

**DEMOCRATIC CALL TO CAUCUS FOR
The 55th District Democratic Committee Nomination
For the House of Delegates from the 55th District**

Whereas it is the duty of the 55th District Nominating Committee to issue the Call to Caucus for the purpose of selecting the Democratic nominee for the House of Delegates from the 55th District. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the 55th District Democratic Nominating Committee hereby issues the Call to Caucus for the 2019 Democratic Party Caucus to convene on Saturday, April 27, 2019 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Ashland Public Library, Ashland, Virginia, for the purpose of selecting the Democratic nominee for the House of Delegates from the 55th District. The following provisions shall govern the unassembled caucus, to wit:

1. Notice Requirements

The Hanover County Democratic Committee, the Caroline Democratic Committee and the Spotsylvania Democratic Committee shall cause to be published the time, date and location of the Caucus at least 7 days prior. All notices shall be published on the Hanover County Democratic Committee website in Hanover County, the Caroline Democratic Committee Website and the Spotsylvania Democratic Committee website.

The caucus shall be held at Ashland Public Library in Ashland, Virginia. Doors will open at 2:00 pm and voting will take place from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm. All those in line to vote at 3:30 shall be allowed to vote. The caucus shall be an unassembled caucus. All registered voters in the 55th district, who are willing to sign the caucus participation form, shall be allowed to participate. The candidate with the most votes at the close of the caucus shall be declared the nominee.

2. Conduct of the Caucus

The watch of the chair of the Caucus Chair, Gordon Silver, shall be the official clock of the caucus and shall oversee the caucus. He will publicly announce the opening of voting at 2:30 pm. At 3:30 pm, the chair shall note the last person in line to vote. No person who enters the line after 3:30 pm (at the chair's designation) shall be allowed to vote.

Prior to the start of the caucus, the HDC chair shall appoint a Teller's Committee to count the ballots and a secretary of the caucus.

All participants in the caucus must fill out a caucus registration form stating that they are registered voters in the 55th District and that they are Democrats.

3. Candidate Requirements

Candidates seeking the nomination for the House of Delegates from the 55th District must pre-file their intent seven (7) days before the caucus with the Chair of the Caucus Committee, Gordon Silver, P.O. Box 22, Ashland, VA 23005, or in person to Gordon Silver, 12281 Goddins Hill Road, Ashland, VA 23005 and the candidate must pay a **non-refundable filing fee** of \$500. The deadline for candidate filing is April 20, 2019. Postmarks are not acceptable. If no candidate presents himself or herself, the Chair of the Caucus will cancel the caucus. If only one candidate presents himself or herself, the caucus will be cancelled.

4. Ballots

The ballots shall specify, in alphabetical order and numbered, the properly filed candidates for the Democratic nomination for clerk. The option "No candidate" shall also be listed on the ballot. The candidate, or "no candidate", that receives the highest total of votes cast shall be declared the

Democratic nominee or, should “no candidate” receive the highest number of votes, then the Hanover County Democratic Committee Chair shall not forward the name of a Democratic nominee to be on the ballot.

5. Affirmative Action

It shall be the duty of each officer and committee member in Hanover, Caroline and Spotsylvania to take all feasible steps to encourage broad participation in the caucus. Discrimination on the basis of race, sex, age, color, national origin, religion, ethnic identity or economic status in the delegate selection process is prohibited.

6. Call Distribution

It shall be the duty of the three county chairs to distribute a copy of the Call to Caucus to any and all individuals who may be interested in participating. It shall further be the duty of the chairs to cause this Call to Caucus to be publicized through the news media of the County as is feasible.