

**OFFICIAL CALL
SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE
2016 MASS MEETING**

As Chairman of the Spotsylvania County Republican Committee (“SCRC”), and pursuant to the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia and as recommended and directed by the SCRC, I, David Ross, do hereby issue this call for a Mass Meeting:

WHEN AND WHERE

1. To be held at the Marshall Center Auditorium, 8802 Courthouse Road, Spotsylvania, VA 22553 or such alternate location as the Chairman may direct as necessary, at [10:00 AM local time on March 12th, 2016. Registration will open no later than 8:45 AM and will close at 10:00 AM, or until registration of all those persons in line to register at 10:00 AM is complete.

REASON FOR MASS MEETING

2. For the purpose of:
 - a. Electing the SCRC Chairman, and up to 1791 precinct members and up to 478 at-large members of the SCRC;
 - b. Electing up to 990 and an equal number of Alternates to the State Convention of the Republican Party of Virginia to be held on April 29-30, 2016 at the James Madison University Convocation Center, 895 University Boulevard, Harrisonburg, VA 22807 or its alternate site;
 - c. Electing up to 235 Delegates and an equal number of Alternates to the Quadrennial Convention of the First Congressional District to be held on May 17, 2016 at James Monroe High School, 2300 Washington Ave, Fredericksburg, VA 22401, or its alternate site;
 - d. Electing up to 755 Delegates and an equal number of Alternates to the Quadrennial Convention of the Seventh Congressional District to be held on May 21, 2016 at (Location to be determined) , or its alternate site; and
 - e. For the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the Mass Meeting.
 - f. The Chair must have a majority (50% +1) vote or greater in order to be elected.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION

3. All legal and qualified voters of Spotsylvania County, 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 who, if requested, express in open meeting orally and 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 OR made a campaign donation to 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 participate as a voting member of the Mass Meeting, an individual must be registered to vote no later than the pre-filing deadline established by the Official Committee. This pre-file deadline has been established as Tuesday, March 1, 2016. Any person who has made application for registration on or before the pre-file date 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.

PRE-FILING REQUIREMENTS

4. Candidates for election to offices elected at the Mass Meeting (including those standing for election as convention delegates and/or SCRC precinct members) shall file a written statement, using the appropriate form attached to this Call, by mail, scanned email attachment, or in person, to Jane Laughman, at 9 Teton Drive, Fredericksburg, VA 22407 or email olwenThomasL@aol.com, which must be received not later than 8:00 PM local time on March 1, 2016 for the position of Chairman and all others to include Committee membership (postmark does not govern), together with any mandatory or voluntary filing fee. The filing fee for SCRC membership may be paid with each candidate member's filing or at the Mass Meeting registration.
5. If the number of qualified pre-filings for District Convention delegate, State Convention delegate, and SCRC Member do not exceed the total number of available offices, those persons having properly pre-filed for such office shall be deemed elected. If only one candidate is properly pre-filed for SCRC Chairman, that person shall be deemed elected. If, after operation of the two foregoing provisions, no offices will be contested at the Mass Meeting, then the Mass Meeting shall be canceled.
6. No nominations for office will be accepted from the floor of the Mass Meeting. The foregoing provision notwithstanding, nominations for the office of SCRC Chairman will be accepted from the floor in the event no candidate has properly pre-filed for that office.

FILING FEES

7. Filing fees are as follows:
 - a. \$0 mandatory filing fee for Chairman;
 - b. \$35 voluntary filing fee for Delegate to the State Convention;
 - c. \$5 voluntary filing fee for Delegate to the 1st District Convention;
 - d. \$35 voluntary filing fee for Delegate to the 7th District Convention

- e. \$40 filing fee for election as SCRC member (which shall be credited as that member's two year dues payment).
- f. There will be no fee for participation in the mass meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

- 8. All Resolutions proposed for consideration at this Mass Meeting must be presented to David Ross, Chairman, by email (david.ross.7@verizon.net) no later than 5:00 p.m., March 1st, 2016.

MASS MEETING COMMITTEES

- 9. The SCRC Chairman shall appoint the Chairmen and members of the following Mass Meeting committees:
 - a. Temporary Chairman
 - b. Credentials and Nominations
 - c. Rules
 - d. Registration
 - e. Resolutions
 - f. Arrangements
- 10. All Mass Meeting committees shall meet in advance of the Mass Meeting at the discretion of each committee's Chairman. Each committee shall carry out its business during the Mass Meeting as directed by the presiding officer and in accordance with the final Rules adopted by the Mass Meeting.

Attachment #1
2016 Spotsylvania County Republican Committee
Mass Meeting Participation Filing Form

This form may be filled out at the day of the Mass Meeting – However, your help in speeding up the credentialing process at the Mass Meeting would be greatly appreciated by your mailing in this Mass Meeting Membership Pre-File Form below and mailing it into Ms. Jane Laughman. It would be appreciated if you would mail in by March 1st, 2016. If you mail in after this date – if not received by the day of the Mass Meeting – you may have to fill it out again at the Mass Meeting. Please print your full legal name on the line below and proceed to the Pre-File Registration table. **PLEASE NOTE – if you are seeking election as a Candidate to the Spotsylvania County Republican Committee – you must pre-profile NLT 1 March 2016 to be considered.**

Full Legal Name: _____

If you did not submit a Mass Meeting pre-file form per above – please complete this form and bring it to the Mass Meeting check in on 12 March 2016. You will be able to vote in the Mass Meeting but will not be eligible to be a Committee member or Delegate per above.

I hereby declare that I am qualified to Participate in the Mass Meeting of the Spotsylvania County Republican Committee on March 12th, 2016 and affirm that:

Check the box that applies to you)

___ I am a registered voter in Spotsylvania County, Virginia; I am in accord with the principles of the Republican Party (see Republican Creed of Virginia); I intend to support the Republican nominees in the November 8, 2016 general election; I understand that if I publicly support a candidate in opposition to a Republican nominee subsequent to a statement of support that I shall not be qualified to participate in party actions for a period of four years; I have not participated in the nominating process of another party in the last five years; I have not given money to a Democrat candidate or elected official in the last five years

OR

___ I have participated in the nominating process of another party in the last five years, but I renounce affiliation with any party other than the Republican Party, intend to support the nominees of the Republican Party in the future and understand that the Spotsylvania County Republican Committee shall provide a copy of this signed renunciation statement to the Republican Party of Virginia, to be maintained for a period of 5 years.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Full Legal Name: _____

Registered Voting Address: _____

Congressional District: _____ Precinct: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Mandatory Pre-Filing: Filing for the following positions must be received by 7 p.m. in hand (postmark date does not apply) March 1st, 2016.

___ **As a candidate for Member of the Spotsylvania County Republican Committee: \$40 Mandatory Dues (March 1st pre-file deadline)**

___ As a candidate for Delegate to the 7th District Republican Convention: \$35 Voluntary Fee

___ As a candidate for Delegate to the 1st District Republican Convention: \$5 Voluntary Fee

___ As a candidate for Delegate to the Republican Party of Virginia Convention; \$35 Voluntary Fee

Mail to: Mrs. Jane Laughman, Secretary, Spotsylvania County Republican Committee, 9 Teton Drive, Fredericksburg, VA 22407. olwenThomasL@aol.com Authorized and Paid for the Spotsylvania County Republican Committee

Attachment #2

Spotsylvania County Republican Committee

Candidate Filing Form (*one form per person*) I, _____, hereby declare that I am a candidate for **Chairman, Spotsylvania County Republican Committee**. I certify that I am a qualified and registered voter in Spotsylvania County in the _____ District.

I am in accord with the principles of the Republican Party not limited to the Republican Creed and the Republican platform and intend to support the Republican nominees in the next election.

(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY)

FULL Name _____

Residence Address _____

Mailing Address (if different) _____

Home phone _____

Work phone _____

E-Mail: _____

Signature _____

**Form must be submitted to:
Jane Laughman, 9 Teton Drive, Fredericksburg, VA 22407 and
received not later than 8:00PM Tuesday March 1st, 2016.
olwenThomasL@aol.com Postmarks do not govern.**