

**Virginia HD 98 Delegate CALL TO CAUCUS TO NOMINATE A
DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE
May 27, 2023**

The Virginia HD 98 Democratic Nominating Committee will hold an unassembled caucus (firehouse primary) on **June 10, 2023** between **2-4 pm in Virginia Beach** Princess Anne Area Library 1444 Nimmo Pkwy, Virginia Beach, VA 23456 for the purpose of nominating a Democratic candidate for the November 7, 2023 Election for the 98th House District, Virginia House of Delegates.

I. Candidate Filing:

Each person seeking to become the Democratic nominee for the General Election for the 98th House District shall file a Declaration of Candidacy form with the HD 98 Nominating Committee Chair and a \$200.00 refundable check (cash or money order not accepted) made payable to the Virginia Beach Democratic Committee. Filings shall be made from **5:00 pm Saturday, May 27th** until 12:00 noon Saturday June 3rd to Matthias Paul Telkamp, Chair, Virginia Beach Democratic Committee District 2 by Saturday, June 3rd, 2023, at 12:00 noon, either by mail or in person 2400 Deep Water Way, Virginia Beach, VA 23456 or by email cutulus@gmail.com. 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 **12:00 pm Saturday May 27th**.

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 of the House of Delegates of Virginia 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;
- Agrees to abide by the Caucus Rules, the Virginia Democratic Party Plan, and all laws applicable to this nominating process and the General Election; and
- Is registered and qualified to vote in the Virginia House of Delegates District 98.

III. Notice:

The HD 98 Nominating Committee shall provide notice of this caucus by placement of a general notice of the caucus, including noticing the caucus date, time, and location, along with the Call to Caucus, with the Democratic Party of Virginia and Virginia Beach Democratic Committee websites; by email notification to the members of the Virginia Beach Democrats who reside in Virginia HD 98; and through other reasonable means that will disseminate information about the caucus to registered voters in the Virginia HD 98. 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:

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Every Democrat who is a registered voter in the Virginia HD 98 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 Special Election;
- Has not participated in and will not participate in the nominating process of any other party for the position listed above; and
- Is registered to vote in the Virginia HD 98.

V. Conduct of Caucus

Voting will begin at 2:00 pm and will close at 4:00 pm. Those in line at the close of voting will be permitted to vote. The Chair of Virginia Beach Democratic Committee District 2, or their designees, shall be the Chairs of the Caucus at the location and shall appoint a Secretary and such other Officers of the Caucus as is deemed appropriate. The respective committee chair will prepare the Rules for their Caucus location.

VI. Determination of Nominee:

If more than one candidate files for the Democratic nominee for the HD 98 seat by the deadline, the candidates will be listed in order of filing on the ballot and will be elected by a plurality of the votes of the unassembled caucus.

If only one person files properly to be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the HD 98 general election by the filing deadline, the HD 98 Democratic Nominating Committee may cancel the caucus and declare that person the nominee. If no person files properly to be a candidate for the Democratic nominee for the HD 98 seat by the deadline, the HD 98 Democratic Nominating Committee may cancel the caucus. If there is no filed candidate, or if the properly nominated candidate withdraws or dies, or if the caucus is unable or does not occur in the times and dates specified, the HD 98 Democratic Nominating Committee Chair may, before 20 June 2023, at an agreed upon date and time, convene the HD 98 Democratic Nominating Committee to consider the nomination of a qualified candidate who may become the Democratic nominee upon first filing with the Chair a Declaration of Candidacy form and paying the filing fee for such office.

VII. Waivers:

The HD 98 Democratic Nominating 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: 5/27/2023 Matthias Paul Telkamp
Date Chair HD 98 Democratic Nominating Committee

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