

CALL TO CAUCUS TO REORGANIZE THE CULPEPER COUNTY DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE

The Culpeper County Democratic Committee, herein referred to as CCDC, will hold an assembled Caucus on **January 3, 2026**, from **9 – 11 a.m.** at ASWB, 17126 Mountain Run Vista Ct., Culpeper VA 22701 for the purpose of electing the new membership of CCDC pursuant to the Democratic Party of Virginia Party Plan. **(Must be a Saturday unless otherwise specified in your committee bylaws)**

I. Membership and Officer Candidate Filing:

Each person seeking to become a member of CCDC shall complete and submit the CCDC 2026-2027 Membership Application to the CCDC by January 3, 2026, at 10 a.m. Membership applications can be mailed in advance to PO Box 131, Culpeper, VA 22701 and should be directed to the Chair, Membership Subcommittee. All mail must be **received** before *January 1, 2026*. Additionally, candidates for membership may join electronically before January 1, 2026, using the online form at www.culpeperdemocrats.org.

Immediately following the adjournment of the assembled Caucus, the newly formed CCDC will meet for the sole purpose of electing the Officers of the committee. Only those candidates for Officer positions who have properly submitted the CCDC Officer Candidate Form 2026-2027 will have their names placed in contention to be elected to an Officer position on January 3, 2026. Candidates may submit hardcopy forms or file online at www.culpeperdemocrats.org. Only those applications submitted before January 1, 2026, will be eligible for election to an Officer position on January 3, 2026.

There shall be no filing fee for any membership or Officer candidates.

II. Qualification of Candidates:

The CCDC 2026-2027 Membership Application, which all candidates for membership must sign, will include the following declaration:

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

III. Notice:

The Culpeper County Democratic Committee will provide notice of this Caucus to the DPVA by November 15, 2025; including notice of the Caucus date, time, and location, along with the Call to Caucus for placement on the Democratic Party of Virginia's website.

Between December 20 – 27, the same information will be provided to the CCDC Democratic Committee for placement on its website and social media platforms; by email notification to

Democrats who reside in Culpeper County and through other reasonable means that will disseminate information about the Caucus to registered voters in Culpeper County. In addition, reasonable actions will be taken to promote participation in the Caucus in accordance with the Affirmative Action provisions of the DPVA Party Plan.

IV. CCDC Caucus Participation

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

- A. Are a Democrat;
- A. Are a registered voter within Culpeper County
- A. Believe in the principles of the Democratic Party; and
- A. Do not intend to publicly 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 9 a.m. and close at 10 a.m. (one hour). Upon the closing of the doors, only those participants who have registered or are in line to register at ASWB will be permitted to participate.

VI. Determination of Officer Winners

In the event that only one person files for an Officer position, that person shall be declared the winner and the election for that specific position will be canceled.

If more individuals file than there are Officer positions available, the candidates will be listed alphabetically on a ballot and will be elected by a plurality of the votes at the assembled Caucus.

Vacancies may be filled by the new committee at the first meeting following the election of Officers.

VII. Affirmative Action

It shall be the duty and goal of all members of the Culpeper County Democratic 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.