**OFFICIAL CALL**

**Manassas City Republican Committee 2024 Canvass**

**Grace E Metz Middle School**

**9950 Wellington Rd**

**Manassas, VA 20110**

**March 30, 2024**

As Chairman of the Manassas City Republican Committee (MGOP) of the Republican Party of Virginia, and pursuant to the Plan of Organization and as directed by the Committee, I, Sharon E Ashurst, do hereby issue this call for a Canvass to be held at the Grace E Metz Middle School, 9950 Wellington Rd, Manassas, VA 20110, or an alternate site, between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM on Saturday, March 30, 2024, for the following purposes:

A.) To elect a Manassas City Republican Committee Chairman.

B.) To elect up to 50 at-large members of the Manassas City Republican Committee.

C.) To elect Delegates and/or Alternate Delegates to the 10th Congressional District Republican Convention (the number of which are stated in the Convention Call issued by the 10th Congressional District Republican Committee) to be held on Saturday, April 27, 2024 at John Champe High School located at 41535 Sacred Mountain Street, Aldie, VA 20105 or alternative site for the purposes of electing a District Chairman, an Elector, and three members of the State Central Committee.

D.) To elect Delegates and/or Alternate Delegates to the Republican Party of Virginia (RPV) Convention (the number of which are stated in the Convention Call issued by the RPV) to be held on Friday, May 31 and Saturday, June 1, 2024 at the Hampton Roads Convention Center located at 1610 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666 for the purposes of electing two Electors At-Large and nominating a National Committeeman and National Committeewoman. As only one candidate filed for RPV Chairman, no vote for that position will occur at the RPV Convention.

E.) And for the transaction of such other business as may properly be conducted during the Canvass.

There shall be no resolutions brought to the Manassas City Republican Committee Canvass.

**Qualifications for Participation**

All legal and qualified voters of Manassas City 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 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 this Canvass, subject to the provisions in Article I of the Plan of Organization. In addition to the foregoing, to be in accord with the principles of the Republican Party, unless otherwise stipulated by the appropriate Official Committee, 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. The exception to this rule 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. Participation by Manassas City Republican voters in the June 2023 Democrat Primary is a one-time exception to the rule against participation in a nomination process of a party other than the Republican Party. Any voter who, subsequent to making a statement of intent, publicly supports a candidate in opposition to a Republican nominee is not qualified to participate as a member of the Republican Party of Virginia in its mass meetings, party canvasses, conventions, or primaries for a period of four years.

**Filing Requirements for Committee Membership and Convention Delegate**

Candidates for Delegate to the 10th Congressional District Convention, Delegate to the RPV Convention, and/or membership to the Manassas City Republican Committee must meet the above qualifications, and shall file a fully executed official filing form available at Manassas Republican Party Facebook Group Page under “Files” with appropriate fee(s): 1) by U.S. Mail to the Manassas Republican Party, 8665 Sudley Road #224, Manassas, VA 20110, or 3) by delivery to Sharon Ashurst, 8908 Barnett St, Manassas, VA 20110, 703 220-4947, not later than 5:00 pm local time on Wednesday, March 20, 2024. For mailed forms, postmarks shall not govern. The filing form will include a Statement of Qualification that must be signed by the person indicating his/her intent to support all Republican nominees in the ensuing election. Only candidates who have properly filed by the stated date and time with the required fee shall be eligible for election. There shall be no nominations during the Canvass.

**Filing Requirements for Manassas City Republican Committee Chairman**

Candidates for office of Chairman of the Manassas City Republican Committee must meet the above qualifications, and shall file in writing a signed statement to that effect, and return same with the $150 fee 1) by U.S. mail to the Manassas Republican Party, 8665 Sudley Rd #224, Manassas, VA 20110, or 2) by delivery to Sharon Ashurst, 8908 Barnett St, Manassas, VA 20110, 703 220-4947,not later than 5:00 PM local time on Wednesday, March 20, 2024. Postmarks shall not govern. Only candidates who have properly filed by the stated date and time with the required fee shall be eligible for election. There shall be no nominations during the Canvass. In the event there shall be only one duly filed candidate for Chairman, he or she shall be deemed elected by acclamation.

**Balloting**

All persons wishing to participate in the MGOP Party Canvass to vote for MGOP Chairman must present themselves between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM to check-in and vote. Those in line at the close of the Canvass shall be permitted to check-in, but no one shall join the line after 2:00 PM. In order to receive a ballot, the voter must present a valid, non-expired photo identification issued by the Commonwealth of Virginia, one of its political subdivisions, the United States government, or a United States college or university. A statement of intent, properly completed and signed by the voter or stated verbally, must be provided at the time of Party Canvass check-in. No ballot will be given to any voter who has not signed and submitted this statement of intent or delivered the statement of intent verbally. No absentee voting, proxies, or provisional ballots are permitted. No registration fees are required for voting in this Party Canvass. Votes will be counted only for those candidates whose names appear on the official ballot. No write-in votes will be permitted. The Canvass will elect Chairman of the Manassas City Republican Committee by majority vote.

**Military Members as Delegates**

Military Members (any members of the Virginia National Guard, or the United States Armed Forces, Merchant Marine, or Coast Guard currently serving on active duty) who comply with these filing requirements shall not be required to be elected but shall be declared delegates to the 10th Congressional District Convention and RPV Convention pursuant to Article VIII, Section H. of the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia. Military Member delegates or alternate delegates that are unable to attend the 10th Congressional District Convention and/or RPV Convention in person due to obligations of their official military orders, shall have their votes cast within their unit delegation according to candidate preference ballots. Instructions regarding the casting of candidate preference ballots will be available in the Calls for the Conventions, which are available on the website of the RPV. There are no Military Member absentee voting provisions for the Manassas City Republican Committee Chairman Party Canvass.

**Filing Fees**

Candidates for the above elections shall pay a filing fee in accordance with the following schedule:

A.) Candidate for office of Chairman of the Manassas City Republican Committee: (required non-refundable fee) $150

B.) Candidate for Member of the Manassas City Republican Committee: (required non-refundable fee) $20

C.) Candidate for Delegate to 10th Congressional District Convention Note: This Convention is ONLY for the election of the 10th Congressional District Republican Committee Chairman, Elector, and State Central Committee members; Nomination of House of Representatives candidate will be by State Primary on June 18, 2024. (required non-refundable fee) $25

D.) Candidate for Delegate to RPV Convention Note: This Convention is ONLY for the election of two Electors At-Large and National Committeeman and National Committeewoman; Nomination of U.S. Senate candidate will be by State Primary on June 18, 2024. (required non-refundable fee) $45

**Cancellation**

If the number of candidates who file for all offices to be elected at the Canvass (Chairman, MGOP Member, and Delegates to the 10th District Convention and RPV Convention) does not exceed the maximum number that can be elected, then all duly filed candidates shall be deemed elected and the Canvass will be canceled. Canvass Committees Chairmen and members of the Canvass Committees shall be appointed by the MGOP Chairman and shall meet in advance of the Canvass on the call of the appointed Committee Chairmen and/or the MGOP Chairman to perform their duties. These committees shall include Nominations, Credentials, Rules, Tellers, and/or other committees that the MGOP Chairman deems necessary. This Call for a Canvass shall be published on the Republican Party of Virginia website as well as the Manassas City Republican Committee Facebook Group Page. Paid for and authorized by the Manassas City Republican Committee. 8665 Sudley Road, Manassas, Virginia 20110 | 703-220-4947 |