

**OFFICIAL CALL FOR CONVENTION
Republican 2nd Congressional District**

Call to Convene

I, Curtis Colgate, Chairman of the Second Congressional District of Virginia Republican Committee, pursuant to the State Party Plan and as directed by the District Committee, do hereby issue this call for a District Convention of the Second Congressional District of Virginia Republican Committee to be held on **Saturday, May 21, 2016**, at

**Denbigh High School, 259 Denbigh Blvd, Newport News, VA 23608,
or an alternate location as necessary.**

Registration from 10:00am EDT, the Convention will call to order at 12:00 p.m.

Purpose of Convention

- a) Electing a District Chairman of the Republican Party;
- b) Electing three (3) members of the State Central Committee;
- c) Electing three (3) delegates and three (3) alternate delegates to the **2016 Republican National Convention to be held on July 18- 21, 2016 at the Quicken Loan Arena in Cleveland, Ohio or its alternate site.**
- d) Nominating one (1) Elector from the Second Congressional District of Virginia to serve in the 2016 Electoral College; and
- e) For the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the convention.

I. Qualifications for Participation

All legal and qualified voters of the Second Congressional District under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, regardless of race, religion, national origin, or sex, who are in accord with the principles of the Republican Party, and have met the requirements set forth in the Unit Committee Call in which they were elected, and who, if requested, express in open meeting either orally or in writing as may be required, their intent to support all of its nominees for public office in the ensuing election, may participate as members of the Republican Party of Virginia in its mass meetings, party canvasses, conventions, or primaries encompassing their respective election districts. In addition to the foregoing, to be in accord with the principles of the Republican Party, a person otherwise qualified hereunder shall not have participated in Virginia in the nomination process of a party other than the Republican Party in the last five years.

A single exception to the above shall be approved for a voter that renounces affiliation with any other party in writing, and who expresses in writing that he/she is in accord with the principles of the Republican Party and intends, at the time of the writing, to support the nominees of the Republican Party in the future. A voter that utilizes the foregoing exception, and thereafter participates in the nomination process of a Party other than the Republican Party, shall not have the benefit of the exception as identified in this paragraph thereafter. In order to be eligible for election as a Delegate or Alternate Delegate to any convention, an individual must be registered

to vote no later than the pre-filing deadline established by the Official Committee or, if pre-filing is not a requirement, no later than the date of election as a Delegate. A person who has made application for registration and meets all other requirements herein, but whose name does not appear on the local registration books solely because of the books having been closed in connection with a local election, will nevertheless be deemed a legal and qualified voter.

II. Registration

Registration will begin at 10:00 a.m. Registration will close sixty (60) minutes after the presiding officer convenes the convention. Any person in line during these sixty (60) minutes after period immediately after the convention is convened will be issued a numbered registration pass, and registered in numerical order. Any person arriving after these sixty (60) minutes grace period expires will not be allowed to register. All participants shall present a photo ID at the time of registration.

III. Composition of Convention

The District Convention shall be composed of delegates and alternate delegates of the respective units they represent, and a Military Delegation. Representation shall be based on a percentage of the total number of Republican votes cast in each county and city in the last gubernatorial and presidential election combined. Each unit is allowed one (1) Delegate Vote for each 250 Republican votes cast or major portion thereof. Each unit shall be entitled to at least one (1) Delegate Vote. The delegates and alternates shall be elected in county and city mass meetings, party canvasses or conventions that shall be called for this purpose in conformity with the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia by each unit committee.

Military Provision: Military delegates will be selected in conformity with the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia. **Any members of the Virginia National Guard, the United States Armed Forces, Merchant Marines, or the Coast Guard who are qualified Military Members who seek to be represented at this Convention, and who because of the obligations of their official military orders, are unable to attend their respective Unit mass meeting, canvass, or convention called for the purpose of selecting delegates to this Convention, and that in lieu of selecting delegates to represent them from their respective Unit they instead wish to be represented by the Military Delegation, shall send an e-mail declaration to MilitaryDelegationVA02@hotmail.com not later than May 6, 2016. Such Declaration email shall include attached; a signed Statement of Qualifications for District Convention Delegate, an affirmation of their official military orders precluding their attendance, and their email address for correspondence. The District Chairman or his designee shall respond via email to each Military Member to confirm the receipt of each email declaration, and will provide declarants with a candidate preference ballots that will be cast on Military member's behalf at the convention**

Subsequent to the receipt of the Declaration and by the later of seven (7) days of (i) receipt of the Member's Declaration or (ii) the filing deadline for candidates, the Chairman or his designee shall email Qualifying Military Members a Candidate Preference Ballot, which shall also be available on the RPV website. Qualifying Military Members shall be entitled to cast a Candidate

Preference Ballot to convey their ordered candidate preferences candidates (first choice, second choice, third choice, etc.). The Candidate Preference Ballot must be returned to MilitaryDelegationVA02@hotmail.com not later than May 13, 2016. The Chairman or his designee shall email respond to each Military Member to confirm the receipt of each emailed returned ballot. The Chairman or his designee shall be responsible for tallying the results of the Candidate Preference Ballots and reporting them to the Convention.

Military Delegates. Persons who would otherwise qualify to be a Delegate from their local unit may request to be a Delegate to the Military Delegation. Such persons shall submit a pre-file Statement of Qualifications to the Chairman not later than May 6, 2016, along with any filing fee and the person's preference for candidates for Elector-At-Large. Current or former active duty, reserve military, or military family members are highly encouraged to serve as Military Delegates. No one may serve as both a Delegate of the Military Delegation and a Delegate representing their local unit. Copies of all Military Delegate pre-files shall be provided to all the candidates by May 16, 2016.

Overfiles. In the event that more candidates for Delegate to the Military Delegation have pre-filed than are allowed, Delegates shall be selected on May 19, 2016 by the respective candidates for Chairman in proportion to the first choice results of the Candidate Preference Ballot. (e.g. If Candidate A for Chairman receives 50% of the votes cast for first choice on the Candidate Preference Ballot for Chairman, Candidate A shall select 50% of the Delegates allowed from the pool of pre-filed Delegates). In the event no candidate for Chairman makes such a selection, the Secretary of the District Committee shall choose the members of the Military Delegation.

Military Delegation Voting at Convention. The Military Delegation shall be instructed to vote in proportion to the Candidate Preference Ballot results of all Military Members.

Unit's Maximum Number of Delegates. Unit maximum number is equal to up to five (5) times the respective Delegate Vote in accordance with RPV Plan of Organization and the Unit Call. Each unit's Delegate Vote is set forth at the end of this call.

IV. The Election of Delegates and Alternate Delegates

Process. The delegates and alternates shall be elected at county and city mass meetings, canvasses, or conventions called by each unit.

No "Slating". With the exception where a unit has more qualified State, District or Legislative District Convention delegate candidates than may be elected ("Overfiles"), all delegate candidates who met the requirements of Article 1, and where required, any pre-filing requirement, shall be deemed elected unless there are individual votes on each candidate not to be elected. In the event of Overfiles, a unit shall elect not less than the total number of delegates allowed under the Plan unless there are individual votes on each candidate not to be elected. The Convention may refuse to seat delegations from units not following these procedures.

Cancellation. A unit may include in the Official Call for its mass meeting, canvass, or convention to elect District Convention delegates a provision deeming all qualified pre-filed

delegate candidates to be elected in the event those person are fewer in number than the total number allowable delegates from such unit.

V. Voting Strength:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>VOTING STRENGTH</u>	<u>MAX. # DELEGATES</u>
County of Accomack	52	260
County of James City	31	155
County of Northampton	17	85
County of York	129	645
City of Hampton	52	260
City of Norfolk	79	395
City of Poquoson	33	165
City of Virginia Beach	603	3015
City of Williamsburg	16	65
Totals	1012	5045

The delegates present in a given Unit delegation shall designate which alternate delegate(s) shall vote in the place of an absent delegate(s) except where the electing body electing the delegates has determined another method of alternate delegate selection. The delegates present and voting at the Convention shall cast the full vote of the Unit delegation with proportionate weight given to majority and minority vote. In no event shall any person cast less than one-fifth (1/5) of a delegate vote.

VI. Pre-filing Requirements

Filing Deadlines:

The filing deadline for all offices elected at this Convention shall be 12:00 p.m., April 30, 2016. Mail to Jimmy H. Cohen, Nominations Chair of the Second Congressional District Republican Committee, 1645 Pleasant Ridge Rd, Virginia Beach, VA, 23457.

POSTMARKS WILL NOT GOVERN. Candidate Filing Forms and filing fees may be hand delivered from **10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. on the day of the filing deadline** to Nominations Committee Chairman James Cohen, or his designee, at 1645 Pleasant Ridge Rd, Virginia Beach, VA, 23457.

Filing for Chairman of the 2nd Congressional District Republican Committee

Any person who desires to seek election as Chairman of the 2nd Congressional District Republican Committee must deliver a Candidate Filing Form along with a non-refundable filing fee of **one thousand dollars and zero cents (\$1,000.00)** to the 2nd Congressional District Republican Convention Nominations Committee Chairman, **Jimmy H. Cohen, or his designee, by 12:00 p.m., April 30, 2016 at 1645 Pleasant Ridge Rd, Virginia Beach, VA, 23457.**

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Filing for Member of the State Central Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia

Any person who desires to seek election as one of three at-large State Central Representatives of the 2nd Congressional District Republican Committee must deliver a Candidate Filing Form along with a non-refundable filing fee of **three Hundred dollars and zero cents (\$300.00)** to the 2nd Congressional District Republican Convention Nominations Committee Chairman, **Jimmy H. Cohen, or his designee, by 12:00 p.m., April 30, 2016 at 1645 Pleasant Ridge Rd, Virginia Beach, VA, 23457.**

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Filing for Delegate and Alternate Delegate to the 2016 Republican National Convention

Any person who desires to seek election as Delegate or Alternate to the 2016 Republican National Convention must deliver a Candidate Filing Form along with a non-refundable filing fee of **three hundred dollars and zero cents(\$300.00)** to the 2nd Congressional District Republican Convention Nominations Committee Chairman, **Jimmy H. Cohen, or his designee, by 12:00 p.m., April 30, 2016 at 1645 Pleasant Ridge Rd, Virginia Beach, VA, 23457.**

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Filing for Presidential Elector from the 2nd Congressional District of Virginia

Any person who desires to seek election as Presidential Elector from the 2nd Congressional District of Virginia must deliver a Candidate Filing Form along with a non-refundable filing fee of **five hundred dollars and zero cents (\$500.00)** to the 2nd Congressional District Republican Convention Nominations Committee Chairman, **Jimmy H. Cohen, or his designee, by 12:00 p.m., April 30, 2016 at 1645 Pleasant Ridge Rd, Virginia Beach, VA, 23457.**

VII. Certification of Delegates

ALL CERTIFICATIONS, REGARDLESS OF THE DATE OF LOCAL MASS MEETING, PARTY CANVASS OR CONVENTION must be delivered to the District Chairman Curtis Colgate, either electronically to curtiscolgate@gmail.com, or by mail to 2928 Gaines Landing, Virginia Beach, VA 23454. Units should report their delegations to the Chairman within 7 days of the publication of this call if their mass meeting is already held. If not, the deadlines are by email, the deadline is Wednesday, April 27, 2016; if by mail, it must be postmarked by Monday, April 25, 2016. Certifications must be made in writing over the signatures of both the permanent Chairman and Permanent Secretary of the Mass Meeting or Convention, or the Unit Chairman and Unit Secretary if elected by Canvas. **A delegate or alternate delegate is not certified until his name, address, and all other information provided on the Pre-File Form (E.g. Home, Work, and Cell Phone Numbers, and Emails) on the certification. Exception: The last four numbers of the Social Security Number is not required.** To the degree that a deadline is found not to be in compliance with the Party Plan, the later deadlines shall govern.

After the filing deadline of the certification, no change may be made except a certified alternate delegate may be made a delegate. Payments for registration fees are not deductible as charitable contributions for income tax purposes. A copy of the published call of the convention, mass

meeting, or party canvass called for the purpose of selecting delegates and alternate delegates to said convention, must accompany the certification with the date of publication included.

VIII. Resolutions

Resolutions proposed to be considered by the 2nd Congressional District Republican Convention shall be typed and mailed to the 2nd Congressional District Republican Convention Resolution Committee Chairman, **Eric Wray, receiving such resolutions via regular mail at 4930 April Avenue, Virginia Beach, VA 23462 prior to 12:00 p.m. on Friday, May 6, 2016, or in person on Saturday, May 7, 2016, prior to 10:00 a.m.** The Resolutions Committee shall meet and report on all such resolutions so submitted.

IX. Committees

Members of the Convention Arrangements, Credentials, Nominations, Elections, Resolutions and Rules Committees shall be appointed by the 2nd Congressional District Republican Committee Chairman and shall meet in advance of the Convention (at the discretion of the Chairman of each such Committee and the District Chairman) to perform their duties subject to ratification by the delegates present and voting at the Convention. The Convention shall be conducted in accordance with the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia, and Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised, 11th Edition.

A full copy of this Call for Convention shall be posted, and available via download, on the Republican Party of Virginia website. A copy of this Call will also be posted on active websites of subordinate Units within the 2nd Congressional District. It will also be made available via written request to the 2nd District Nominations Chairman.

X. Official Correspondence

All submissions required or allowed by this Official Call to be transmitted to the Chairman in person or via postal mail must be sent to **Chairman Curtis Colgate, 2928 Gaines Landing, Virginia Beach, VA 23454** (physical and mail). All submissions required or allowed by this Official Call to be transmitted to the Chairman via electronic means must be sent via email to curtiscolgate@gmail.com.

Paid for and authorized by the Second Congressional District of Virginia Republican Committee.

ADOPTED THIS 12th DAY of April 2016 BY THE SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE.

Curtis Colgate, Chairman

Date



I, _____, hereby indicate my intention to see election for

- 2nd District Chairman** mandatory filing fee of \$1000.00
- 2nd District State Central Committee Member** mandatory filing fee of \$300.00
- 2nd District National Delegate** mandatory filing fee of \$300.00
- 2nd District Presidential Elector** mandatory filing fee of \$500.00

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Printed Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____, **Virginia Zip Code:** _____

Cell Phone: _____ **Home Phone:** _____

Email: _____

Please complete the form and mail or deliver in person to:
Jimmy H. Cohen, Nominations Chair of the Second Congressional District Republican Committee, 1645 Pleasant Ridge Rd, Virginia Beach, VA, 23457.

All forms must be received not later than **12:00 p.m. on April 30, 2016.** POSTMARKS WILL NOT GOVERN.

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