

# FIFTH 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 Fifth 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 (DSP) is for those delegates elected at city/county caucuses within the Fifth Congressional District to participate in the Fifth Congressional District Convention to elect National Convention Delegates. Due to the current health emergency, the Fifth Congressional District Convention will be conducted virtually and not in person.

2. **Call.** Pursuant to the authority provided by the Democratic Party of Virginia, the Fifth Congressional District Convention will convene at 9AM on Saturday, May 9, 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 between 1PM on Saturday, May 9, 2020 and 7PM on Sunday, May 10, 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 Fifth Congressional District Convention shall be: To select 6 National Convention Delegates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention; and to select an Elector from the Fifth Congressional District.

5. **Fifth Congressional District Convention Agenda.**

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

6. **Selection of Fifth Congressional District Convention Delegates and Alternates.**

The delegates and alternates to the Fifth 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 Fifth 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 Fifth Congressional District and State Conventions (“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.

CD	Locality Name	Formula A	Alternates	Joseph R. Biden Delegates	Joseph R. Biden Alternates	Bernie Sanders Delegates	Bernie Sanders Alternates	Elizabeth Warren Delegates	Elizabeth Warren Alternates
5	Albemarle County	29	7	15	4	8	2	6	1
5	Appomattox County	3	1	2	1	1	0	0	0
5	Bedford County	7	2	5	1	2	1	0	0
5	Brunswick County	4	1	4	1	0	0	0	0
5	Buckingham County	4	1	3	1	1	0	0	0
5	Campbell County	10	2	8	2	2	0	0	0
5	Charlotte County	3	1	3	1	0	0	0	0
5	Charlottesville City	14	3	5	1	5	1	4	1
5	Cumberland County	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	0
5	Danville City	11	2	11	2	0	0	0	0
5	Fauquier County	12	3	9	2	3	1	0	0
5	Fluvanna County	6	1	4	1	2	0	0	0
5	Franklin County	12	3	9	2	3	1	0	0
5	Greene County	4	1	3	1	1	0	0	0
5	Halifax County	8	2	8	2	0	0	0	0
5	Henry County	3	1	3	1	0	0	0	0
5	Lunenburg County	3	1	3	1	0	0	0	0
5	Madison County	3	1	2	1	1	0	0	0
5	Mecklenburg County	7	1	6	1	1	0	0	0

5	Nelson County	4	1	3	1	1	0	0	0
5	Pittsylvania County	12	3	10	2	2	1	0	0
5	Prince Edward County	5	1	4	1	1	0	0	0
5	Rappahannock County	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	0

**8. Rules for the Fifth Congressional 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 Fifth 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. Fifth Congressional District Convention Rules and Committees.**

The Fifth Congressional District Convention shall be governed by the rules as described in this call to convention, dated April 9, 2020.

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

**10. Rules for Selection of National Convention Delegates.**

The Fifth Congressional District Democratic Convention shall elect 6 Delegates to the 2020

Democratic National Convention. No more than 3 shall be female and 3 shall be male.<sup>1</sup> 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 Fifth Congressional District.

The National Delegate allocation to presidential candidates is as follows:

National Delegate Allocation							
National Delegate Type	DNC Formula 1	Gender Balance		Joseph R. Biden		Bernie Sanders	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
District Level							
CD 5	6	3	3	2	2	1	1

Any Democrat wishing to run for one of the Democratic National Convention Delegate seats to be selected at the Fifth District Convention must file a certificate of candidacy by Friday, April 24, 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.

Any National Convention Delegate or Alternate candidates may form a slate and have the slate be listed on the ballot.

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](http://vademocrats.org/delegateselection) or at the link below.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

[Click here for the National Delegate Filing Form](#)

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 Fifth Congressional District Convention shall be as follows:

The State Delegates elected to attend the Fifth 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 in 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 as well as an Elector. 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. Voter Protection hotline hours will be available Saturday and Sunday 8am-7pm. Voting begins at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 9, 2020.

The Fifth 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 Fifth Congressional District Convention shall select one person to serve as Presidential Elector representing the Fifth Congressional District. Such persons 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 Fifth Congressional District Democratic Chair by Friday, April 24, 2020 before 5:00 pm. All persons that wish to file to be an Elector shall request the link to the form (Statement of Candidacy) from the Fifth Congressional District Chair, Suzanne Long at [Suzanne@democratsva5.org](mailto:Suzanne@democratsva5.org). All statements of candidacy shall include the following affirmation:

“I, the undersigned, certify that I am a Democrat, am a registered voter in \_\_\_\_\_, 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.”

Adopted by the Fifth Congressional District Democratic Committee, April 9, 2020  
Suzanne Long, Chair