

Call to Caucus of the Orange County Virginia Democratic Committee to Elect Delegates and Alternates to the 7th Congressional District and State Conventions

The Orange County Virginia Democratic Committee, herein referred to as OCDC, will hold an unassembled caucus on Saturday, April 20, 2024, from 12 to 2 pm at the OCDC office located at 111 Chapman Street, Orange, VA 22960, for the purpose of electing eight delegates and two alternates to the VA-7 District Convention on Saturday, May 18, 2024, at 10 am at James Monroe High School, Fredericksburg, VA and the Virginia Democratic State Convention on Saturday, June 22, 2024, at 10 am at The Greater Richmond Convention Center, Grand Ballroom, 403 North Third Street, Richmond, Virginia.

I. Candidate Filing:

Each person seeking to become a Delegate to the CD 7 and State Conventions shall need to file an electronic Declaration of Candidacy form by no later than 5 pm on Saturday, April 13, 2024. This declaration form shall include the Presidential Candidate this Delegate seeks to represent. This declaration form will be posted at www.vademocrats.org/delegateselection after the March 5, 2024, Presidential Primary.

A voluntary non-refundable administrative fee of \$25 is requested to accompany all candidate filings. No waiver is necessary if a candidate is unable to pay the fee.

II. Candidate Qualification:

In order to certify the eligibility of a candidate for election, the Chair shall ascertain that each prospective candidate:

- Is a resident of and registered to vote in the County of Orange, Virginia;
- Is a Democrat;
- Does not intend to support, endorse, or assist any candidate who is opposed to a Democratic nominee or endorsee in the November 2024 election;
- Is not a member of any other political party;
- And has not participated and will not participate in the nomination process of any other political party for the November 2024 election.

Only candidates committed to the nomination of the Democratic candidate for President of the United States may serve as Delegates or Alternates.

III. Notice:

OCDC shall provide notice of this caucus by placement of a general notice of the caucus, including noticing the caucus date, time, and location, along with the Call to Caucus, on the Democratic Party of Virginia website, on the Orange County Virginia Democratic Committee website and social media platforms; by email notification to the members of the Orange County Virginia Democrats who reside in Orange County; and through other reasonable means that will disseminate information about the caucus to registered voters in Orange County, Virginia. In addition, reasonable actions shall be taken to promote participation in the caucus in accordance with the Affirmative Action provisions of the Party Plan of the DPVA.

IV. Participation:

Every Democrat who is a registered voter in Orange County, Virginia is urged to attend and participate. Each participant must sign a written declaration that he or she:

- Is a Democrat and not a member of any other political party;
- Does not intend to support any candidate who is opposed to a Democratic nominee in this General Election;
- Has not participated in and will not participate in the nominating process of any other party for the positions listed above; and
- Is registered to vote in Orange County, Virginia.

V. Conduct of Caucus:

Voting will begin at 12 pm and will close at 2 pm. Those in line at the close of voting will be permitted to vote.

The Chair of the OCDC, or his or her designee, shall be the Chair of the Caucus and shall appoint a Secretary and such other Officers of the Caucus as is deemed appropriate. The OCDC will prepare the Rules for the Caucus.

VI. Determination of the Delegates:

If the number of candidates for delegate/alternate is greater than the total allocated to each presidential candidate per the March 5, 2024, Presidential Primary results in Orange County, Virginia, then an election shall be held. Candidates for Delegate and Caucus Participants must all declare preference for a Presidential Candidate. For each Presidential Candidate who is allowed delegates, the delegates allocated to that candidate shall be elected by the caucus participants declared for that candidate. That candidate's delegation shall comprise the top number of vote-getters equal to the number of delegates received. For example: if Presidential Candidate Barack Obama was entitled to 5 Delegates, then the top 5 vote getters who were pledged to Barack Obama shall be elected.

Alternates shall be selected as the next highest vote getters for each pledged candidate. For example: if Presidential Candidate Barack Obama was entitled to 5 Delegates and 1 Alternate, the top 5 vote getters shall be elected as Barack Obama Delegates and the 6th highest vote getter shall be elected as the Barack Obama Alternate.

If the number of candidates for delegate/alternate is equal to or fewer than the total allocated to each presidential candidate per the March 5, 2024, Presidential Primary results in Orange County, Virginia, the Chair shall cancel the caucus and those delegate/alternate candidates who have filed shall be deemed to be elected by the caucus. In the event that fewer than the allocated number pledged to each candidate are elected in the caucus, the delegation members pledged to that candidate shall fill the vacancies.

The rules for the Virginia Democratic Party Selection of Delegates can be found [here](#).

Filing forms for delegate and alternate candidates and caucus attendees will be found [here](#).

Adopted by the OCDC Executive Committee on March 26, 2024.