

OFFICIAL CALL FOR THE 2021 WINCHESTER REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE PARTY CANVASS

As Chairman of the Winchester Republican Committee (WRC), and pursuant to the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia and as recommended and directed by the Committee, I, Robert A. Hess, do hereby issue this call for a Party Canvass to be held at the Events and Training Center, 550 Fairmont Avenue, Winchester, VA 22601, or alternate location, from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM local time on Saturday, May 8, 2021.

The purposes of the Winchester Republican Party Canvas shall be:

- To nominate a Republican candidate for the office of Commissioner of the Revenue;
- To nominate a Republican candidate for the office of Treasurer;
- To nominate a Republican candidate for the office of Sheriff;
- To nominate a Republican candidate for the office of Commonwealth's Attorney;
- To nominate a Republican candidate for the office of City Council for the First Ward.

With the candidates to be voted for in the general election on Tuesday, November 2, 2021.

Balloting shall be in accordance with the Rules for Winchester Republican Committee 2021 Party Canvass contained as a part of this Call.

Qualifications for Participation

All legal and qualified voters of the City of Winchester 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 participate in this Party Canvas, subject to the provisions in Article I of the Plan of Organization. Voters must be registered to vote in the City of Winchester on or before April 15, 2021 to participate in the Party Canvass. Only voters registered to vote in Ward 1 are eligible to vote for the City Council Candidates for Ward 1. There is no registration fee and no pre-filing requirement for participants.

Candidate Filing Requirements

Candidates for nomination at this Party Canvass must submit a written statement, on the official filing form provided by the Winchester Republican Committee, by mail or in person to Robert A. Hess, Chairman, 429 Castleman Drive, Winchester, VA 22601 not later than 5:00 PM on Friday, February 26, 2021. A filing fee of \$100.00 must accompany the filing form. The filing deadline is for physical receipt of the form and filing fees. Postmarks are not evidence of receipt by the deadline and shall not govern. Only candidates who have properly filed by the stated date and time with the required fee shall be eligible for election. No write-in votes will be permitted at the Party Canvass. If no person shall file for an office by the filing deadline, then the Executive Committee of the Winchester Republican Committee, at its discretion, may extend the filing deadline for that office.

Cancellation

If not more than the number of persons to be nominated shall file for any office, then such properly filed persons shall be declared nominated, and no election will occur for that office. Should all elections be cancelled, the Party Canvass will also be cancelled. A notice of cancellation will be posted on the website of the Winchester Republican Committee (www.WinchesterGOP.org) and the website of the Republican Party of Virginia (www.virginia.gop).

Publication

This Call shall be posted on the website of the Winchester Republican Committee (www.WinchesterGOP.org) and the website of the Republican Party of Virginia (www.virginia.gop). The Winchester Republican Committee waived the newspaper publication requirement by at least two-thirds vote.

CANCELLED

Rules for Winchester Republican Committee 2021 Party Canvass

The Winchester Republican Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia, pursuant to the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia, hereby adopts these Rules for the conduct of this Party Canvass.

1. The Republican Party Canvass shall be held at the Events and Training Center, 550 Fairmont Avenue, Winchester, VA, 22601, or alternate location, from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM local time on May 8, 2021.

The purposes of the Canvass shall be:

- To nominate a Republican candidate for the office of Commissioner of the Revenue;
- To nominate a Republican candidate for the office of Treasurer;
- To nominate a Republican candidate for the office of Sheriff;
- To nominate a Republican candidate for the office of Commonwealth's Attorney;
- To nominate a Republican candidate for the office of City Council for the First Ward

2. Balloting will begin at 10:00 AM and end at 2:00 PM, except that anyone in the registration line at 2:00 PM may continue the registration process and cast a ballot.

3. This party canvass shall, to the extent applicable, be governed by and conducted in accordance with the following (giving precedence as listed): the State Party Plan, the Plan of Organization & Bylaws of the Winchester Republican Committee, these rules, and otherwise in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised (current edition).

4. Only eligible voters duly registered by the Credentials Committee may vote. No absentee voting, proxies, or provisional ballots are permitted.

5. Votes will be counted only for those candidates whose name appear on the official ballot. No write-in votes will be permitted.

6. All voters shall meet the requirements as specified in the Call of the Party Canvass.

7. The Chairman of the Winchester Republican Committee shall appoint a Credentials Committee of not more than ten (10) persons, to register those persons who offer to vote and to count the ballots once the polls are closed. The members of the Credentials Committee shall remain inside the room in which voting is conducted during the period in which voting takes place and until the ballots are counted.

8. The Credentials Committee shall decide any question that may arise concerning the qualifications of a candidate or eligibility to vote.

9. No one will be allowed in the voting area without proper authorization. Candidates shall not loiter or campaign in the room or area in which voting will take place.

10. No resolutions may be introduced.

11. The Credentials Committee shall prepare ballots listing the names of all qualified candidates for contested nominations or elections, who have properly filed as required in the Call of the Party Canvass.

12. As soon as the polls are closed, the Credentials Committee shall immediately proceed to ascertain the vote given at the Canvass and shall continue without adjournment until they declare the results of the canvass. Only the members of the Credentials Committee and two representatives of each candidate, if any, shall be permitted to remain in the room or area once the polls have closed and until the ballots are counted. Ballots shall then be placed in a sealed envelope and preserved and secured by the Credentials Committee for at least thirty (30) days in the event of any challenge to the results.

13. Candidates shall be elected on the basis of plurality of votes received. If two or more persons have an equal number of votes and a higher number than any other person, the Winchester Republican Committee shall proceed publicly to determine by lot which of the persons shall be declared elected, after those persons have been notified and are allowed an opportunity to be present.

14. The Winchester Republican Committee shall preserve order inside and outside the polling place(s). No person shall hinder, intimidate, or interfere with any qualified voter so as to prevent the voter from casting a secret ballot. The Winchester Republican Committee may order a person violating this Rule to cease such action and, if such action continues, may remove such person from the polling place.

Paid for and authorized by the Winchester Republican Committee

CANCELLED

**Candidate for Commissioner of the Revenue
Of the City of Winchester
Official Filing Form
WINCHESTER REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE
2021 Party Canvas**

I, the undersigned, being a registered voter in the City of Winchester, Virginia, and meeting all applicable eligibility requirements, hereby file for election at the Party Canvass to be the Republican nominee for the office of **Commissioner of the Revenue** to be voted on in the General Election on November 2, 2021. The Party Canvass will be conducted from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM on Saturday, May 8, 2021.

This form must be filed via mail or in person to Robert Hess, Chairman, 429 Castleman Drive, Winchester 22601 along with a filing fee of \$100 payable to the Winchester Republican Committee. The **filing deadline is 5:00 PM, Friday, February 26, 2021**. Please note the deadline is for physical receipt of the form and filing fees; 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. No write-in votes will be permitted at the Party Canvass.

PLEASE PRINT

Full Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: Winchester Zip Code 22601

Email Address: _____ Phone _____

I hereby certify that I am in accord with the principles of the Republican Party and that it is my intent to support all Republican candidates in the 2021 General Election.

Signature _____ Date _____

**Candidate for Treasurer
Of the City of Winchester
Official Filing Form
WINCHESTER REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE
2021 Party Canvass**

I, the undersigned, being a registered voter in the City of Winchester, Virginia, and meeting all applicable eligibility requirements, hereby file for election at the Party Canvass to be the Republican nominee for the office of **Treasurer** to be voted on in the General Election on November 2, 2021. The Party Canvass will be conducted from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM on Saturday, May 8, 2021.

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PLEASE PRINT

Full Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: Winchester Zip Code 22601

Email Address: _____ Phone _____

I hereby certify that I am in accord with the principles of the Republican Party and that it is my intent to support all Republican candidates in the 2021 General Election.

Signature _____ Date _____

**Candidate for Sheriff
Of the City of Winchester
Official Filing Form
WINCHESTER REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE
2021 Party Canvass**

I, the undersigned, being a registered voter in the City of Winchester, Virginia, and meeting all applicable eligibility requirements, hereby file for election at the Party Canvass to be the Republican nominee for the office of **Sheriff** to be voted on in the General Election on November 2, 2021. The Party Canvass will be conducted from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM on Saturday, May 8, 2021.

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PLEASE PRINT

Full Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: Winchester Zip Code 22601

Email Address: _____ Phone _____

I hereby certify that I am in accord with the principles of the Republican Party and that it is my intent to support all Republican candidates in the 2021 General Election.

Signature _____ Date _____

**Candidate for Commonwealth's Attorney
Of the City of Winchester
Official Filing Form
WINCHESTER REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE
2021 Party Canvas**

I, the undersigned, being a registered voter in the City of Winchester, Virginia, and meeting all applicable eligibility requirements, hereby file for election at the Party Canvass to be the Republican nominee for the office of **Commonwealth's Attorney** to be voted on in the General Election on November 2, 2021. The Party Canvass will be conducted from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM on Saturday, May 8, 2021.

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PLEASE PRINT

Full Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: Winchester Zip Code 22601

Email Address: _____ Phone _____

I hereby certify that I am in accord with the principles of the Republican Party and that it is my intent to support all Republican candidates in the 2021 General Election.

Signature _____ Date _____

**Candidate for City Council
For the First Ward of the City of Winchester
Official Filing Form
WINCHESTER REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE
2021 Party Canvas**

I, the undersigned, being a registered voter in the First Ward of the City of Winchester, Virginia, and meeting all applicable eligibility requirements, hereby file for election at the Party Canvass to be the Republican nominee for the office of **City Council for the First Ward** to be voted on in the General Election on November 2, 2021. The Party Canvass will be conducted from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM on Saturday, May 8, 2021.

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PLEASE PRINT

Full Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: Winchester Zip Code 22601

Email Address: _____ Phone _____

I hereby certify that I am in accord with the principles of the Republican Party and that it is my intent to support all Republican candidates in the 2021 General Election.

Signature _____ Date _____