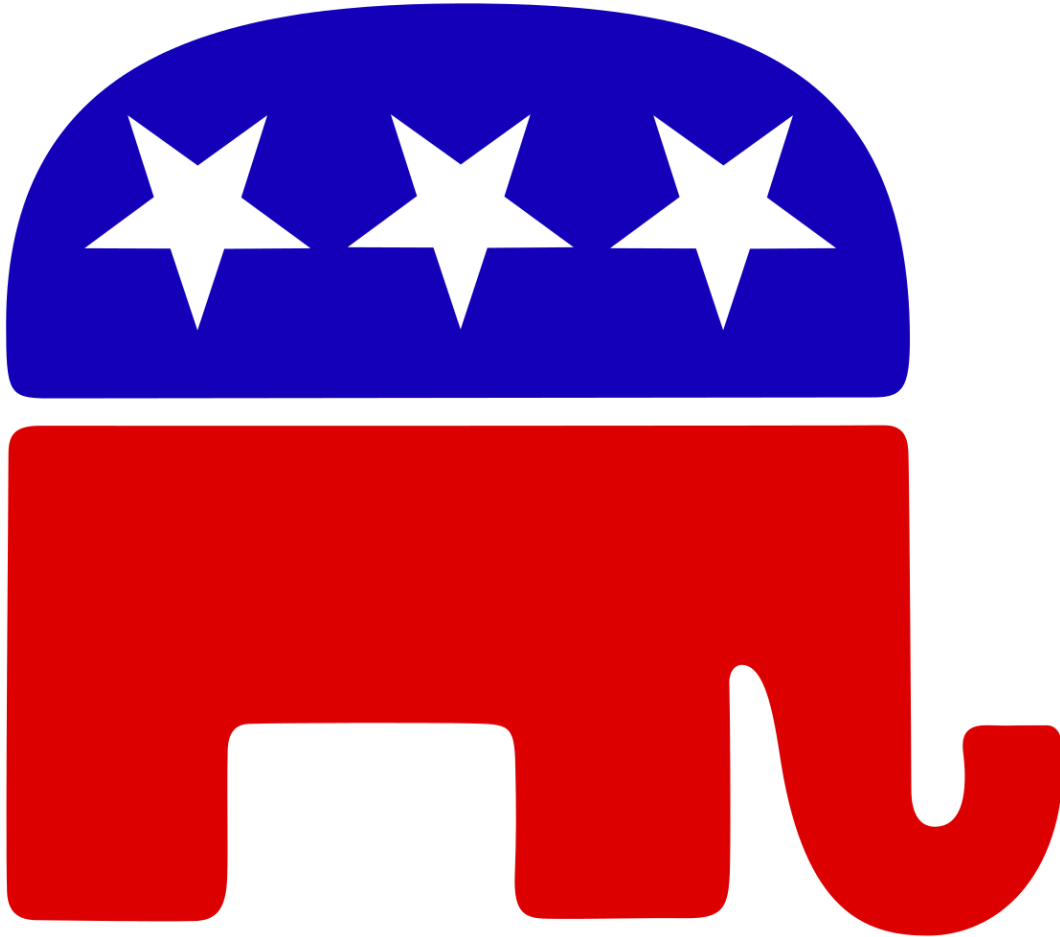


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Dear Friends and Fellow Republicans

## **Party Run Processes**

Normally I like to discuss issues that pertain to every day Virginians who live inside the 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. However, after having fielded dozens of questions from many Republicans around the Congressional District, let's take a few minutes to discuss the Party and the season we are now in.

Each County or City Committee (often called a Unit) has to reconstitute itself each 2 years, same as each Congressional District Committee. This is done either by a Mass Meeting, Canvass, or Convention. I won't go into the ins and outs here, but this must be done by RPV Party rules.

If a County Committee has 2 people running to be the Unit Chairman/woman, then they will have one of the above methods to determine who their next Chair will be. This process is governed by Article VIII of the Republican Party of Virginia Party Plan.

If there is only 1 person running for the Chair position, and the number of people who apply to be a Member of that Unit is less than the maximum number allowed under the Unit's bylaws, and if the number of people who file to be a delegate is less than the maximum number allowed for the Congressional and or State Party Convention, the Mass Meeting is canceled.

If there is to be a Mass Meeting (99% of the time because of a challenge at the Chair position), then a call is issued, under the rules of the RPV, and there are 2 or more people running for the Chair position, then there will be a party run process to determine who the next Chairman/woman of that Unit is.

Sorry to be boring you, and I appreciate your reading this.

Let us say for example, that the Unit has chosen to have a Canvass (aka a Firehouse Primary) as their method of picking the next Chair, on the day that the Canvass has been determined, any voter who identifies themselves as a Republican may vote. They walk in, are checked in, there may be a voter roll check to see if a person has voted in a Democrat primary in the past 5 years. The rule of thumb is that if a person has voted in 1 Democrat primary in the past 5 years, they will be asked to sign a renunciation statement. If they sign, then they may vote in the Canvass. If that person has voted in 2 or more Democrat primaries in the past 5 years, then they will not be permitted to vote. People who have received a 4 year ban are not eligible to participate until that 4 years has expired.

Any person who participates in a Canvass or Mass Meeting or Convention will likely be asked to sign a loyalty oath saying they will support Republican nominees over the next 2 years.

The operative phrase here is “identifies themselves as a Republican” which means that they support the aims and goals of the Republican Party. If a person is not a member of that local committee and has not broken the last loyalty oath they signed, they are eligible to participate. If that person had previously supported someone over a duly nominated Republican, and has not been a member of the Unit or a participator of the last Canvass/Mass Meeting/Convention, and they may have supported someone over a duly nominated Republican – they (according to RPV rules) will likely be allowed to vote in the party run process.

I understand this is a controversial thing, and I hear a lot about this every 2 years. But this is what the Party Plan says, and it is the job of the local Committee/Chair, the District Chair (in this case myself) and the RPV Chair and State Central Committee (Aka Rich Anderson and company) to enforce these rules.

Many people, myself included, believe these rules need to be updated, and I have volunteered to serve to rewrite the bylaws. I get your frustration. But rules are rules and must be abided by.

I hope this helps each of you who have asked me about the arcane rules of Party reorganization. Yes they are tedious, but they are necessary to ensuring that each local Unit, and District GOP can survive to ensure we can take on the enemy of our Republic, the Democrat party.

If there are any questions, please email me or call at 703 869 7945

I remain

your servant

S John Massoud  
6th District Republican Party Chairman



## Upcoming Events:

March 18 – RARC Meeting – 7 PM Buena Vista Educational Center Magnolia Road

March 18 – Rockingham Harrisonburg GOP Women’s Committee Meeting – 5 30 PM  
– The Offices [31 N. Federal Street Harrisonburg](#)

March 19 – Roanoke Valley Republican Women’s Club Meeting – 419 West  
Restaurant. [3865 Electric Road Roanoke](#). Guest Speaker is Matt Colt Hall of  
Attorney General Jason Miyares’ office.

March 20 – Rockingham County GOP Mass Meeting Hose Company 4 – Start time 7  
PM

March 21 – Winchester GOP Mass Meeting – 6 30 PM – George Washington Hotel

March 26 – Frederick County Mass Meeting – Millwood Banquet Station – Start time  
4 PM

March 26 – Page County Mass Meeting – [184 Panther Drive Shenandoah Virginia](#) 6  
30 PM

April 3 – Shenandoah County GOP Mass Meeting. Edinburg Fire Department – Start time 2 PM

April 6 – Alleghany Covington Mass Meeting – TBD

April 13 – Frederick County Militia Muster – 130 Poolside Avenue Clearbrook Va. Start time 1 PM

April 12-14 – RPV Advance

April 13 – Clarke County GOP Convention – Old Court House [104 N. Church Street Berryville](#) 9 AM.

May 11 – 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Convention – 10 AM – Rockingham Fair Grounds.

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