

What: Getting community candidates in primaries and elections across Virginia in 2025.

Why: To get our voices and issues in campaigns, shift discussions and narrative, and exemplify a grassroots democratic process - ahead of **2026 MIDTERM ELECTIONS**.

How: A model like [democratic confederalism](#) from Rojava:

We ask community members - from apartment buildings, local orgs, neighborhoods - to nominate candidates for a given election (e.g. Governor, Attorney General, City Council)

For those who *accept nominations*:

1. We hold a vote among participant communities to determine *which candidates* we want to put forward in certain races. For state-wide races (e.g. Governor), we would field nominations and hold votes with communities across the state.

Nominees not chosen may be ideal for other seats – Local Council, VA Delegate

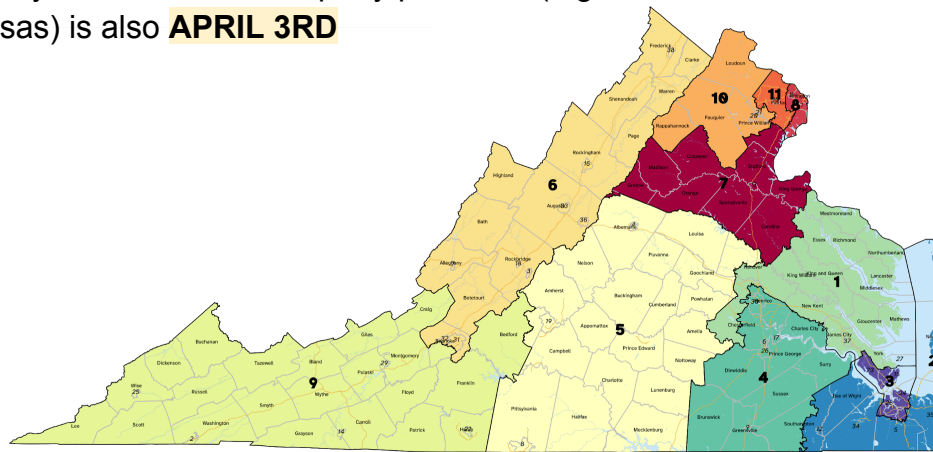
2. Start preparing filing for candidates.
 - a. For state-wide elections (Gov, Lt Gov, Attorney General), candidates need **15,000 petition signatures** w/ at least **600 from each district** by **APRIL 3RD**

The filing deadline for city council races with party primaries (e.g. Alexandria, Charlottesville, Manassas) is also **APRIL 3RD**

Other Requirements

1. **WITHIN 10 DAYS** of accepting a contribution, spending any funds, paying a filing fee, filing a candidate statement of qualification, or appointing a campaign treasurer, committee

MUST FILE [STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION \(!!!\)](#)



2. [Campaign Finance Reporting \(Recurring\)](#) – Reports due April 15th, June 9th, July 15th, September 15th ...

3. **Pay filing fee for candidate.** (Governor = \$3,500, Lt Gov = \$726.42, A.G. = \$3,000)

4. **Qualifications:** State-wide: 30+ *at time of election*, Virginia resident for last 5 years
House of Delegates: 21+ *at time of election*, Virginia resident for last 1 year

