

OFFICIAL CALL

Legislative District Party Canvass

of the 7th Senate District of the Republican Party of Virginia

As Chairman of the 7th Senate District Committee of the Republican Party, and pursuant to the Plan of Organization and as recommended and directed by the Committee, I, Donald J Plaster, do hereby issue this call for a Legislative District Party Canvass to be held at:

- Philippine Cultural Center of Virginia, 4857 Baxter Rd, Virginia Beach, VA 23462 (for voters in the District in both Norfolk and Virginia Beach)

from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM local time on Saturday November 19, 2022 for the purpose of nominating a Republican candidate for the office of Senator to be voted for in the Special Election anticipated on January 10, 2023. Any persons with a religious exception to the date of the canvas may cast an in-person absentee ballot at:

- Republican Party of Virginia Beach, 505 S Independence Blvd, Virginia Beach, VA 23452

from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM local time on Friday November 18, 2022.

Qualifications for Participation

All legal and qualified voters of the 7th Senate District (as it existed prior to redistricting in 2021) 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.

Filing Requirements

Candidates for the Republican nomination at said canvass shall file a written statement by postal mail or in person, to
Donald J Plaster, SD7 LDC
c/o Republican Party of Virginia Beach
505 S Independence Blvd
Virginia Beach, VA 23452

which must be received not later than 4pm on Thursday November 17, 2022. The filing statement shall include the candidate's full legal name, voting residence address in the District, email address and telephone number. A filing fee of \$700.00 shall accompany the filing statement, made payable to "Republican Party of Virginia Beach". The Committee will meet with representatives of the properly filed candidates to review the Canvass Rules and the venue on Friday November 18, 2022 at 9am-10am at the voting location specified above. If only one candidate properly files, then said candidate shall be declared the Republican nominee and no canvass will be held.

Registration Fee

There will be no registration fee to participate in this canvass.

Paid for and authorized by the 7th Senate District Committee.

PARTY CANVASS RULES

The 7th Senate District Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia, pursuant to the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia, hereby adopts these Rules for the conduct of this Party Canvass.

1. The Republican Party Canvass shall be held at:

- Philippine Cultural Center of Virginia, 4857 Baxter Rd, Virginia Beach, VA 23462 (for Virginia Beach and Norfolk voters)

from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM local time on Saturday November 19, 2022 for the purpose of nominating a candidate for the office of Senator to be voted for in the Special Election anticipated on January 10, 2023. Any persons with a religious exception to the date of the canvas may cast an in-person absentee ballot at:

- Republican Party of Virginia Beach, 505 S Independence Blvd, Virginia Beach, VA 23452

from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM local time on Friday November 18, 2022.

2. This party canvass shall, to the extent applicable, be governed by and conducted in accordance with the following (giving precedence as listed): the State Party Plan, these rules, and otherwise in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised (12th Edition).
3. Only eligible voters duly registered by the Credentials Committee may vote. No proxies are allowed at any time.
4. All voters shall meet the requirements as specified in the Call of the Party Canvass.
 - Voters shall express orally at registration their intent to support the nominee for public office in this canvass
 - Voters must comply with same Voter ID requirements as at a Virginia state election
5. The Legislative District Committee Chair shall appoint a Credentials Committee of not more than three persons for each location, to register those persons who offer to vote and to count the ballots once the polls are closed. The members of the Credentials Committee shall remain inside the room in which voting is conducted during the period in which voting takes place and until the ballots are counted.
6. The Credentials Committee shall decide any question that may arise concerning the qualifications of a candidate or eligibility to vote.
7. No one will be allowed in the voting area without proper authorization. Candidates shall not loiter or campaign in the room in which voting will take place. An exclusion area will be marked off outside the building beyond which campaigning and loitering will not be allowed. No more than two (2) observers from each campaign will be allowed in the voting room at any time.
8. No resolutions may be introduced.
9. The Credentials Committee shall prepare ballots listing the names of all qualified candidates for contested nominations or elections, who have properly filed as required in the Call of the Party Canvass.
10. As soon as the polls are closed, the Credentials Committee shall immediately proceed to ascertain the vote given at the Canvass and shall continue without adjournment until they declare the results of the canvass. Only the members of the Credentials Committee and two representatives of each candidate, if any, shall be permitted to remain in the room once the polls have closed and until the ballots are counted. Ballots shall then be placed in a sealed envelope and preserved and secured by the Credentials Committee for at least thirty (30) days in the event of any challenge to the results.
11. Candidates shall be elected on the basis of plurality of votes received. If two or more persons have an equal number of votes and a higher number than any other person, the Credentials Committee shall proceed publicly to determine by lot which of the persons shall be declared elected, after those persons have been notified and are allowed an opportunity to be present.
12. The Credentials Committee shall preserve order inside and outside the polling place(s). No person shall hinder, intimidate, or interfere with any qualified voter so as to prevent the voter from casting a secret ballot. The Credentials Committee may order a person violating this Rule to cease such action and, if such action continues, may remove such person from the polling place.