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**11<sup>th</sup> House of Delegates District Democratic Committee  
to Determine the Method of Nomination for Democratic Candidate**

**FAIRFAX, VA** – The 11<sup>th</sup> House of Delegates District Democratic Committee acknowledges the announcement of a special election on **January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026** to fill the vacancy in the 11<sup>th</sup> District left by David Bulova, who has been nominated for the office of Virginia Secretary of Natural & Historic Resources by Governor-Elect Abigail Spanberger. The method of nomination for the Democratic candidate will be determined by the Committee, comprised of Susan Weltz from Fairfax County and Penny Rood from the City of Fairfax, in a special meeting this evening at 7:00pm over Zoom.

“The 11<sup>th</sup> District Committee is preparing to hold an unassembled caucus, also known as a **‘firehouse primary’ on Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>,**” said Susan Weltz, Chair of the 11<sup>th</sup> District. “We look forward to an informative campaign that will give voters in the district a chance to vote for whom they wish to see representing them in the General Assembly, and then we must all unite in support of eventual Democratic nominee, whoever it may be.”

A firehouse primary is a primary election run by a political party committee, not the state. Once determined by the 11<sup>th</sup> House of Delegates District Committee, the details of the firehouse primary will be published in a Call to Caucus and advertised to voters.

The Committee will meet over Zoom at 7:00pm EST today and members of the media and public are welcome to observe at this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84380383446>

The meeting will be followed immediately by a press briefing, which will be followed by an additional Q&A for candidates or candidates representatives that will be closed to press.

The Committee is calling for any Democratic volunteers able to assist on December 16<sup>th</sup> to sign up here: <https://forms.gle/c6A7bzDdDFVs5cob8>

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