

CALL
2017 EIGHTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

I. Call

Pursuant to the authority provided by the Virginia Democratic Party Plan, the Eight Congressional District Democratic Committee (District Committee) hereby calls a Convention to be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 20, 2017, at the following location:

Hammond Middle School
4646 Seminary Road
Alexandria, VA 22304

Registration shall start at 8:30 a.m.

II. Incorporated Documents

All appropriate provisions of the Virginia Democratic Party Plan (State Party Plan), as amended, and the Guidelines issued by the Democratic Party of Virginia issued in March 2017 (Guidelines) are incorporated into this Call by reference and made a part hereof.

III. Purposes of the District Convention shall be:

- A. To elect twenty Democratic State Central Committee members;
- B. To consider resolutions; and
- C. To conduct such other business as may properly come before the convention.

IV. Organization of the District Convention

The District Democratic Convention shall be organized in the following manner. All Democrats who are registered voters within the district may attend the District Convention and participate as delegates. The Convention participants will sign-in between 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. and have their names checked against a registered voters list for their jurisdiction. Registration will cease at 10:00 a.m. with the exception that anyone in line at 10:00 a.m. will be eligible for registration

The jurisdictional Caucuses (“Caucuses”) will begin on completion of registration. The Caucuses will first each affirm the registered attendees as delegates. The delegates will then cast ballots for to nominate 8th Congressional District/State Central Committee members. The 8th District Committee membership is apportioned to the jurisdictions as set out below to reflect the delegate apportionment formula set out in Party Plan Section 15.1(c). Upon completion of the voting periods, the District Convention shall convene to ratify the election results and elect the State Central Committee members, and transact other business, as appropriate.

V. Participation and Outreach

Participation in the Eighth District Democratic Convention is open to all registered voters who wish to participate as Democrats. All meetings shall be open to all members of the Democratic Party regardless of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity economic status, or disability, and all meetings shall be publicized fully.

The District and local committees should encourage full participation by all Democrats in the State Central Committee election process, including notice, publicity and education programs. Such outreach should be directed to all Democratic constituencies, including groups such as ethnic minorities, young people, persons over 65 years of age, LGBTQ persons, persons with a high school education or less, persons with disabilities, and persons of low and moderate income.

VI. Declaration

All persons participating in the Convention shall sign a Declaration form which includes an affirmation that the person is a resident of, and registered to vote in the Eighth Congressional District; does not intend to support any candidate who is opposed to the Democratic nominee in the next ensuing general election; is a Democrat; is not a member of any other political party; and has not participated and will not participate in the nominating process of any other political party for the 2017 general election.

VII. District Convention Committees

The District Convention shall be governed by the rules developed by the temporary Rules Committee and rules developed by the permanent Rules Committee and adopted by the Convention.

The District Committee shall appoint the members of the temporary Committees on Rules, Resolutions and Credentials. The District Chair shall appoint the conveners of each committee. Each committee shall be composed of 15 members. The membership of the temporary Committees shall be apportioned as follows:

Alexandria	3 members	Falls Church	1 member
Arlington	5 members		
Fairfax	6 members		

The District Convention shall elect Permanent Committees on Rules, Resolutions and Credentials. Each committee shall be composed of 15 members. The membership of the Permanent Committees shall be apportioned in the same manner as the temporary committees.

VIII. Election of Members of the State Central Committee

The twenty members of the Democratic State Central Committee from the Congressional District shall be nominated by jurisdictional caucuses and the names of persons so nominated shall be presented to the convention for ratification and election. The caucuses shall elect the following numbers of State Central Committee members:

Alexandria	4 Members (2 female and 2 male)	Falls Church	1 Member (1 female) *
Arlington	7 Members (3 female and 4 male)		
Fairfax	8 Members (4 female and 4 male)		

** **Gender balance:** to be compliant with the State Party Plan Section 4.3 Equal Division, and pursuant to advice of the same section, gender balance may be achieved under the authority of Section 6.2 Additional Members; therefore, regarding the election of one Democratic member of the General Assembly and three county or city representatives “any district committee may choose to use these positions to ensure that the equal division requirement of Section 4.3 is met”.*

Prefiling is required to be elected to the State Central Committee from the Congressional District. Persons wishing to be elected are required to pre-file the Membership Prefiling Form with the District Chair by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 12, 2017. The form must be received by the Chair by the designated deadline

One may file via mail, email, or in-person (hand deliver) provided that the form is received by the designated deadline. Faxed forms will not be accepted. No matter which method one uses, a signature must be affixed to the Membership Prefiling Form.

Filing Locations: All papers to be filed with the Chair of the 8th District Democratic Committee:

Mail: *Margo Horner, Chair 8th Congressional District Democratic Committee
c/o Alexandria Democratic Headquarters
618 N. Washington Street
Alexandria, VA 22314*

E-mail Chair@va8thcddems.org *Phone: 703-347-3017*

If the number of candidates prefiling for State Central Committee for any jurisdiction is less than the number allocated to that jurisdiction, the Caucus Chair may ask for additional nominations from the floor. If the total number of nominations from each jurisdiction does not exceed the number of members allocated to that jurisdiction, the Convention may nominate those candidates.

IX. Resolutions

For a resolution to be considered at the District Convention, it must be received by the District Chair, or a designated representative, by 5:00 PM on Friday, May 5, 2017. All resolutions adopted by the District Convention shall be certified by the District Chair and forwarded to the State Central Committee for consideration by the DPVA Resolutions Committee no later than 10 days after the District Convention takes action.

2017 EIGHTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP FILING FORM

Use this form to file to be a candidate for the 8th Congressional District Committee.

I, the undersigned, hereby state that I: wish to be a candidate for election as an 8TH District Member of the Virginia Democratic Party State Central Committee; am a Democrat, am a registered voter in the precinct, city, or county listed below, that I believe in the principles of the Democratic Party, and I do not intend to support any candidate who is opposed to a Democratic nominee in the next ensuing election.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

MAILING ADDRESS (if different) _____

PHONE (H) _____ (O) _____

EMAIL _____ CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT - 8th

COUNTY OR CITY _____

PRECINCT/WARD _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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