

CALL TO CAUCUS TO NOMINATE A DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR THE 20TH SENATE DISTRICT

Saturday, June 1, 2019

Pursuant to the Democratic Party of Virginia Party Plan (“the Party Plan”), the 20th Senate District Democratic Nominating Committee (“the Committee”) will hold an assembled caucus on Saturday, June 1, 2019 to convene at 12:00 noon to be held in Room 104 at New College Institute, 191 Fayette Street, Martinsville. VA 24112, for the purpose of nominating a Democratic candidate for the November 5, 2019 General Election for the 20th Senate District in the Commonwealth of Virginia (“the District”).

I. Candidate Filing:

Each person seeking to become the Democratic nominee for the General Election for State Senator from the District shall file a Declaration of Candidacy form with the Committee Chair and a five hundred dollar (\$500.00) nonrefundable certified cashier’s check (cash or money order not accepted) made payable to the Danville Democratic Committee. Filings shall be made between Wednesday April 17, 2019 and Wednesday, May 1, 2019. Filings may be hand delivered or mailed by certified mail-return receipt requested to Danville Democratic Committee c/o Chris Daniel, Chair, 449 Vicar Rd., Danville, VA 24540. Only those candidates who have timely and properly filed a Declaration of Candidacy form and paid the filing fee will have their names placed in nomination. The Declaration of Candidacy form shall be available on Tuesday, April 16, 2019.

II. Qualification of Candidates:

The Declaration of Candidacy form, which the candidate must sign, will include a written declaration that the candidate:

- Is a Democrat and not a member of any other political party;
- Meets all requirements of state law to be placed on the ballot for the General Elections;
- Is eligible to be a member the Senate of Virginia the under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia;
- Does not intend to support, endorse, or assist any candidate who is opposed to the Democratic nominee in this General Election;
- Will not participate in the nominating process of any other political party for this General Election; and
- Agrees to abide by the Caucus Rules, the Virginia Democratic Party Plan, and all laws applicable to this nominating process and the General Election.

III. Notice:

The Committee shall provide notice of this caucus by placement of a general notice of the caucus, including notice of the caucus date, time, and location, along with the Call to Caucus, on the Democratic Party of Virginia and various Democratic Committee websites; by email notification to the members of the various Democratic Committees which comprise the 20th Senate District.; through a press release provided to all relevant newspapers of general circulation in the District; and through other reasonable means that will disseminate information about the caucus to registered voters in the District. 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 District is urged to attend and participate. Each participant must sign a written declaration the he or she:

- Is a Democrat and not a member of any other political party;
- Does not intend to support any candidate who is opposed to a Democratic nominee in this General Election;
- Has not participated in and will not participate in the nominating process of any other party for this election; and
- Is registered to vote in a locality within the 20th Senate District.

V. Conduct of Caucus

The doors to the caucus will open at 11:00 am and will close at 12:00 noon and no further persons will be permitted to enter. Those in line will be permitted to complete the check-in process and will be permitted to participate. The Caucus will convene at 12:00 noon or as soon as all those seeking admission prior to 12:00 noon have been registered.

The Chair of 20th Senate District Democratic Nominating Committee, or his or her designee, shall be the Temporary Chair of the Caucus and shall appoint a Temporary Secretary and such other Officers of the Caucus as are deemed appropriate. The Committee, will prepare Temporary Rules for the Caucus. Participants will adopt permanent Rules for the Caucus which will include an agenda for the Caucus.

VI. Determination of Nominee:

If more than one candidate files to be the Democratic nominee for the 20th Senate District by the deadline, the candidates will be listed alphabetically on the ballot and will be elected by a plurality of the votes of the assembled caucus.

The caucus will preserve the right to choose not to nominate a Democratic candidate by listing the option “no nominee” on the ballot. A caucus will be held even if only one candidate files to allow the vote on whether or not to have a nominee.

If no person files properly to be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the District by the deadline, the Committee may cancel the caucus.

VII. Waivers:

The Committee shall seek appropriate waivers from the Democratic Party of Virginia (DPVA) regarding expediting the time frames required by the Party Plan, if necessary.

ADOPTED: April 15, 2019
Date

Chris Daniel
Chair 20th Senate District Democratic Nominating Committee

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