

CALL TO CAUCUS OF THE CHESAPEAKE DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE TO ELECT DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO THE 2nd DISTRICT AND STATE CONVENTIONS

The Chesapeake Democratic Committee will hold an assembled caucus on Saturday, April 20, 2024, from 11am to 12pm at the Chesapeake Central Library (small meeting room) 298 Cedar Rd. Chesapeake, VA 23322, for the purpose of electing delegates and alternates to the VA-2nd District Convention on Saturday, May 18, 2024 at Oscar Smith High School 1994 Tiger Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia 23320 and the Virginia Democratic State Convention on Saturday, June 22, 2024 (10:00AM) in Richmond, Virginia.

I. Candidate Filing:

Each person seeking to become a Delegate to the 2nd and State Conventions shall need to file an electronic Declaration of Candidacy form by no later than **5PM on Sunday, April 14th**. 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. **There is a \$25 voluntary administrative contribution to help cover the cost of the Delegate Selection process**

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 2nd Congressional District in Chesapeake, 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

The Chesapeake Democratic Committee 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, the Chesapeake Democratic Committee websites; by email notification to the members of the Chesapeake Democrats who reside in the 2nd Congressional District; and through other reasonable means that will disseminate information about the caucus to registered voters in Chesapeake. 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 Chesapeake 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 Chesapeake 2nd Congressional District.

V. Conduct of Caucus

Voting will begin at 11am and will close at 12pm. Those in line at the close of voting will be permitted to vote.

The Chair of the Chesapeake Democratic 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 Chesapeake Democratic Committee 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 Chesapeake, 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 allocated 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 then 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 Chesapeake, the Chair shall cancel the caucus and those delegate/alternate candidates who have filed shall be deemed to be elected by the caucus.

Thank You,
David Washington
Chair
Chesapeake Democratic Committee