

CALL TO CAUCUS TO NOMINATE A DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR THE VIRGINIA 90TH HOUSE OF DELEGATES DISTRICT

The Virginia 90TH House of Delegates District Legislative District Committee (LDC) comprised of the Cities of Norfolk and Virginia Beach, will hold an unassembled caucus on Saturday, December 5, 2020 between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at Lake Taylor High School, 1384 Kempsville Drive, Norfolk , VA 23502 for the purpose of nominating a Democratic candidate for the Virginia 90th House of Delegates District for the January 2021 special election. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, this will not be an indoor caucus. We will conduct the caucus using Drive Thru Voting. Voters will not leave their vehicles. The counting of the ballots will immediately follow the caucus and be held at Norfolk Professional Firefighters – IAFF Local 68, 5691 Virginia Beach Blvd, Norfolk, VA 23502.

Candidate Filing: Each person seeking to become the Democratic nominee for the office of the 90th House of Delegates District shall file a Declaration of Candidacy form with the 90th House of Delegates LDC with a \$3,000 non-refundable certified or cashier's check (cash or money order not accepted) made payable to the Norfolk City Democratic Committee (NCDC) no earlier than 12:00 PM, Wednesday, December 2, 2020 and no later than 5:00 PM, Wednesday, December 2, 2020. Filings shall be made in-person to the Chair of the LDC, Thomas P. Reel, 432 Stuart Circle, Norfolk, VA 23502 (Phone 757-461-0424, email: tom.reel@cox.net.) Only those candidates who have timely and properly filed the Declaration of Candidacy form and paid the filing fee may have their names placed in nomination. The order of the Candidates' names on the ballot shall be determined by the order they are received. Should two or more filings be received at the same time, a drawing of straws will take place to determine the ballot order. The longest straw shall win. Should two or more filings be received at the same time, the campaigns of these filings will be notified and will be allowed to have a representative present at the drawing, which will take place at 5:00 PM, Wednesday, December 2, at 432 Stuart Circle, Norfolk. The Declaration of Candidacy form shall be available on the Norfolk City Democratic Committee's (NCDC) website (NorfolkDemocrats.org) and the Virginia Beach City Democratic Committee's (VBCDC) website (VBDemocrats.org).

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

1. Is a Democrat and not a member of any other political party; and
2. Does not intend to support any candidate who is opposed to the Democratic nominee in the 90th House of Delegates District Special Election; and
3. Has not participated in and will not participate in the nominating process of any other party for the the 90th House of Delegates District Special Election; and
4. Does not intend to file as an independent candidate for the 90th House of Delegates District Special Election; and
5. Is registered to vote in the 90th House of Delegates District.

Notice: This Call to Caucus shall be published on the Democratic Committees' websites (listed above) and the DPVA website (www.vademocrats.org). A press release shall be provided to all relevant newspapers of general circulation in the 90th House of Delegates District. The Committees will be encouraged to disseminate this information to all

interested parties, as they are able, in accordance with the Party Plan of the DPVA. 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 Democratic Party of Virginia (DPVA).

Participation: Every Democrat who is a registered voter in 90th House of Delegates District is urged to attend and participate. Each participant must sign a written declaration that he or she:

1. Is a Democrat and not a member of any other political party; and
2. Does not intend to support any candidate who is opposed to the Democratic nominee in the 90th House of Delegates District Special Election; and
3. Has not participated in and will not participate in the nominating process of any other party for the 90th HD District Special Election; and
4. Is registered to vote in the 90th House of Delegates District.

No fee or payment will be required for attending and voting in the Caucus. Voters must show a form of identification approved by the Virginia Department of Elections (ELECT). Participation forms will be available in advance on the Norfolk City Democratic Committee's (NCDC) website (NorfolkDemocrats.org) and the Virginia Beach City Democratic (VBCDC) Committee's website (VBDemocrats.org).

Rules: The rules of the Caucus shall be made available in paper or electronic form to all candidates no later than the date following the adoption of this Call. The rules will also be on the NCDC website (NorfolkDemocrats.org) and the VBCDC website (VBDemocrats.org).

Determination of Nominee: If only one person properly files to be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the 90th House of Delegates District by the filing deadline, the LDC may cancel the caucus and declare that person the nominee. If no person files properly to be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the 90th House of Delegates District by the filing deadline, the LDC shall cancel the caucus. At any time before 5:00 PM, Friday, December 4, 2020, the Chair of the LDC may rule ineligible for nomination any candidate who has been found to have made any false or misleading statements on the Declaration of Candidacy or who failed to pay the filing fee.

If there is no filed candidate, or if the properly nominated candidate withdraws or dies, the Chair of the LDC may, before 5 PM on December 5, 2020, convene the LDC to consider the nomination of a qualified candidate who may become the Democratic nominee upon first filing with the LDC, a Declaration of Candidacy form and paying the filing fee for such office.

Waivers: The LDC shall seek appropriate waivers from the DPVA regarding expediting the time frames required by the Party Plan of the DPVA.

Adopted by the 90th House of Delegates District Legislative District Committee

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Thomas P. Reel, Chair

_____November 28, 2020_____

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