

CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY VIRTUAL CAUCUS

Because of public health concerns, the Caucus planned for April 20th has been changed to a virtual Caucus. The state Democratic party has mandated this, and every local committee will be doing their caucus virtually in partnership with the DPVA. The Caucus is to select Charlottesville's State Delegates and Alternates who will participate in the 5th Congressional District Convention (May 9) and the State Convention (June 20). At the congressional district convention, and at the state convention, these delegates will vote to elect Virginia's Democratic Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention (July 13-16). Some and possibly all of these conventions may be virtual.

Because we must hold our caucus virtually, ANYONE WHO WANTS TO BE PART OF THE CAUCUS MUST PREFILE using one of two forms (they are short Google forms) NO LATER THAN 5:00 PM ON THURSDAY APRIL 9. Sorry for shouting, but this is really important, and it is different from the usual process -- so this will be something new even for experienced caucus-goers. We're all doing a virtual caucus for the first time, so we will need your help to get the word out early and often!

If you want to be a local delegate and participate in the Fifth CD and state conventions, you must be a delegate "for" a specific candidate. The results from the presidential primary election on March 3 were used to set the allocation/breakdown of local delegates to be elected at our caucus. As you probably remember, three candidates received more than 15% of the vote in Charlottesville on March 3, so for Charlottesville City's total of 14 delegates and 3 alternates, we are allocated 5 Biden delegates and 1 alternate, 5 Sanders delegates and 1 alternate, and 4 Warren delegates and 1 alternate. When you pre-file for the caucus using the "2020 State Delegate Pre-filing Form," you select one of these candidates to represent.

If you want to participate in only the Charlottesville caucus, you need to pre-file using the "2020 Presidential Caucus Participant Pre-filing Form." You will have to select one candidate (Sanders, Biden, or Warren) and you will only vote for the delegates and alternate for that candidate.

To be elected as a Charlottesville delegate or to vote for our delegates, you must pre-file your form by 5:00 PM on April 9, 2020. For more information on how the Caucus will work and for the links to pre-file, please read the attached documents from the Democratic Party of Virginia.