

SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE

CALL TO VIRTUAL CONVENTION 2020

1. **New Process Due to Public Health Emergency.**

- A. As a result of the current COVID-19 virus public health emergency, it is not possible for the Democratic Party of Virginia (DPVA) to implement the National Convention Delegate Selection process as set forth in the DPVA Delegate Selection Plan (DSP) and the Call to State Convention. Likewise, it is not possible for the Second Congressional District Democratic (2nd CDD) Committee to implement an in-person convention process. The 2nd CDD Committee is committed to implementing a fair and open alternative process for the election of national convention delegates and an elector.
- B. As set forth in the DPVA Statewide Call to Virtual Caucus, issued March 21, 2020, (attached), the initial step of the Virginia delegate selection process -- the presidential primary -- occurred on March 3, 2020, and pursuant to the DPVA DSP, those results have been used to allocate state and national convention delegates among the eligible candidates. The Statewide Call to Virtual Caucus set forth a revised process for the city/county caucuses to elect state convention delegates and alternates using virtual caucuses.
- C. The next step in the delegate selection process is for those delegates elected at city/county caucuses to participate in a Congressional District Convention to elect National Convention Delegates and an Elector. Due to the current health emergency, the Congressional District Convention will be conducted virtually and not in-person.

2. **The Call.**

- A. Pursuant to the authority provided by the DPVA, the 2nd CDD Virtual Convention will convene at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 16. State Delegates, Alternates, and guests will be able to view the Virtual Convention opening session on the internet.
- B. The opening session will include addresses by distinguished guests and an explanation of the voting process which State Delegates will use to vote for National Convention Delegates and the Second Congressional District Elector.
- C. Following adjournment of the opening session, State Delegates will engage in online voting between 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 16 and 7 p.m. on Sunday, May 17.

3. **Incorporated Documents.**

All appropriate provisions of the Virginia Democratic Party Plan, the DPVA DSP for the 2020 Democratic National Convention, and the Call to the 2020 Virginia State Democratic Convention, as those documents have been revised, are incorporated into this Call by reference, and made a part hereof. The emergency delegate selection procedures will be implemented subject to the approval of the Democratic National Committee and the Democratic Party of Virginia.

4. **Purpose.**

The purpose of the 2nd CDD Virtual Convention shall be:

To select 5 National Convention Delegates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention; and to select an Elector from the Second Congressional District.

5. **District Virtual Convention Agenda – Opening Session.**

- A. Call to Order
- B. Addresses by Distinguished Guests
- C. Explanation of voting procedures
- D. Adjournment of opening session

6. **Selection of District Virtual Convention Delegates and Alternates.**

- A. The Delegates and Alternates to the 2nd CDD Virtual Convention shall also be the delegates or alternates to the State Democratic Convention scheduled for June 20, 2020.
- B. Delegates and Alternates to the 2nd CDD Virtual Convention and the State Democratic Convention shall be those elected by county and city caucuses as set forth in the DPVA Statewide Call to Virtual Caucus (attached).

7. **Allocation of State/District Virtual Convention Delegates and Alternates.**

- A. Delegates and Alternates elected at county or city caucuses shall serve as Delegates and Alternates to both the Congressional District and State Conventions.
- B. There shall be elected 2,000 State Delegates and 500 State Alternates to the Democratic State Convention.
- C. The apportionment of State Delegates and Alternates among counties and cities is detailed in the 2020 Call to Convention, as determined by the State Central Committee, based on a formula giving equal weight to the total population and to the average of the Democratic vote for President in 2016, Governor in 2017, and US Senate in 2018.
- D. The 2nd CDD Virtual Convention apportionment is 159 Delegates and 41 Alternates totaling 200 Delegates and Alternates to the 2020 2nd CDD Virtual Convention and to the State Democratic Convention, allocated as follows:

| Locality | Total Del. | Total Alt. | Biden Del. | Biden Alt. | Sanders Del. | Sanders Alt. | Warren Del. |
|---------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| Accomack County | 7 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Hampton City | 8 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| James City County | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Norfolk City | 17 | 4 | 11 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 0 |
| Northampton County | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Poquoson City | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Virginia Beach City | 100 | 25 | 70 | 17 | 30 | 8 | 0 |
| Williamsburg City | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| York County | 15 | 4 | 11 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 0 |
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| Total | 159 | 41 | 110 | 30 | 48 | 11 | 1 |

8. **Participation and Access.**

Participation in Virginia’s Democratic delegate selection process is open to all registered voters who wish to participate as Democrats. All processes shall be open to all members of the Democratic Party regardless of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, economic status, philosophical persuasion or disability, and all meetings should be publicized fully. Each county and city committee shall comply with the Affirmative Action, Outreach and Inclusion Plan action provisions of the Virginia Delegate Selection Plan for the 2020 Democratic National Convention, as modified in response to the currently public health emergency.

9. **Filing.**

Any Democrat wishing to be a Delegate or Alternate to the 2nd CDD Virtual Convention and to the State Democratic Convention must pre-file their candidacy by April 9, 2020 at 5 p.m. with the DPVA as set forth in the attached DPVA Statewide Call to Virtual Caucus.

10. **Second Congressional District Democratic Convention Committees.**

- A. The Chair of the 2nd CDD Committee shall appoint 3 members each to a Rules Committee and a Credentials Committee. The 2nd CDD Virtual Convention shall be governed by the Rules of the 2nd CDD Virtual Convention, the 2nd CDD Committee Call to Virtual Convention 2020, the DPVA Party Plan, the Virginia DSP, and the DPVA Statewide Call to Virtual Caucus.
- B. The Rules Committee shall draft a 2nd CDD Committee Call to Virtual Convention and a 2nd CDD Virtual Convention Rules for adoption by the 2nd CDD Committee.
- C. The Credentials Committee shall work with the 2nd CDD Committee Chair and DPVA staff to finalize the Delegate/Alternate roster for the 2nd CDD Convention.
- D. There will not be a Resolutions Committee for this Virtual Convention. Any resolutions may be forwarded to the 2nd CDD Committee for consideration.

11. **Selection of National Convention Delegates.**

- A. The 2nd CDD Virtual Convention shall elect 5 Delegates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention; 2 shall be female and 3 shall be male.¹ Ballots will list each candidate and their gender-identity.
- B. Pursuant to the Virginia DSP provisions, only those Presidential candidates receiving 15% of the vote qualified in the March 3, 2020 Democratic Presidential Preference Primary. Therefore, all Democratic National Convention Delegates and Alternates shall be pledged according to the percentage vote of Presidential candidates in the 2nd Congressional District.
- C. The National Delegate allocation to presidential candidates in the 2nd Congressional District is as follows:

| Candidate | Female Delegates | Male Delegates |
|-----------|------------------|----------------|
| Biden | 2 | 2 |
| Sanders | 0 | 1 |
| | 2 | 3 |

¹ All candidates for each presidential preference shall appear on a single ballot. Should one or more non-binary individuals be elected, any remaining delegate positions to be elected shall be apportioned by gender as governed by Sections III.A.7 and VII.C of the 2020 Virginia Delegate Selection Plan.

12. Filing for National Convention Delegate.

- A. Any Democrat wishing to be one of the Democratic National Convention Delegates to be selected at the 2nd CDD Virtual Convention must file a 2020 National Delegate and Alternate Pre-Filing Form (Online Form) by Friday, May 1, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. with the DPVA.
- B. As set forth in the Virginia DSP Section III.5, Presidential candidates shall have the right to review all District-level National Convention Delegates and Alternates. Each presidential campaign may provide a list of candidates they have approved, provided that there are at least three persons approved for each delegate or alternate position.
- C. National Democratic Convention Delegate candidates may form a slate and have the slate be listed on the ballot. The slate organizer must pre-file their intention by emailing the DPVA (political@vademocrats.org) by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 4, 2020.
- D. The 2020 National Delegate and Alternate Pre-Filing Form (Online Form) shall be filed electronically with the DPVA or its Chair. The filing form may be found [HERE](#).
- E. For anyone who has difficulty accessing or navigating the online form, DPVA Staff will be available through the DPVA Voter Protection Hotline to assist in pre-filing at 844-482-8683 from 8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

13. Election of National Convention Delegates.

The method of election of National Convention Delegates at the 2nd CDD Virtual Convention shall be as follows:

- A. Delegates elected to attend the 2nd CDD Virtual Convention will each be assigned a unique identifying number.
- B. That number, along with a hyperlink to access the Second Congressional District ballot for their presidential preference will be emailed to each Delegate.
- C. Delegates will click on the hyperlink and enter their unique identifying number.
- D. The ballot for each Delegate will display based on their presidential preference.
- E. The Delegate will then vote for their candidate's National Delegates as well as the Second Congressional District Elector.
- F. Delegates will be asked to re-enter their unique identifying number prior to submitting their ballot. Only those ballots with a valid unique identifying number will be counted.
- G. Anyone who has issues accessing their ballot or navigating the online platform will be able to receive assistance from DPVA Staff through the Voter Protection Hotline at 844-482-8683 from 8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
- H. The 2nd CDD Committee Chair shall certify in writing to the DPVA Chair the election of the district's Democratic National Convention Delegates and Elector within 36 hours of their election.

14. Selection of the 2nd Congressional District Presidential Elector.

- A. The 2nd CDD Virtual Convention shall select one person to serve as the Presidential Elector representing the Second Congressional District. Such person shall be pledged formally and in good conscience to the election of the Democratic Presidential and Vice-Presidential nominees.
- B. All candidates for Presidential Elector shall file a statement of candidacy with the 2nd CDD Committee Chair by Friday, May 1, 2020 before 5:00 p.m. Such statements of candidacy can be filed electronically by clicking [HERE](#).

