ON**  
**APRIL 27, 2024 FROM 10AM TO 3 PM (local time)**  
**AT**  
**WAVE Church, 1000 N. Great Neck Road, VIRGINIA BEACH, 23454**

**ISSUED: JANUARY 5, 2024**

**Call to Convene**

As Chairman of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District of the Republican Party of Virginia and pursuant to the RPV Plan of Organization (State Party Plan) and as recommended and directed by the District Committee, I, Dennis E Free do hereby issue this call for a District Convention. The convention will be held at WAVE Church, 1000 Great Neck Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia or an alternate site determined at the discretion of the chairman, starting at Noon local time on Saturday April 27, 2024 with registration beginning at 10 AM to Noon for the following purposes:

1. Electing a Chairman for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District of the Republican Party of Virginia.
2. Electing three Members of the State Central Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia.
3. Electing a Republican Candidate for Elector for President and Vice President of the United States for the election to be held on November 5, 2024.
4. For the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the convention.

**Qualifications for Participation**

All legal and qualified voters of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District of Virginia 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 5, 2024 election, may participate as members for 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 alternative delegates of the respective units they represent. Delegates and alternate delegates shall be elected in unit mass meeting, party canvasses or conventions called in conformity with the State Party Plan. Each unit may elect no more than five delegates and five alternate delegates for each delegate vote allocated.

With the exception where a unit has more qualified State, District or Legislative District Convention delegate candidates than may be elected (Over-files), all delegate candidates who meet the requirements of Article I of the State Party Plan and, where required, any pre-filing requirement, shall be deemed elected unless individually rejected by the unit at their convention or mass meeting. In the event of over-files, a unit shall elect not less than the total number of delegates allowed under the Plan.

Each unit's representation shall be based on a percentage of the total number of Republican votes cast by that unit in the last gubernatorial and presidential election combined. Each unit is allocated one (1) delegate vote for each 250 votes or major portion thereof cast for the Republican nominee in the last gubernatorial and presidential election combined. Each unit is entitled to at least one delegate vote.

Slating by units is not permitted.

Military members as delegates. Military members shall be selected in conformity with the Republican Party of Virginia's Plan of Organization.

1. Any military member who is otherwise qualified under Article I to participate in Republican Party action and who complies with the procedures to become a delegate to any convention as set forth in the official call of a convention, mass meeting or party canvass called for the purpose of selecting delegates and alternates to that convention, excluding a National Republican Convention, and who produces proof of active duty status shall be certified as a delegate and shall not be required to be elected as a delegate.
2. The number of delegates certified in this manner shall count towards the maximum allowable number of convention delegates permitted to the affected unit.
3. Military members who are certified as delegates pursuant to Article VIII (H) 6 of the Party Plan of Virginia 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 amount 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.
4. Candidate preference ballots shall be made available by the official committee calling the convention no less than 20 days prior to the convention and returned to the chairman of the official committee that called the convention not less than three days prior to the convention.

### **Rank Choice Voting**

The convention will use rank choice voting in the election for district chairman or elector in the event that more than two qualified candidates file for each position.

## **Certification of Delegates**

The delegates present in a give delegation shall designate which alternate delegates shall vote in the place of an absent delegate except where the electing body electing delegates has determined another metho of alternate delegate selection. The said delegates and alternate names and addresses, including ZIP Codes to the state and district convention so elected shall be certified in writing with their respective names, addresses and phone numbers. This document must be signed by the permanent chairman and permanent secretary of the unit mass meeting or convention, or by the unit chairman when a party canvass was used to select delegates and alternate delegates. In the event that the convention, canvass or mass meeting was cancelled the unit chairman shall be responsible for submitting these documents.

A copy of the published call of the unit Mass Meeting, Party Canvass or 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.

### **1. Provisions for the unit's delegation to the Virginia State Convention.**

All certifications and delegate filing fees collected by unit committees regardless of the date of the local mass meeting, party canvass or convention must be postmarked no later than 7 days prior to the State Convention. These documents are to be mailed to Mr. George Clark, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Treasurer, 705 Mobjack Pl. Ste A, Newport News VA 23606-1966. A copy of the delegate list to the State Convention should also be delivered to Chairman Dennis Free, 2348 Huckleberry Trail, Virginia Beach, 23456. In the case of delivery of these copies to Chairman Free such delivery can be electronic at [dfree216@gmail.com](mailto:dfree216@gmail.com).

### **2. Provisions for the unit's delegations to the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Convention.**

All certifications of delegates and alternates by unit committees regardless of the date of the local mass meeting, party canvass or convention must be postmarked no later than 7 days prior to the District Convention. The delegate list to the District Convention will be delivered to Chairman Dennis Free, 2348 Huckleberry Trail, Virginia Beach, 23456. Such delivery can be electronic at [dfree216@gmail.com](mailto:dfree216@gmail.com).

Unit delegate/alternate lists containing only the name and address shall be provided to all candidates upon request in accordance with provisions of the party plan.

## **Publication of the Call**

This call shall be posted on the website of the Republican Party of Virginia (RPV.org) and issued by the District Chairman who will also provide the call to the Chairmen of all unit committees included in the 2<sup>nd</sup> District.

## **Registration of Delegates at Convention**

Registration of Delegates to vote at the district convention shall begin at 10 AM Local time and shall end at Noon. Only persons in line at this time will be permitted to register. Registrants will be required to produce identification to register.

### **Filing Requirements**

All candidates are required to submit a filing form and nonrefundable filing fee by 5 PM local time on January 24, 2024 to Nominations Chair, Mr. Bruce Johnson, 2200 Cutler Ridge, Virginia Beach, VA 23454, Phone (757) 560-1734. Filing fees and documents may be mailed but postmarks shall not govern. Only original documents are acceptable. Payments are to be made by a check or money order made out to the Second Congressional District, Republican Party of Virginia.

A returned or invalid check or money order for any reason shall disqualify a candidate.

All candidates for election must adhere to this procedure. No nominations will be accepted from the floor at the district convention. When the registration period closes Mr. Johnson shall notify Chairman Dennis Free of all properly filed candidates.

#### **1. Candidates for election for Chairman.**

Candidates shall submit the completed and signed relevant filing form and pay a nonrefundable filing fee of \$1500.00. Following the passing of the filing deadline Mr. Johnson shall notify Chairman Free in writing of properly filed candidates.

If only one candidate files for election by the deadline, then that candidate shall be declared the winner. Such notification shall be made to Chairman Dennis Free by Mr. Johnson. No nominations will be accepted from the floor at the convention for this position.

#### **2. Candidates for election for State Central (Three Positions).**

Candidates shall submit the completed and signed relevant filing form and pay a nonrefundable filing fee of \$500.00. Following the passing of the filing deadline Mr. Johnson shall notify Chairman Free in writing of properly filed candidates.

If only three candidates or less properly file by the deadline, then those candidates shall be declared the winners. Such notification shall be made to Chairman Dennis Free by Mr. Johnson. No nominations will be accepted from the floor at the convention for this position.

#### **3. Candidates for election for Elector.**

Candidates shall submit the completed and signed relevant filing form and pay a nonrefundable filing fee of \$500.00. Following the passing of the filing deadline Mr. Johnson shall notify Chairman Free in writing of properly filed candidates.

If only one candidate files for election by the deadline, then that candidate shall be declared the winner. Such notification shall be made to Chairman Dennis Free by Mr. Johnson. No nominations will be accepted from the floor at the convention for this position.

### **Cancelling the Convention**

If none of the officers for convention election (Chairman, State Central Member, Elector) has enough qualified candidates to warrant an election the Convention Nominations Chair shall report same to the District Committee Chairman in writing following the registration deadline. In this circumstance the convention shall be cancelled by the District Chairman and the unchallenged nominees for each position shall be declared the winners. This notification shall be provided to the Republican Party of Virginia, each unit chairman, and all members of State Central Committee who represented the 2<sup>nd</sup> District at the time of this call.

### **Voting Weights**

UNIT NAME	Weight
Accomack County	68
Northampton County	22
Virginia Beach City	768
Chesapeake City	301
Isle of Wight	103
Suffolk City	150
Southampton County/Franklin City	41

Candidate for 2<sup>nd</sup> District Chairman  
Declaration and Statement of Qualifications  
2024 District Convention

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby indicate my intention to seek election as the Second Congressional District Chairman. I have enclosed the nonrefundable \$1500 filing fee payable to the Second Congressional District Committee, Republican Party of Virginia.

I accordance with the Qualifications 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's Second Congressional District, I am in accord with the principles of the Republican Party, and I intend to support all the Nominees of the Republican Party during my term (if elected) as 2<sup>nd</sup> District Chairman.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_, Virginia, ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Complete this form and return it by mail or in person with the filing fee to: Mr. Bruce Johnson, 2200 Cutler Ridge, Virginia Beach, VA 23454, Phone (757) 560-1734 no later than 5 PM local time on January 24, 2024. Post marks will not govern.

Certified as Received:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate for 2<sup>nd</sup> District State Central Committee  
Declaration and Statement of Qualifications  
2024 District Convention

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby indicate my intention to seek election as a member of State Central for the Second Congressional District. I have enclosed the nonrefundable \$500 filing fee payable to the Second Congressional District Committee, Republican Party of Virginia.

In accordance with the Qualifications 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's Second Congressional District, I am in accord with the principles of the Republican Party, and I intend to support all the Nominees of the Republican Party during my term (if elected) as 2<sup>nd</sup> District Chairman.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_, Virginia, ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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Certified as Received:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate for 2<sup>nd</sup> District Elector  
Declaration and Statement of Qualifications  
2024 District Convention

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby indicate my intention to seek election as the Second Congressional District Elector. I have enclosed the nonrefundable \$500 filing fee payable to the Second Congressional District Committee, Republican Party of Virginia.

In accordance with the Qualifications 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's Second Congressional District, I am in accord with the principles of the Republican Party, and I intend to support all the Nominees of the Republican Party during my term (if elected) as 2<sup>nd</sup> District Chairman.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_, Virginia, ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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