

## **CALL TO CAUCUS TO REORGANIZE THE FREDERICKSBURG DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE**

The Fredericksburg Democratic Committee, herein referred to as FDC, will hold an assembled caucus on **Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026**, from **6:30-8:00 PM** at **718 Venue (718 Caroline Street, Fredericksburg, VA)** for the purpose of electing the new membership of the FDC pursuant to the Democratic Party of Virginia (DPVA) Party Plan.

### **I. Candidate Filing**

Each person seeking to become a member of the FDC shall complete the electronic FDC Membership Filing Form by **Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 PM**. Only those candidates who have timely and properly filed the Filing form will have their names placed in contention. This form is available on the FDC website at <https://fredericksburgdems.org>. Participation in the Caucus does not require having filed for membership in FDC, but registration for the Caucus is also required by **Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 PM**. Caucus registration is also available on the FDC website and may be completed as part of the Membership Filing Form.

There shall be no filing fee for any membership candidates or Caucus participants. Members are expected to pay their annual dues after admission to the Committee and are welcome to pay beforehand.

### **II. Qualification of Candidates**

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

*I affirm that I:*

- *Am a Democrat*
- *Am a registered voter within the city of Fredericksburg*
- *Believe in the principles of the Democratic Party*
- *Do not intend to publicly support any candidates opposed to a Democratic nominee or FDC-endorsed candidate in the next two years*

### **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, newsletter, and social media platforms; 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.

#### **IV. Participation**

Every Democrat who is a registered voter in the city of Fredericksburg 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 must register by **Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 PM**, including an affirmation that they:

- A. Are a Democrat;
- B. Are a registered voter within the city of Fredericksburg
- C. Believe in the principles of the Democratic Party; and
- D. Do not intend to publicly support any candidates opposed to a Democratic nominee or FDC-endorsed candidate in the next two years.

#### **V. Conduct of the Caucus**

The doors to the caucus will open at 6:30 pm and close at 7:00 pm (one half hour later). Upon the closing of the doors, only those participants who have registered by the deadline and checked in will be permitted to participate. Please email [chair@fredericksburgdems.org](mailto:chair@fredericksburgdems.org) with any concerns about filing or participating before the deadline, and any reasonable accommodations will be made.

#### **VI. Determination of Winners**

Candidates for membership to the FDC will be listed alphabetically on the ballot and will be elected by a plurality of the votes at the assembled caucus.

#### **VII. 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.

#### **VIII. 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. Officers must be members of the newly formed FDC and have submitted their Officer Filing Forms by **January 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 PM**.