

Hung Cao, of Purcellville, left, greets a voter outside the Gainesville Middle School polling place during the May 21 GOP "firehouse primary." PHOTO BY



## Hung Cao wins Saturday's GOP 10th District 'firehouse primary'

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Retired U.S. Navy Captain Hung Cao came out on top of the "firehouse primary" Republicans held Saturday to pick their nominee to challenge U.S. Rep. Jennifer

Wexton (D-10th) in November.

Cao, of Purcellville, garnered 52.3% of

the vote in the ranked-choice contest – or the support of 7,729 voters after the 10th round of ballot counting.

Jeanine Lawson, a Prince William County supervisor representing the Brentsville District, came in second place with the support of 5,000 voters or about 34%.

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## Judge moves 'Trip' Bopp murder trial to Loudoun County

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Citing, in part, "the multitude of security deficiencies that exist in the current" Fauquier County Circuit Court building, a judge has ruled that the four defendants in the April 2021 homicide of 'Trip' Bopp of Remington will be tried jointly this September by a jury in Loudoun County. The trial is expected to last three weeks.

Two of the defendants had requested the change in venue, but Fauquier prosecutors argued that the trial should take place in same county where the homicide occurred. The Office of the Fauquier County Commonwealth's Attorney will continue to

"An overwhelming maiority of those vulnerabilities [in the circuit court building] continue to be unaddressed with little or no action by the county."

> **20TH CIRCUIT JUDGE JAMES PLOWMAN**

prosecute the case even though the trial has been moved to Loudoun.

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