



## OFFICIAL CALL

### Mass Meeting of the Bristol, Virginia Republican Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia

As Chairman of the Bristol, Virginia Republican Committee, and pursuant to the Plan of Organization and as recommended and directed by the Committee, I, Jacob Holmes, do hereby issue this call for a Mass Meeting to be held at the Bristol, Virginia Courthouse, 497 Cumberland Street, Bristol, Virginia 24201, starting at 7:00 PM on Thursday, May 4, 2017 for the following purposes:

- a) Nominating a Republican candidate for the offices of Bristol City Treasurer, Sheriff, Commonwealth's Attorney, and Commissioner of the Revenue, to be voted upon in the November 7, 2017 General Election;
- b) And for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the mass meeting.

#### Qualifications for Participation

All legal and qualified voters of Bristol City 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 in its mass meetings, party canvasses, conventions or primaries encompassing their respective election districts.

In addition to the foregoing, to be in accord with the principles of the Republican Party, unless otherwise stipulated by the appropriate Official Committee, a person otherwise qualified hereunder shall not have participated in Virginia in the nomination process of a party other than the Republican Party within the last five years.

A single exception to this shall be approved for a voter that renounces affiliation with any other party in writing, and who expresses in writing that he/she is in accord with the principles of the Republican Party and intends, at the time of this writing, to support the nominees of the Republican Party in the future. Any voter that utilizes the foregoing exception, and thereafter participates in the nomination process of a party other than the Republican Party, shall not have the benefit of the exception thereafter.

Voters may be required to produce personal identification such as a valid driver's license or voter registration card in order to participate in a mass meeting or convention.

#### Filing Requirements

Individuals seeking the Republican nomination for the above-mentioned offices must submit a specified pre-filing form in order to seek election at the Mass Meeting. The pre-filing form must be filed no later than 6:30 PM on April 27, 2017 by mail or in person to Jacob Holmes, Chairman, 723 Prospect Avenue, Bristol, Virginia 24201. Postmarks will not be considered.

The specified form to file for a nomination and is available online at [www.bristolvagop.org](http://www.bristolvagop.org) or by calling (276) 492-8703. Only those who have pre-filed will be considered for nomination at the Mass Meeting. No other nominations from the floor will be in order. Pre-filed candidates may be required to meet with the Committee prior to the Mass Meeting date. If there is an uncontested race for a nomination, then no vote will be needed. If there are no contested offices, the mass meeting will not be necessary and will then be canceled.

#### Filing/Registration Fees

There will be no required filing or registration fees to participate in or seek election at the Bristol, Virginia Republican Mass Meeting.