

MAY 2020 LETTER TO THE RCDC MEMBERSHIP

Dear Rappahannock Democrats,

Because of the Governor's stay-at-home orders, we're having to cancel our May general meeting. If we're still on lockdown in June, let's go for a Zoom!

We are trying to stay flexible and reactive to the rapid changes in the ways we can campaign, select our nominees, and vote this year. Here are some updates about what we're doing.

THE PRESIDENTIAL RACE

Even though Joe Biden appears to be the presumptive Democratic Nominee, we have a long road ahead before it's certain. After our Super Tuesday Primary, delegates go to the 5th District convention on May 9, and the State Conventions on June 20 to pick the delegates Virginia will send to the National Convention in Milwaukee on August 13.

This year both Virginia conventions will be held virtually.

The **CD5 Convention on May 9** starts at 9AM. At 1PM, delegates will vote for 6 delegates to be National Delegates from Virginia.

To participate, register here:

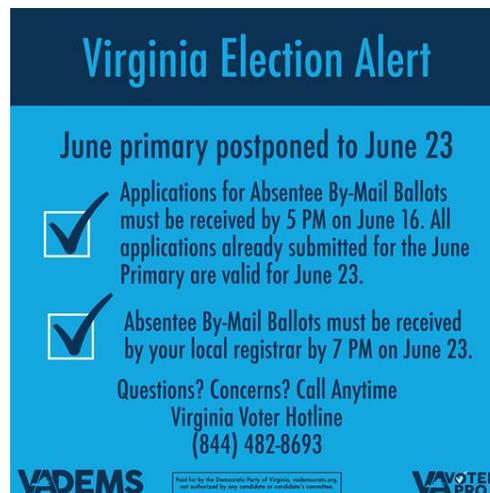
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At the **State Convention on June 20**, delegates will pick 21 at-large National Delegates to go to the National Convention.

THE CONGRESSIONAL RACE

We have four terrific candidates to run against Republican Denver Riggleman (or Bob Goode) in the 5th District in November. Due to the coronavirus, the **CD5 Congressional Primary has been moved to June 23**.

Apply for your absentee mail-in ballots now! Happily, you no longer have to have a witness sign your ballot in Virginia. Click [HERE](#) for your application form.



Virginia Election Alert

June primary postponed to June 23

- ✓ Applications for Absentee By-Mail Ballots must be received by 5 PM on June 16. All applications already submitted for the June Primary are valid for June 23.
- ✓ Absentee By-Mail Ballots must be received by your local registrar by 7 PM on June 23.

Questions? Concerns? Call Anytime
Virginia Voter Hotline
(844) 482-8693

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Our four primary candidates—**RD Huffstetler, John Lesinski, Claire Russo and Cameron Webb**—are adjusting their campaigns to reach out to voters online. Look for them on Facebook for events announcements. **CLICK** on their photos for more about them.



RD HUFFSTETLER



JOHN LESINSKI



CLAIRE RUSSO



CAMERON WEBB

And mark your calendars for a **series of live streamed virtual forums** through May and June until the June 23 primary. View them from the comfort of home.

Please, send me your questions for the candidates! What do you want to know about their positions on voting rights, jobs, the COVID19 crisis, the economy, healthcare, criminal justice...This is the chance to hear their answers.

- **Saturday, May 9, 1:30PM**, moderated by **Delegate Elizabeth Guzman**, 31st District. Sponsored by the Fauquier Democrats and Fauquier Indivisible. See www.FauquierDemocrats.org.
- **Tuesday, May 12, 6PM**, moderated by **Leslie Cockburn**, former CD5 candidate. Sponsored by the Rappahannock County Democratic Committee. See www.RappDems.org.
- **Thursday, May 14, 6:30PM**, sponsored by Charlottesville Democratic Committees. Please email for the Zoom link: charlottesvillenow@gmail.com

THE SENATE RACE

Let's not forget that Senator Mark Warner is up for re-lection! Keep in touch with his campaign [HERE](#). Get on his mailing list and check him out on [Facebook](#), where he holds regular virtual town halls. And of course, donate what you can.

As the weeks progress, we'll get a clearer idea of what each of us Democrats can do to win in November and restore sanity and justice to our government. We don't have to tell you that these are hard times. Americans are suffering. Our focus now should be on supporting our candidates and ensuring a fair vote. We'll let you know how!

All the best,
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