

**CALL TO CAUCUS TO NOMINATE A DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE**  
**for the Virginia House of Delegates for the 28<sup>th</sup> District**  
**April 27, 2019**

The 28<sup>th</sup> House of Delegates Democratic Nominating Committee will hold a combined Stafford County and City of Fredericksburg unassembled caucus (firehouse primary) on **April 27, 2019**, between **9:00 AM and 5:00 PM** at the **Courthouse Community Center, Room C, 29 Stafford Ave, Stafford, VA 22554**, for the purpose of nominating a Democratic Candidate for the Virginia House of Delegates from District 28 in the November 5, 2019 General Election.

**I. Candidate Filing:**

Each person seeking to become the Democratic nominee for the General Election for the 28th House of Delegates District shall file a Declaration of Candidacy form with the 28th House of Delegates District Democratic Nominating Committee Chair and a \$500 nonrefundable certified cashier's check (cash or money order not accepted) made payable to the Stafford County Democratic Committee. This Declaration of Candidacy and the \$500 Filing Fee must be received by Benjamin M. Litchfield, Chair 28th House of Delegates District Nominating Committee, no later than April 17, 2019 at 9:00 PM, either by mail or in person at 43 Dawson Drive, Fredericksburg, VA 22405.

Only those candidates who have timely and properly filed a Declaration of Candidacy form and paid the filing fee will have their names placed in nomination. The Declaration of Candidacy form will be available on April 3, 2019 from Benjamin M. Litchfield, Chair of the 28th House of Delegates District Nominating Committee. The form will also be posted on the Stafford County Democratic Committee website: [www.stafforddemocrats.org](http://www.stafforddemocrats.org) and the Fredericksburg Democratic Committee website: [www.fredericksburgdems.org](http://www.fredericksburgdems.org). For filing questions or to request a Declaration of Candidacy form contact, Benjamin M. Litchfield, Chair of the 28th House of Delegates District Nominating Committee, at [staffordvademocrats@gmail.com](mailto:staffordvademocrats@gmail.com).

**II. Qualification of Candidates:**

The Declaration of Candidacy form, which the candidate must sign, will include a written declaration that the candidate:

- Is a Democrat and not a member of any other political party;
- Meets all requirements of state law to be placed on the ballot for the General Elections;
- Is eligible to be the Delegate for the 28th House of Delegates District under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia;
- Does not intend to support, endorse, or assist any candidate who is opposed to the Democratic nominee in this General Election;
- Will not participate in the nominating process of any other political party for this General Election; and

- Agrees to abide by the Caucus Rules, the Virginia Democratic Party Plan, and all laws applicable to this nominating process and the General Election.

### **III. Notice:**

This call to caucus will be posted on the Stafford County Democratic Committee, the Fredericksburg Democratic Committee and the Democratic Party of Virginia websites and emailed to the members of the Stafford and Fredericksburg Democratic Committees. A press release will be provided to Fredericksburg and Stafford County newspapers.

### **IV. Participation:**

Every Democrat who is a registered voter in the 28th House of Delegates District 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 the 28th House of Delegates District.

### **V. Affirmative Action:**

It shall be the duty of each local Democratic chair and the members of each local Democratic Committee to take all feasible steps to encourage broad participation in the selection process. Discrimination on the basis of race, sex, age, color, national origin, religion, ethnic identity or economic status in the selection process is prohibited.

### **VI. Conduct of Caucus**

Voting will begin at 9:00 AM and doors will close at 5:00 PM on April 27, 2019. Those in line at the 5:00 PM closing time will be permitted to vote. The Chair of the Nominating Committee, 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 28th House of Delegates Democratic Nominating Committee will prepare the Rules for the Caucus.

### **VII. Determination of Nominee:**

If more than one candidate files for the Democratic nominee for the 28th House of Delegates District by the deadline, the candidates will be listed alphabetically on the ballot and will be elected by a plurality of the votes of the unassembled caucus.

If only one person files properly to be a candidate, the 28th House of Delegates District Democratic Nominating Committee may cancel the caucus and declare that person the nominee. If no person files properly to be a candidate by the deadline, the Nominating Committee may cancel the caucus. If there is no filed candidate, or if the properly nominated candidate withdraws or dies, or if the caucus is unable or does not occur in the times and dates specified, the Nominating Committee Chair may, before June 11, 2019, convene the 28th House of Delegates District Democratic Nominating Committee to consider the nomination of a qualified candidate upon first filing with the Chair a Declaration of Candidacy form and paying the filing fee.

ADOPTED: January 14, 2019

*Benjamin M. Litchfield*

Chair, 28th House of Delegates District  
Democratic Nominating Committee

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