

CALL TO CAUCUS TO REORGANIZE THE NEWPORT NEWS DEMOCRATIC CITY COMMITTEE

The Newport News Democratic City Committee, herein referred to as the NNDCC, will hold an assembled caucus on **Thursday, January 4, 2024, at 6:30 PM at Sister Cities of Newport News, 11820 Merchants Walk, Newport News VA 23606** for the purpose of electing the new membership of the NNDCC pursuant to the Democratic Party of Virginia Party Plan.

I. Membership Filing:

To ensure timely receipt, it is recommended that each person seeking to become a member of the NNDCC submit the Membership Application at <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/nndems24> by 12:00 PM on Wednesday, January 3, 2024. Applications will also be available in-person at caucus registration.

There shall be no filing fee; however, annual dues are \$24.00 per year and must be paid to participate in the election of officers. Per the NNDCC bylaws, at the discretion of the Treasurer, he/she may allow a member's dues to be paid monthly, bi-monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or waived.

II. Qualification of Candidates:

The Membership Application, which all candidates for membership must sign, will include the following written declaration:

I declare myself to be a candidate for membership on the Newport News Democratic City Committee. I also declare that I believe in the principles of the Democratic Party and that I will not support any candidate opposed to any Democratic nominee as long as I am a member of the Committee.

III. Notice:

NNDCC shall provide notice of this caucus by placement of a general notice of the filing deadline and the caucus, including noticing the caucus date, time, and location, along with the Call to Caucus, on the Democratic Party of Virginia, the Newport News Democratic City Committee website and social media platforms; by email notification to Democrats who reside in Newport News; and through other reasonable means that will disseminate information about the caucus to registered voters in the City of Newport News. In addition, reasonable actions shall be

taken to promote participation in the caucus in accordance with the Affirmative Action provisions of the Party Plan of the DPVA.

IV. Participation:

Every Democrat who is a registered voter in Newport News is urged to attend and participate. If an individual does not appear on the Registered Voter List, they will not be allowed to participate. Participants will also be required to sign a Caucus Participation Form stating that they:

- A. Are a Democrat;
- B. Are a registered voter within the City of Newport News
- C. Believe in the principles of the Democratic Party; and
- D. Do not intend to support any candidates opposed to a Democratic nominee in the next ensuing election.

V. Conduct of the Caucus:

The doors to the caucus will open at 6:00 PM and close at 6:30 PM. Upon the closing of the doors, only those participants who have registered or are in line to register at 6:30 PM will be permitted to participate.

VI. Determination of Winners

There being no caps on membership per the NNDCC bylaws as revised on September 22, 2022, absent objection(s) all those present who meet the qualifications shall be declared elected as members of the NNDCC.

In the event of objection(s), those elected as members shall convene and vote on said objection(s).

VII. Affirmative Action

It shall be the duty and goal of all members of the Newport News Democratic City Committee to seek out and encourage the broadest possible participation within the committee, and in its membership, of all duly qualified citizens without regard to race, sex, age, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnic identity, disability, or economic status.

VII. Officer Elections

Immediately following the adjournment of the assembled caucus, the newly formed NNDCC will meet for the sole purpose of electing the officers of the committee.