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SHENANDOAH REPUBLICAN



Dear Friend,

I am happy to send you this inaugural newsletter from the Shenandoah County Republican Committee (SCRC). The membership of the SCRC decided earlier in the year to establish a Communications sub-committee, and try to bring our message directly to county citizens, and more specifically county Republican voters. This newsletter is part of this process.

My hope with this communication is to promote the values that many Shenandoah County residents share and hold dear, as well disseminate the positive direction and accomplishments of our Republican candidates and office holders. In our first edition, we have provided Virginia State Senate District 1 candidates an opportunity to outline their vision as they seek the nomination of our party. Most of these candidates have accepted our invitation to participate and have helped us with providing content for this newsletter.

Thank you so much for your continued prayer and support.

In your service,

Timothy Carter
SCRC-Chairman



Senate District 1 Republican Primary Early Voting In-Person:

You can vote early at the Shenandoah County General Registrar's office (600 North Main, Suite 103, Woodstock) beginning 45 days before Election Day (May 5) and ending the Saturday before Election Day (June 17). Voting hours are Monday-Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. Saturday, June 10 voting from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm and June 17 voting hours 9:00 am - 5:00 pm.

To vote early in-person, do the following:

- You do not have to have a reason or fill out an application to vote early in person.
- At the registrar's office you must provide your name and address and show an acceptable form of ID.
- Accessible equipment and/or curbside voting is available upon request.

IF YOU HAVE FAMILY MEMBERS THAT HAVE NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE (see below)

IF YOU NEED TO UPDATE AN EXISTING REGISTRATION (see below)

Deadline to register to vote, or update an existing registration, May 30, 2023 (Voters may register after this date, through Election Day, and vote using a provisional ballot).

Deadline to apply for a ballot to be mailed to you June 9, 2023. Your request must be received by your local voter registration office by 5:00 pm.

A growing chorus of Republicans are pleading with the GOP to rebuild its once-robust early and mail voting programs, blaming the party's reluctance to embrace such efforts for a lackluster showing in the 2022 midterm elections.

But after the so-called red wave that Republicans had predicted ahead of the midterms failed to materialize, a growing number of influential GOP leaders and operatives say the party needs to more aggressively compete with Democrats when it comes to early and mail voting, fearing that a failure to do so could cost the GOP in future elections.

"We have to reevaluate both the strategy and the tactics. We had so many close races, but we didn't do a good job at early voting, we didn't do a lot of mail-in voting," said [Saul Anuzis](#), a Republican strategist and former Michigan GOP chair. "I think there's a lot of tactical things that we have to take a look at," he added.

But some Republicans say that one of the biggest takeaways from the 2022 midterm elections is that the GOP should take advantage of expanded access to voting rather than fight it.

"You can bitch about the game as much as you want, but you gotta find a way to play the game, because the game's not going to change right now," said Ford O'Connell, a Republican strategist and former congressional candidate.

A survey from Harvard CAPS-Harris Poll highlighted Democrats' early and absentee voting advantage. Fifty-two percent of Democrats said they voted before Election Day compared to 45 percent of Republicans.

With the midterms now in the rearview mirror, even some Republicans who once criticized pre- Election Day voting have begun to take another look at the practice. Charlie Kirk, the conservative activist and commentator, tweeted that "one of the first lessons we have to take from the midterms is the power of early voting."

"Telling everyone to vote in-person on [Election Day] opens you to traffic jams and machine malfunctions," he tweeted. "If and when that happens, there's no rewinding time to change your strategy. You're at the mercy of the courts and

Nikki Haley, the former United Nations ambassador and South Carolina governor, said that Republicans were being outdone by Democrats when it comes to early and absentee voting and called on the GOP to “play the same game.” “We were completely outplayed electorally. The Democrats did a full-court press to vote early. We sat on our hands. Early and absentee voting are here to stay. We need to play the same game and turn out the maximum number of voters. The left does it, and we don’t.” There’s no indication that pre-Election Day voting is going away anytime soon. Since 2020, when the COVID-19 pandemic first pummeled the United States, a number of states have moved to expand early voting and no-excuse mail voting.

Here in Virginia, we have 45 days early, in-person voting. While there have been bills introduced to reduce the length for early and mail-in voting, those laws remain in place. House speaker Todd Gilbert, R-Shenandoah said, “We did not change those rules. But we certainly tried to abide by them, and had a lot more success than we ever could have imagined.”

Virginia Republicans seemed to embrace early voting last year, telling supporters casting early ballots was the best way to ensure their vote would count.

**THE SCRC IS UNITED AND STRONG FOR A BETTER
SHENANDOAH COUNTY**

The Republican Creed states:

1. That the free enterprise system is the most productive supplier of human needs and economic justice,
2. That all individuals are entitled to equal rights, justice, and opportunities and should assume their responsibilities as citizens in a free society,
3. That fiscal responsibility and budgetary restraints must be exercised at all levels of government,
4. That the Federal Government must preserve individual liberty by observing Constitutional limitations,
5. That peace is best preserved through a strong national defense,

We are a “working” committee, with many ongoing projects that are geared towards getting strong Republicans elected and ensuring a well-run government. All of our projects are set up to achieve our three major goals: 1) growing our Party; 2) making it as active as possible; and 3) making our Party united and effective. By achieving these goals, we will be strong and capable of ensuring our Constitutional Rights are protected and that Shenandoah County remains the absolute best place to live and work.

*VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED IN ELECTIONS. PLEASE CONSIDER SERVING AS AN ELECTION OFFICIAL AND/OR POLL WATCHER. WE CAN ALSO USE YOUR HELP IN THE FUTURE TO GET OUT THE VOTE!

*For more information on how to get involved, please contact Activities Chair Mark Dotson, SCRCActivities@gmail.com Get Involved (shenandoahrepublican.com)



Your Republican Candidates

Virginia State Senate District 1 Primary Candidates*

Here are a list of Virginia State Senate District 1 Candidates. Those with Hyperlinks provided data to support our [SCRC Website](#) and our newsletter.

- Lance Allen
- [James Bergida](#)
- [Blaine Dunn](#)
- [Timmy French](#)
- [Dave LaRock](#)
- [John Massoud](#)
- [Brandon Monk](#)
- [Brad Pollack](#)

Constitutional Candidates:

Steve Baker, District 2, Board of Supervisors

Tim Carter, Sheriff

Missy Hockman, Commissioner of Revenue
Karla Ortts, Clerk of the Clerk



*All candidates were provided an opportunity to submit a bio for the SCRC website. Bios reflected on website and hyperlinked in this newsletter were received by the newspaper press date. Check out the candidate's bio hyperlinked from newsletter to the SCRC website District 1 State Senate Primary Candidates 2023 (shenandoahrepublican.com)



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