

Vice Chair Intraparty Coordination Monthly Report

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State of the Region

Piedmont Democratic committees focused their efforts in recent months on getting out the vote for the current redistricting referendum. Despite the success in the referendum, the fate of the constitutional amendment is in doubt. The Virginia Supreme Court heard oral arguments in the Republican challenge to the referendum. For now, certification of the election results is halted. If the Court rules against the proposed constitutional amendment, and analyst predictions prove correct, November's midterm elections may result in a 7-seat Republican majority in the House of Representatives. If the Court allows the amendment to stand, Democrats may enjoy a 1-seat majority in the House. In recent days, the Florida legislature has approved its own redistricting map to potentially increase that state's Republican congressional representation majority by four additional seats.

Mid-Decade Redistricting

Despite the uncertainty surrounding the amendment court fight, candidates for CD7 nominations are appearing at Democratic committee meetings around the region. The committees themselves are generally catching their collective breaths before turning back to work generating support for the primary election. The primary itself has been slid from June to August 4. Early voting in the primary begins on June 18.

With the general election set for November 3, the post-primary campaign season is now truncated to 90 days.

Other Committee Activities

Spotsylvania Dems are running a monthly series of candidate recruitment sessions. There will be 17 county and local seats up for grabs in 2027, and the committee wants to contest every one of them.

Fauquier County could be split between multiple congressional districts. Their leadership is attempting to allocate their attention and resources as best they can pending the Supreme Court ruling.

Most of the committees that maintain offices expanded their open hours in the days before the referendum. They are now cutting back to avoid burning out their volunteers.

Piedmont Rally

Planning for the cross-county Piedmont Democratic Summer Rally, the annual combined fundraiser for Democratic candidates, is underway. Proceeds from the August rally will go to the campaign of the Democratic nominee for CD7. The rally will take place on Saturday, August 15, between 3:00 and 6:00 pm at the Prince Michele Winery, Leon, VA. The program will include appetizers, cash bar, and an appearance by the Democratic candidate for CD7. More information to follow as plans solidify.