

8th Congressional District Democratic Committee

Call to Virtual Convention 2022

(As adopted January 17, 2022)

Because of the continuing Covid-19 public health emergency, it is not advisable for the 8th Congressional District Democratic Committee to hold an in-person Convention. Based on guidance by the Central Committee of the Democratic Party of Virginia (DPVA), the 8th Congressional District Democratic Committee will hold a virtual convention similar in format and voting procedure to the 2020 Democratic State Convention. The format for seeking to be a delegate or guest to the convention, for filing as candidate for becoming a Member of the 8th Congressional Committee Democratic Committee (and, therefore, a Member of the Central Committee of the Democratic Party of Virginia) will be administered by DPVA, and the voting procedure for the 8th CDDC convention will be administered by DPVA. Please note, as spelled out in the call, that there are separate and distinct links to filing for (a) Convention Delegate, (b) Convention Observer and (c) Candidate for Membership on the 8th District Democratic Committee and, therefore, Central Committee of the Democratic Party of Virginia.

1. Call

Pursuant to the authority provided by the DPVA, the 8th Congressional District Democratic Convention (8th CDDC) will convene by electronic means at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 5, 2022. Delegates and observers will be able to view the Convention on the Internet. The opening session will include addresses by distinguished guests, an explanation of the voting process by which Delegates will vote for 20 members from the 8th Congressional District to the Central Committee of the DPVA, and other business. Following the opening session, online voting for Central Committee members will occur between 2 p.m., Saturday, March 5, and 7 p.m., Sunday, March 6.

The Chair of the 8th CDDC shall appoint a Parliamentarian and fill any positions deemed necessary. It shall be the responsibility of the Chair to conduct and expedite the business of the 8th CDDC. Each attendant is called upon and directed to assist in completing the business of the 8th CDDC in an orderly and timely manner. The Chair may recognize special guests at appropriate times.

The 8th CDDC will be governed by the Virginia Democratic Party Plan and Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised.

In preparation for the Convention, each city, county, or magisterial Democratic committee within the 8th Congressional Democratic Committee shall hold, according to their usual method and using a candidate list provided by the DPVA, a caucus to select Delegates to the Convention. In the event that fewer individuals file to serve as Delegates than positions available across the Congressional District, vacancies may be filled across jurisdictions with the goal of cancelling contested caucuses.

In order to verify the registration status of caucus participants in a virtual setting, there will be a filing deadline for any individuals who wish to participate in a jurisdictional caucus. Similar to 2020, any individuals who file to run for Delegate to the 8th CDDC will be permitted to vote in the Caucus.

2. Incorporated Documents

All appropriate provisions of the Virginia Democratic Party Plan are incorporated in this Call by reference and made a part hereof. The Delegate selection procedures set forth herein will be implemented subject to the approval of the 8th CDDC.

3. Purpose

- A. To elect 20 members from the 8th Congressional District to the Central Committee of the DPVA.
- B. To vote on the Report of the 8th CDDC Resolutions Committee, if there is a report.
- C. To conduct such other business as may properly come before the Convention.

4. Election of District Convention Delegates.

Delegates to the 8th CDDC shall be those elected by city or county caucuses as set forth in this Call.

5. Allocation of District Convention Delegates

Delegates elected at county or city caucuses shall serve as Delegates to the 8th CDDC. The apportionment of Delegates between jurisdictions will be based on allocations specified by the DPVA and its Central Committee, those allocations being based on a formula giving equal weight to population and to the average of the Democratic vote in the most recent elections for Governor, United States Senator, and United States President (Formula A as adopted by the Central Committee in its 4th Quarter 2021 meeting, December 4, 2021).

The formula has been applied to prospective interests within the 8th CDDC, giving the 8th CDDC a total Delegate count of 660, as follows by jurisdiction:

Alexandria City.....	138
Arlington County.....	213
Fairfax County.....	294*
Falls Church City.....	15
8th CD TOTAL.....	660

*Fairfax County within the 8th Congressional District is all or part of six Magisterial Districts (Braddock, Dranesville, Lee, Mason, Mount Vernon, Providence.)

6. Jurisdictional Caucuses.

Jurisdictional caucuses of the individual city or county delegations to the 8th CDDC shall convene virtually at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 5, 2002, by electronic means to be announced, immediately after the convening of the full 8th CDDC. Each jurisdictional caucus shall elect its own Chair and complete any deliberations as expeditiously as possible and return to the main 8th CDDC proceedings.

The jurisdictional caucuses shall elect 20 members of the Democratic State Central Committee as follows:

Alexandria City – 4 members (2 female and 2 male)

Arlington County – 7 members (3 female and 4 male)

Fairfax County – 8 members (4 female and 4 male)

Falls Church City – 1 member (1 female)

To be compliant with the State Party Plan, Section 4.3 (Equal Division), and pursuant to the advice of that section, gender balance may be achieved under the authority of Section 6.2 (Additional Members), by the election of one Democratic member of the General Assembly and three city or county representatives, and “any district committee may choose to use the positions to ensure that the equal-division requirements of Section 4.3 is met.”

In August of 2018, the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee adopted language to facilitate the inclusion of identify as Gender Non-Binary, meaning they do not self-identify as either female or male.

The 24 elected members of the 8th Congressional District Democratic Committee need to be equally balanced by gender, 12 women and 12 men. If an individual who identifies as gender non-binary is elected, the remaining members of the CD Committee shall be balanced by gender, e.g. 1 gender non-binary person, 12 women, and 11 men, or 1 gender-binary person, 11 women and 12 men.

If the number of candidates filing to be a member of the State Central Committee for any jurisdiction, by gender, is less than the number allocated to that jurisdiction, the jurisdictional caucus may elect by acclamation those candidates who have filed.

7. Rules for election of Delegates to the 8th CDDC

A. Participation, Access, and Outreach

Participation in the 8th CDDC Delegate-selection process is open to all registered voters who wish to participate as Democrats. The process shall be open to all adherents 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 shall be publicized fully.

The district and local committees shall encourage full participation by all Democrats in the 8th CDDC election process, including by 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 disabilities, persons with a high-school education or less, and persons of low and moderate income.

Each city and county and Fairfax magisterial district Democratic Committee within the 8th Congressional District shall publicize the Call to Virtual 8th CDDC 2022 on its website, in its calendar of future events, its Facebook page, its Twitter account, and by any other appropriate public or social media.

B. Filing.

Any Democrat wishing to be elected as a Delegate to, or wishing to be an Observer at, the 2022 virtual Convention of the 8th Congressional District Democratic Committee must pre-file their application for Delegate or Observer as set forth in this Call. Filing will be conducted using the following link provided by the DPVA, which filing must be completed, submitted, and received by the DPVA by 5 p.m. on Friday, February 25, 2022.

[File to be a Delegate or an Observer \(non-voter\)](#)

No form will be accepted after the 5 p.m. deadline on February 25, 2022. An electronic signature of the applicant must be affixed to the Delegate Filing Form or the Observer filing form, as the case may be.

Any Democrat wishing to stand for election as a Member of the 8th Congressional District Democratic Committee and, therefore a Member of the Central Committee of the Democratic Party of Virginia, must pre-file an application as set for in this Call by using this separate, following link provided by the DPVA, which must be completed, submitted and received by 5 p.m., Friday, February 25, 2022. An electronic signature of an applicant for member must be affixed to the Member Filing Form.

[File for election as an 8th CD Central Committee Member](#)

Each filing form shall include this statement:

“I, the undersigned, having read the 8th CDDC Call to Convention, hereby state that I am a Democrat; a registered voter within the county or city for which the caucus is held; believe in the principles of the Democratic Party; and do not intend to support any candidate who is opposed to a Democratic nominee in the next ensuing election.”

If the number of candidates pre-filing for election to the State Central Committee for any jurisdiction is less than the number allocated to that jurisdiction, the jurisdictional caucus Chair may ask for additional nominations from the floor of the jurisdictional caucus. 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.

Any individual or group of Democrats may sponsor or endorse a team of candidates for election to the Democratic State Central Committee; however, there shall be no provision for the Convention’s electronic ballot, as administered by DPVA, to denote slates or provide slate voting.

C. Election.

The 20 members of the Democratic State Central Committee from the 8th Congressional District shall be nominated by the jurisdictional caucuses, and names of persons so nominated shall be presented to the 8th CDDC for ratification and election.

8. Resolutions

The 8th Congressional District Democratic Committee shall appoint the members of the 8th CDDC Committee on Resolutions. The District Chair shall appoint the convener of the Resolutions Committee. The Resolutions Committee shall be composed of 15 members, apportioned as follows:

Alexandria City -- 3 members

Arlington County -- 5 members

Fairfax County -- 6 members

Falls Church City – 1 member

For a resolution to be considered by the District Convention, it must be received by the District Chair Margo Horner, at margohorner@yahoo.com, or 8th District State Resolutions Representative Matt Royer, at royermattw@gmail.com, by 5 p.m. on Friday, February 18, 2022.

Any resolutions must be submitted in the preferred electronic format of Word doc/docx as an attachment.

If there is a report of the Resolutions Committee, it shall be voted on in whole on the same ballot, provided by the DPVA, by which candidates for Member of the 8th Congressional District Democratic Committee are elected.

Any Resolutions report adopted by the District Convention shall be certified by the District Chair and forwarded to the DPVA State Central Committee no later than 10 days after the 8th CDDC, or by Monday, March 14, 2022.