



September 6, 2020

The Honorable Tina Podlodowski, Chair
Washington Democratic Party
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VIA EMAIL: Anna@WA-Deomocrats.org

RE: Beto O'Rourke Presidential Campaign Full Participation Statement for Washington

Dear Chair Podlodowski:

I am writing to provide the Washington Democratic Party with our commitment to help achieve full participation of those persons in Washington who have historically been denied the right to vote or been subjected to discriminatory and exclusionary practices that may have denied them full participation in the presidential nominating process, along with other persons who also may have been underrepresented in Democratic Party affairs. We hereby make our commitment to you to conduct outreach to, and seek full participation of African-Americans, Latinx, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and women. We also will support greater inclusion and participation by people in the LGBTQ+, disabled and youth (younger than 36, with a sub-goal between 17-24) communities.

Our presidential campaign is committed to assisting in the full implementation of the Washington Party's Outreach and Inclusion programs so that all persons who wish to participate as Democrats understand they are welcome and encouraged to be a part of the Washington delegate selection process. Accordingly, we will use our best efforts to ensure that our respective delegates, alternates and standing committee members achieve the affirmative action goals reflected in your State Party's Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program, and that the number of men and the number of women in our respective delegations will not differ by more than one (as determined by gender self-identification). Furthermore, we will use our best efforts at the district level to approve delegate, alternate, and standing committee candidates who meet applicable equal division and affirmative action considerations to promote and achieve the State Party's affirmative action, outreach and inclusion goals and equal division for the respective delegations. We also will work with the State Party to achieve representative balance in the selection of the at-large portion of the state delegation to the National Convention.

In order to encourage full participation by our supporters in the Washington delegate selection process, we will work with our Campaign's Outreach Director to ensure that Washington delegate selection is included in their outreach plan and efforts. Our Outreach Department intends to form a Latinx Council, African-American Council, Women's Council, Asian American Pacific Islander Council, and an

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LGBTQ+ Council to support implementation of this work. These Councils would help make sure our Campaign meets applicable goals to ensure we are penetrating and elevating the experience, concerns, and triumphs of these communities.

Our Campaign will work with our elected, political and grassroots leaders and supporters to engage targeted communities to disseminate information on the Washington delegate selection process (including notice of the procedures by which persons may file as candidates for delegate or alternate pledged to our presidential candidate) and to recruit delegate candidates for consideration by our campaign. Currently, our Political Department meets and coordinates with various labor organizations to include and engage their members in our Campaign. We intend to communicate with you and Washington Party leadership and staff to expand the universe of people who may wish to serve as delegates to the National Convention to achieve appropriate full participation in the nominating process and hope you will keep us apprised of your recruitment, education and training activities so that we may support them.

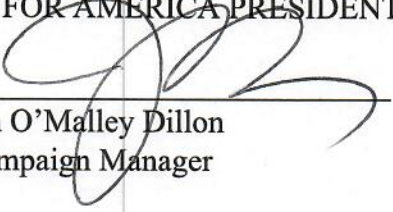
Of course, we will consider potential delegate candidacies of Washington Democrats who may wish to pledge their support to Beto, including those which may come to the attention of the State Party. Democrats in Washington who want to serve as delegates pledged to Beto may contact us via email at delegates@betoourke.com. In addition, as the betoourke.com website is revised, we will add an on-line form on the website for Beto supporters in Washington interested in being a delegate.

Following this effort, we will submit to the State Party demographic information with respect to all candidates for delegate and alternate pledged to our presidential candidate, and will submit this information in conjunction with the list of names we have approved for consideration as delegate and alternate pledged to our presidential candidate.

We want to thank you and all the leaders and members of the Washington Democratic Party for your commitment to help achieve full participation in your presidential nominating process and are committed to assisting in the full implementation of your outreach and inclusion programs. We agree on the importance of welcoming all persons into our presidential nominating process and ask that you work closely with us so that we may fully play our part in making this happen.

If you have any questions about this Full Participation Statement, please contact Monica Guardiola at monica.guardiola@betoourke.com. Thank you again.

Sincerely,
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