OFFICIAL CALL

 8th Congressional District Biennial Convention of the Republican Party of Virginia
Knights of Columbus, 8592 Richmond Hwy, Alexandria, VA 22309 Thursday, April 11, 2024 at 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

As Chairman of the 8th Congressional District of the Republican Party of Virginia and pursuant to the Plan of Organization and as recommended and directed by the District Committee, I, Andrew Loposser, do hereby issue this Call for a District Convention to be held at Knights of Columbus, 8592 Richmond Hwy, Alexandria, VA 22309, or its alternate site, starting at Thursday, April 11, 2024 at 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM for the following purposes:

- A. Electing a District Chairman, for a term of two years, or until his successors is elected;
- B. Nominating a Republican candidate for elector for President and Vice President of the United States to be voted for at the election on Tuesday, November 5, 2024;
- C. Electing three members of the State Central Committee;
- D. For the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the convention.

Qualifications for Participation

All legal and qualified voters of the 8th Congressional District 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.

Composition of Convention

The District Convention shall be composed of delegates and alternate delegates of the respective units they represent. Representation shall be based on the total number of Republican votes cast in each county or city (or portion thereof within the 8th Congressional District) in the last gubernatorial and presidential election combined. Each unit is allowed one (1) Delegate Vote for each two hundred and fifty (250) Republican votes cast or major portion thereof. Each unit shall be entitled to at least one (1) Delegate Vote. The delegates and alternates shall be elected in county or city mass meetings, party canvasses or conventions that shall be called for this purpose in conformity with the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia by each unit committee. Units may elect up to 5 times as many delegates and alternates as they are allotted Delegate Votes

Alexandria – 114 Delegate Votes, up to 570 Delegates Arlington County – 175 Delegate Votes, up to 875 Delegates Fairfax County – 414 Delegate Votes, up to 2,070 Delegates Falls Church – 12 Delegate Votes, up to 60 Delegates

Military Members

Any Military Member (members of the Virginia National Guard, or the United States Armed Forces, Merchant Marine, or Coast Guard currently serving on active duty) who is otherwise qualified under Article I to participate in Republican Party actions and who complies with the procedures to become a delegate to any Convention as set forth in the Official Call of the Convention, Mass Meeting, or Party Canvass called for the purpose of selecting delegates and alternates to that Convention and who produces valid military identification or other proof of active-duty status shall be certified as a delegate and shall not be required to be elected as a delegate. The numbers of delegates certified in this manner shall count toward each unit's maximum allowable number of convention delegates.

Certification of Delegates

The delegates present in a given delegation shall designate which alternate delegates shall vote in the place of an absent delegate except where the unit electing the delegates specifies another method of alternate delegate selection. The said delegates and alternate delegates to the District Convention shall have their election certified in writing (including their names, phone number, and addresses with zip code) by, and over the signature of, their respective permanent chairman and secretary of the unit mass meeting or convention, or the unit chairman if the unit conducted a party canvass.

All certifications, regardless of the date of the mass meeting, party canvass, or unit convention must be delivered to the District Chairman and District Secretary no later than seven (7) days prior to the convening of the District Convention— Thursday, April 11, 2024 (postmarks do not govern). After the certification filing deadline, no change may be made except that a certified alternate may be made a delegate. A copy of the published call of the convention, mass meeting or party canvass called for the purpose of selecting delegates and alternates to said convention must accompany the certification, including its date of publication. Certification shall be mailed or delivered as follows:

District Chairman Andrew Loposser – <u>chairman@vagop8cd.org</u> – PO Box 245, Alexandria VA 22313 District Secretary Susan Valentine – <u>secretary@vagop8cd.org</u> – PO Box 245, Alexandria VA 22313

Filing Requirements for Candidates

Candidates for the District Chairman at the Convention shall file a written statement by mail or in person along with a non-refundable filing fee of \$1,000 (One Thousand Dollars)

Candidates for election for member of the State Central Committee shall file a written statement by mail or in person along with remitting the required, non-refundable filing fee of \$250.00 (Two Hundred Fifty Dollars).

Candidates for Elector from the 8th Congressional District shall file a written statement by mail or in person along with remitting the required, non-refundable filing fee of \$250.00 (Two Hundred Fifty Dollars).

THE WRITTEN STATEMENT AND THE APPROPRIATE FILING FEE MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5:00 PM on Saturday, February 17, 2024. Postmarks will not govern; actual receipt is required.

The District Chairman has designated the following individual to receive candidacy filings:

8th District Treasurer Chris Marston – chris@electioncfo.com – PO Box 245, Alexandria VA 22313

Delegate Filing Fee

Delegates are required to pay a filing fee of \$35. Filing fees may be remitted through the Unit Committee or directly to the District Committee.

Convention Committees

The temporary Credentials, Logistics/Arrangements, Nominations, Rules, Tellers Committees and their members shall be appointed by the District Chairman and shall meet in advance of the Convention (at the discretion of the Temporary Chairman of each such Committee and the District Chairman) to perform their duties subject to ratification by the delegates present and voting at the Convention.

Uncontested Offices/Cancellation of Convention

If any office has only one candidate properly file to be elected (or for State Central Committee, no more than three candidates file), the candidate for that office shall be deemed to be elected. Should there be no contested offices for the Convention to decide, the Convention will be canceled.

Call Revisions

The District Chairman is authorized to revise the issued Call to make any such technical or conforming changes in the event such changes are necessary. The District Chairman must promptly notify the District Committee of any such technical or conforming changes. Publication of Call Convention call will be posted online as permitted by RPV Party Plan and distributed by other electronic means.

Publication

This Call shall be posted on the website of the Republican Party of Virginia and issued by the District Chairman to the Chairman of all unit committees for units included in the 8th District no later than Thursday, February 1, 2024.

Paid for and authorized by the 8th Congressional District Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia.