

CALL TO CAUCUS TO REORGANIZE THE FREDERICKSBURG DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE

The Fredericksburg Democratic Committee, herein referred to as “FDC”, will hold an assembled virtual and in-person caucus on **January 12, 2022**, from **7 PM - 8PM** at **Dorothy Hart Community Center (408 Canal St, Fredericksburg, VA 22401)** for the purpose of electing the new membership of the FDC pursuant to the Democratic Party of Virginia Party Plan.

I. Membership Filing:

Each person seeking to become a member of the FDC shall complete and return the FDC Membership Filing Form to Caitlin Bennett at the Reorganization Caucus by 7:30 PM. Membership Filing Forms can also be filed electronically and must be received by 7:30 on January 12, 2022. Only those candidates who have timely and properly filed the Pre-Filing form will have their names placed in contention.

There shall be no filing fee for any membership candidates.

II. Qualification of Candidates:

The Membership Filing Form, which all candidates for membership must sign, will include the following written declaration:

I declare myself to be a candidate for membership on the Fredericksburg Democratic Committee. I also declare that I believe in the principles of the Democratic Party and that I will not support any candidate opposed to any Democratic nominee as long as I am a member of the Committee. I am a resident and registered voter in the City of Fredericksburg.

III. Notice:

The FDC shall provide notice of this caucus by placement of a general notice of the filing deadline and the caucus, including noticing the caucus date, time, and location, along with the Call to Caucus, on the Fredericksburg Democratic Committee website and social media platforms; by email notification to Democrats who reside in the City of Fredericksburg; and through other reasonable means that will disseminate information about the caucus to registered voters in the City of Fredericksburg. In addition, reasonable actions shall be taken to promote participation in the caucus in accordance with the Affirmative Action provisions of the Party Plan of the DPVA.

V. Participation

Every Democrat who is a registered voter in City of Fredericksburg (22401) is urged to attend and participate. If an individual does not appear on the Registered Voter List, they will not be allowed to participate. Participants will also be required to sign a Caucus Participation Form stating that they:

- A. Are a Democrat;
- B. Are a registered voter within the City of Fredericksburg (22401)
- C. Believe in the principles of the Democratic Party; and
- D. Does not intend to support any candidates opposed to a Democratic nominee in the next ensuing election.

If your address lists Fredericksburg but you are a resident of Stafford or Spotsylvania County, you are not eligible for membership with the FDC. If you have the following Zip Codes, please join the Stafford or Spotsylvania Democratic Committees: Stafford: 22405, 22406 Spotsylvania: 22407, 22408.

VI. Conduct of the Caucus

The doors to the caucus will open at 6:45 PM and close at 7:30 PM . Upon the closing of the doors, only those participants who have registered or are in line to register at 7:30 PM will be permitted to participate. No one will be admitted to the virtual Zoom past 7:30 PM.

VIII. Determination of Winners

In the event that only one person files for a position, that person shall be declared the winner and the election for that specific position shall be cancelled.

If more individuals file than there are positions available, the candidates will be listed alphabetically on the ballot and will be elected by a plurality of the votes at the assembled caucus.

Vacancies may be filled by the new committee at the first meeting following the election of Officers.

VIII. Affirmative Action

It shall be the duty and goal of all members of the Fredericksburg Democratic Committee to seek out and encourage the broadest possible participation within the committee, and in its membership, of all duly qualified citizens without regard to race, sex, age, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnic identity, disability, or economic status.

IX. Officer Elections

Immediately following the adjournment of the assembled caucus, the newly formed FDC will meet for the sole purpose of electing the officers of the committee.