

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY

TOWN OF DAMASCUS PETITION FOR )  
SPECIAL ELECTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH )  
§24.2-226 OF THE 1950 CODE OF VIRGINIA, )  
AS AMENDED, TO FILL UNEXPIRED TERM )  
CAUSED BY RESIGNATION OF MEMBER OF )  
DAMASCUS TOWN COUNCIL )

Case No. 24-40

WRIT OF SPECIAL ELECTION

THIS MATTER came before the Court upon the petition of the Council of the Town of Damascus, Virginia, by counsel, requesting issuance of a Writ of Election in accordance with section 24.2-226 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, (Va. Code) and to fix the date for holding such election.

Based upon the petition, the Court finds as follows.

1. The Town of Damascus, Virginia, is a municipality in the Commonwealth that is governed by the Damascus Town Council (Council). All positions on Council are at-large positions.
2. Jessee Kokotek was elected to serve a four-year term on Council beginning January 1, 2023, and ending December 31, 2026.
3. Mr. Kokotek resigned his position on Council effective November 13, 2023.
4. In accordance with Va. Code § 24.2-228, the Council has appointed an interim member to serve until an election is held to fill the vacancy created by Mr. Kokotek's resignation.

ON THE BASIS OF THE FOREGOING, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. Pursuant to Va. Code § 24.2-226 this Writ of Special Election is hereby **ISSUED AND ENTERED** to direct the Electoral Board and General Registrar of Washington County, Virginia, to conduct an election in accordance with Va. Code §§ 24.2-681, *et seq.*, to be

held November 5, 2024, to fill the vacancy on the Council of the Town of Damascus, Virginia, for the unexpired term from January 1, 2025, ending December 31, 2026.

2. The Clerk of this Court is directed to send a certified copy of this Writ of Election to the Virginia State Board of Elections, the Secretary of the Electoral Board of Washington County, the General Registrar of Washington County, the Clerk of Damascus Town Council, and to counsel for Petitioner.
3. The Clerk is further directed to dismiss this action from the active docket of the Court and place it among the ended causes.

ENTERED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024.

*Judith A. Powell*  
JUDGE

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Writ of Special Election  
Town of Damascus, Virginia

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DATE: 1/18/24 (JAMIE) Clerk of