

EIGHTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE

CALL TO VIRTUAL CONVENTION 2020

1. New Process due to Public Health Emergency.

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 Virginia Delegate Selection Plan (DSP) and the Call to State Convention. Likewise, it is not possible for the Eighth Congressional District Democratic Committee (CDDC) to implement the convention process set forth in the Call and Rules the CDDC adopted. The CDDC is committed to implementing a fair and open alternative process for the election of national convention delegates and alternates and doing other necessary party business. *This Call to Convention Supersedes the prior Calls and Rules issued by the CDDC.*

As set forth in the DPVA Statewide Call to Caucus, issued March 21, 2020 (available at <https://vademocrats.org/delegateselection> (and attached hereto), the initial step of the Virginia delegate selection process -- the presidential primary -- occurred on March 3, 2020, and pursuant to the DSP, those results have been used to allocate state and national convention delegates among the eligible candidates. The Statewide Call to Caucus set forth a revised process for the city/county caucuses to elect state convention delegates and alternates using virtual caucuses.

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 seven National Convention Delegates and one Alternate, select an Elector for the Eighth Congressional District, and vote on a Resolutions Committee report. Due to the current health emergency, the Congressional District Convention will be conducted virtually and not in person.

2. Call.

Pursuant to the authority provided by the Virginia Democratic Party of Virginia, the Eighth District Convention will convene at 11AM on Saturday, May 16, 2020. State Delegates, Alternates, and Guests will be able to view the Convention opening session on the internet. The opening session will include addresses by distinguished guests and an explanation of the voting process by which State Delegates will vote for National Convention Delegates and conduct other business. Following the opening session, State Delegates will engage in online voting from the 1:00PM on Saturday, May 16th to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 17th, 2020.

3. Incorporated Documents.

All appropriate provisions of the Virginia Democratic Party Plan, the Delegate Selection Plan for the 2020 Democratic National Convention Plan, 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 Eighth Congressional District Convention shall be:

- A. To select seven (7) National Convention Delegates and one (1) Alternate to the 2020 Democratic National Convention and to select an Elector from the Eighth Congressional District; and
- B. To vote to adopt or reject the Report of the Congressional District Resolutions Committee.

5. District Convention Agenda

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Addresses by Distinguished Guests
- 3. Explanation of voting procedures
- 4. Voting by delegates

6. Selection of District Convention Delegates and Alternates.

The delegates and alternates to the Eight Congressional District Convention shall also be the delegates or alternates to the State Democratic Convention scheduled for June 20, 2020.

Delegates and alternates to the Eighth Congressional District Convention and the State Democratic Convention shall be those elected by city, county or magisterial district caucuses as set forth in the Statewide Call to Caucus (attached).

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

Delegates and alternates elected at county or city caucuses or convention shall serve as delegates and alternates to both the Congressional District and State Convention (“State Delegates and Alternates”). There shall be elected 2,000 State Delegates and 500 State Alternates to the State Convention. The apportionment of State Delegates and Alternates among counties and cities is detailed in the State Convention Call, 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.

The Eighth Democratic District apportionment is 229 delegates and 56 alternates totaling 285 to the 2020 Eighth Congressional District Convention and to the Virginia State Democratic Convention, allocated as follows:

Alexandria	47 delegates and 11 alternates
Arlington	75 delegates and 19 alternates
Fairfax County*	102 delegates and 25 alternates
Falls Church	5 delegates and 1 alternate

* Dranesville	10 delegates and 2 alternates
Lee	33 delegates and 8 alternates
Mason	19 delegates and 5 alternates
Mount Vernon	30 delegates and 7 alternates
Providence	10 delegates and 3 alternates

8. Rules for the Eighth District Convention Delegate Selection.

A. 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 current public health emergency.

B. Filing.

Any Democrat wishing to be a delegate or alternate to the Congressional District Convention and to the State Convention must pre-file their candidacy with the DPVA as set forth in the attached Statewide Call to Caucus.

9. District Convention Rules and Committees.

The District Convention shall be governed by the rules set forth in this call, to be supplemented as necessary by rules developed by the Rules Committee.

The Eighth District Democratic Committee shall appoint the members of the Committees on Credentials, Rules and Resolutions. Each Committee shall be composed of 15 members. The membership of the Committees shall be apportioned as follows:

Alexandria	Three
Arlington	Five
Fairfax	Six
Falls Church	One

The Congressional District Credentials Committee shall work with the CD Committee members and DPVA staff to finalize the delegate/alternate roster for the Congressional District Convention.

10. Rules for Selection of National Convention Delegates.

The Eighth District Democratic Convention shall elect seven (7) Delegates and one (1) male Alternate to the 2020 Democratic National Convention. No more than four (4) Delegates shall be female, and three (3) Delegates shall be male, with one (1) male alternate. Ballots will list each candidate and their gender identity.

Pursuant to the Delegate Selection Plan provisions, only those Presidential candidates receiving 15% of the vote qualified in the March 3, 2020 Democratic Presidential Preference Primary, and therefore all National Convention Delegates and Alternates shall be pledged according to the percentage vote of Presidential candidates in the Eighth Congressional District.

The National Delegate allocation to presidential candidates is as follows¹:

Joe Biden:	two (2) female delegates and two (2) male delegates
Bernie Sanders:	one (1) female delegate and one (1) male delegate
Elizabeth Warren:	one (1) female delegate
Joe Biden:	one (1) male alternate

Any Democrat wishing to run for one of the Democratic National Convention Delegate or Alternate to be selected at the District Convention must file a certificate of candidacy by Friday, May 1, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. with the DPVA.

As set forth in the Virginia Delegate Selection Plan 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.

Slates shall be permitted at the Eighth Congressional District Convention. All slates must be complete, and gender balanced in order to be accepted. Individuals who wish to form a slate, must notify the CD Chair and State Party in writing by May 4th. Slates shall appear on the electronic ballot on the first page of each section to allow Delegates to choose to either vote for the slate or vote for individuals.

All papers to be filed with the State Democratic Party or its chair shall be filed electronically with the Democratic Party of Virginia. The filing form may be found at vademocrats.org/delegateselection or at the link below.

Find the National Delegate Filing form at: www.vademocrats.org/delegateselection

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.

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.

The method of election of National Convention Delegates at the virtual CD convention shall be as follows:

The State Delegates elected to attend the Congressional District Convention will each be assigned a unique identifying number. That number, along with a link to access the ballot that corresponds with their Congressional District and presidential candidate preference will be emailed to each Delegate. Delegates will click on the link which will first request that they type their specific number to the space provided to access their ballot. Delegates will then be able to view their ballot, and be able to vote for their candidate's National Delegates and Alternate as well as an Elector and whether or not they wish to approve the Resolutions Package. Delegates will be asked to re-enter their unique ID number prior to submitting their ballot. Only those ballots with a valid ID number entered on them will be counted. Anyone who has issues with 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. to 7:00 p.m.

The Eighth Congressional District Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the State Democratic Chair the election of the district's national convention delegates within 36 hours of their election.

11. Selection of the Presidential Elector by the CDDC.

The Eighth Congressional District Convention shall select one person to serve as Presidential Elector representing the Eighth Congressional District. Such person shall be pledged formally and in good conscience to the election to the Democratic Presidential and Vice Presidential nominee. All candidates for Presidential Elector shall file statements of candidacy with the Eighth Congressional District Democratic Chair by Friday, May 1, 2020 before 5:00 pm. Such statements shall be emailed to Margo Horner at margohorner@yahoo.com.

All statements of candidacy shall include the following affirmation:

“I, the undersigned, certify that I am a Democrat, am a registered voter in (insert your city or county within the Eighth Congressional District) _____, subscribe to the principles of the Democratic Party, do not intend to support any candidate who is opposed to a Democratic Nominee in the next ensuing election, and will not participate in the nominating process of any other political party.”

12. Resolutions.

For a resolution to be considered at the Eighth Congressional District Democratic Convention, the Eighth District Democratic Chair must receive it fifteen (15) days prior to the District Convention. For a resolution to be considered by the District Convention, the Eighth Congressional District Resolutions Committee must receive the draft resolutions by Friday, May 1, 2020, at 5:00

p.m. Resolutions should be e-mailed to the Eighth Congressional District Chair Margo Horner at margohorner@yahoo.com.

The Resolutions Committee will present a final Report to the convention for consideration. All convention delegates will have an opportunity to vote to accept or reject the Report. No amendments to the Report will be permitted. All resolutions adopted by the District Convention shall be forwarded promptly to the State Resolutions Committee for consideration.

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