

# **Washington State Delegate Selection Plan**

For the 2020 Democratic National Convention

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# Section I

## Introduction & Description of Delegate Selection Process

### A. Introduction

1. Washington State has a total of 107 delegates and 7 alternates. (Call I & Appendix B)

2. The delegate selection process is governed by the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States, the Delegate Selection Rules for the 2020 Democratic National Convention (“Rules”), the Call for the 2020 Democratic National Convention (“Call”), the Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee for the 2020 Democratic National Convention (“Reg.”), the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Washington State, the rules of the Democratic Party of Washington State and this Delegate Selection Plan, and the Washington State election code to the extent that such laws and administrative rules do not conflict with the express inclusion or omission within the plan of a contrary rule. (Call II.A.)

3. Following the adoption of this Delegate Selection Plan by the Washington State Democratic Central Committee (“WSDCC”), it shall be submitted for review and approval by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee (“RBC”). The State Democratic Chair shall be empowered to make any technical revisions to this document as required by the RBC to correct any omissions and/or deficiencies as found by the RBC to ensure its full compliance with Party Rules. Such corrections shall be made by the State Democratic Chair and the Plan resubmitted to the RBC within 30 days of receipt of notice of the RBC’s findings. (Reg. 2.5, Reg. 2.6 & Reg. 2.7)

4. Once this Plan has been found in Compliance by the RBC, any amendment to the Plan by the Washington State Democratic Party will be submitted to and approved by the RBC before it becomes effective. (Reg. 2.9)

### B. Description of Delegate Selection Process

1. Washington State will use a proportional representation system based on the results of a presidential preference primary for apportioning delegates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention. Individual delegates will be selected through a caucus and convention system.

2. The “first determining step” of Washington State’s delegate selection process will occur on March 10th, 2020, with a state-run primary. Individual delegates will be selected at subsequent caucus and state party meetings. The results of the primary will determine the proportions for the entire delegate selection process.

### C. Voter Participation in Process

1. Washington’s Democratic presidential preference primary on March 10<sup>th</sup> will be used to allocate delegates among presidential candidates and is open to all voters who

1 wish to participate as Democrats. Participation will be by mail in ballot, with separate  
2 ballots for each party. For a ballot to be counted in the Democratic primary the voter  
3 must subscribe to a declaration provided by the State Party to the Secretary of State  
4 which will include a statement that the voter is a Democrat and that their participation is a  
5 matter of public record. If the voter returns ballots for more than one party or fails to  
6 subscribe to the declaration their vote will not be counted. Washington has same day  
7 voter registration, so the last day to register will be the same as the primary, March 10,  
8 2020.

9 a. Participation in Washington State’s delegate selection process is open to  
10 all voters who wish to participate as Democrats. Those who wish to  
11 participate in the delegate selection caucus and convention process who  
12 are not currently registered to vote may register to vote at the caucus or  
13 convention and then participate on the same day. This includes any 17-  
14 year-old who will be eligible to vote on Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

15 b. Washington does not have party registration. Washington State’s voter  
16 registration or enrollment procedures deadlines, including the party  
17 caucus, to register to vote for purposes of determining participation are in  
18 compliance with DNC rules. Voters participating in the delegate selection  
19 process to elect delegates to the congressional district level caucuses will  
20 publicly declare their Democratic Party preference and have that  
21 preference publicly recorded through the use of caucus registration forms  
22 that will clearly state at the top of the page “I am a registered voter, or a  
23 pre-registered 17 year old who will turn 18 on or before November 3,  
24 2020, residing in the legislative district named above. I consider myself to  
25 be a Democrat and I agree that my attendance at this caucus is a matter of  
26 public record.” (Rule 2.A & Reg. 4.3)

27 c. The Washington State Democratic Party has worked with the legislature  
28 and county elections officials to ensure that state run elections comply  
29 with the following voter enfranchisement and access principles:

30 (1) Washington law requires the maintenance of secure and  
31 accurate state voter registration rolls, so that every eligible  
32 Washingtonian who registers to vote has their personal information  
33 protected and secure; (Rule 2.H.1)

34 (2) Washington State pioneered the use of a statewide voter  
35 database over 25 years ago for the purposes of ensuring accuracy  
36 of voter rolls without conducting “purges” of voters. All  
37 Washington counties fully comply with all federal laws regarding  
38 voter list maintenance, and have robust state administrative  
39 procedures requiring an audit process as voter data is being  
40 maintained in the files to ensure as best as possible that no eligible  
41 voter is removed from the rolls.

1 (3) The Office of the Secretary of State follows all best  
2 practices and modern initiatives in cybersecurity. By policy,  
3 tabulation databases are never directly connected to the internet,  
4 nor is the voter registration database of record, among other robust  
5 security

6 (4) Washington is a vote by mail state. Each county maintains  
7 at least one voting center during elections, which deploys state of  
8 the art precinct-based optical scan devices, each of which is  
9 compatible with each home county's optical scan devices used to  
10 tabulate the vote by mail ballots. All are maintained and audited on  
11 a rigorous schedule.

12 (5) Washington only uses optical scan systems with paper  
13 ballots, which in and of themselves provide a voter-verified paper  
14 record.

15 (6) Washington has a well-defined and robust audit process  
16 built into the canvass process for each election. In every county, a  
17 full race is pulled by lot, and several random precincts are drawn  
18 by lot for an immediate hand count to compare results for the  
19 purpose of audit.

20 (7) All voting systems utilized in Washington follow all federal  
21 laws for testing and certification, and more importantly follow  
22 Washington election law which is more robust than federal law in  
23 these areas.

24 (8) The use of secret ballots is prohibited (including in the  
25 selection of anyone who serves on the DNC) except in the first  
26 determining step of the delegate selection process. (Rule 2.F)

27 d. Washington State is a leader nationally in election integrity, security and  
28 voter access and enfranchisement. For voters with limited ability to leave  
29 home, and all other voters, ballots are mailed directly to them and voters  
30 are provided a postage-paid envelope to return them from home. A  
31 physical voting center is maintained in each county elections office, which  
32 has ADA accessible voting devices, including "sip-and-puff" and audio  
33 technologies, allowing blind voters and voters with motor control issues to  
34 vote a secret, secure, independent ballot.

35 e. The Washington State Democratic Party has worked with the legislature  
36 and county elections officials to assess and improve participation in state  
37 run elections and that will include the presidential preference primary,  
38 occurring on March 10<sup>th</sup>. (Rule 2.I and 2.I.1) Washington has a vote by  
39 mail system automatically giving voters access to early voting and no  
40 excuse absentees. Ballots are mailed out at least 18 days in advance and

1 voters can send them in at any time on or before Election Day. Ballots for  
2 military and overseas voters are mailed out 45 or 30 days in advance of the  
3 election depending upon assignment. Washington also has same day voter  
4 registration, so voters can go to the county elections office, register, and  
5 vote up to Election Day.

- 6 f. Washington is a 100% vote by mail state. All Registered voters receive a  
7 ballot with pre-paid return envelopes so most voters can complete the  
8 ballot at home and return it at the nearest mailbox. All Ballots must be  
9 postmarked by March 10th to be counted. However, every County  
10 maintains a voting center, similar to a polling place, for the duration of the  
11 vote by mail period which starts 18 days before the election. Ballots  
12 returned to the wrong voting center are required by law to be forwarded to  
13 the correct voting center, and counted; see Washington Administrative  
14 Code 434-262-032 (5). This polling center includes fully ADA accessible  
15 voting machines so that mobility impaired and blind voters have the  
16 opportunity to cast a secret ballot. (Rule 2.I.1.b), (Rule 2.I.1.c) Any  
17 identification requirements are handled during registration eliminating  
18 onerous and discriminatory voter identification requirements during  
19 voting. (Rule 2.I.1.d)

20 2. As part of encouraging participation in the delegate selection process by  
21 registered voters, the Washington State Democratic Party supported the passing of  
22 legislation that made voter registration easier, including supporting: (Rule 2.I.2)

- 23 a. Washington State passed laws that ensure online voting registration, same  
24 day voting registration, and automatic voting registration. (Rule 2.I.2.a)
- 25 b. House Bill 1513, which allows 16 and 17-year-old high school students to  
26 pre-register so that they are already registered once they reach voting age;  
27 (Rule 2.I.2.b)
- 28 c. Washington State's Secretary of State's position of restoring voting rights  
29 to all people who have served the time for their criminal conviction,  
30 without requiring the payment of court fees or fines; (Rule 2.I.2.c) and
- 31 d. House Bill 2595, which automatically registers citizens to be able to vote  
32 for the Democratic presidential nominating process. (Rule 2.I.2.d)
- 33 e. At no stage of Washington State's delegate selection process shall any  
34 person be required, directly or indirectly, to pay a cost or fee as a  
35 condition for participating. Voluntary contributions to the Party may be  
36 made, but under no circumstances shall a contribution be mandatory for  
37 participation. Optional contributions may be requested but will in no way  
38 be required. (Rule 2.D & Reg. 4.4)

1 f. No persons shall participate or vote in the nominating process for the  
2 Democratic presidential candidate who also participates in the nominating  
3 process of any other party for the corresponding elections. (Rule 2.E)

4 g. No person shall vote in more than one meeting that is the first meeting in  
5 the delegate selection process. (Rule 3.E & Reg. 4.6)

6 3. Scheduling of Delegate Selection Meetings

7 a. The dates, times and places for all official Party meetings and events  
8 related to the state's delegate selection process have been scheduled to  
9 encourage the participation of all Democrats. Such meetings will begin  
10 and end at reasonable hours. The State Party has selected the dates and  
11 times of all official meetings and events, and will ensure that proper  
12 facilities are selected. Meetings have been scheduled with consideration  
13 for religious observations that could significantly affect participation.  
14 (Rule 3.A & Reg. 4.5)

## Section II Presidential Candidates

### A. Ballot Access

1. A presidential candidate gains access to the Washington presidential preference primary ballot by having the Washington State Democratic Party chair submit to the secretary of state the names to appear on the ballot no later than sixty-three days (Friday, January 7, 2020) before the presidential primary. Once submitted, changes must not be made to the candidates that will appear on the ballot, including the uncommitted preference. (RCW 29A.56.TBD) No later than the seventh day (Tuesday, March 3, 2020) before the presidential nomination primary, the WSDCC Chair must submit to the secretary of state the names of write-in candidates, if any, to be counted for the Democratic Party. (RCW 29A.56.TBD)

2. Presidential candidates, who are eligible by DNC rules to obtain delegates will be required to submit a petition for candidacy to the Chair of the Washington State Democratic Party with 1,000 signatures of Washington State Voters who publicly declare themselves to be Democrats, and a \$2,500 administrative services fee. Forms for the statement of candidacy and petition will be available prior to September 1, 2019. The forms must be received no later than Friday, January 3, 2020, by 5:00 pm, and must be returned by certified mail to Washington State Democrats, PO Box 4027, Seattle WA 98194, or in person to the party affairs staff at the office of the Washington State Democrats, 615 2nd Ave., Suite 580, Seattle WA 98104.

### B. Other Requirements

1. Each presidential candidate shall certify in writing to the State Democratic Chair, the name(s) of their authorized representative(s) by Friday, January 3rd, 2020. (Rule 13.D.1)

2. Each presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) shall use their best efforts to ensure that their respective delegation within the State delegation achieves the affirmative action and inclusion goals established by this Plan and is equally divided to the extent practicable between men and women. (Rule 6.I & Rule 7) In the case there are non-binary gender delegates, the variance between male and female should not be larger than one.

3. Each Presidential campaign shall file a statement with the Washington State Democratic Party office as to how they plan to meet the affirmative action and inclusion goals established by this Plan, including, but not limited to, procedures by which persons may file as candidates for delegate or alternate. The statement must be received via certified mail at Washington State Democrats, PO Box 4027, Seattle WA 98124; or hand delivered to party affairs staff of the Washington State Democrats at 615 2nd Ave. Ste. 580, Seattle WA 98104 at no later than Monday, September 16, 2019. (Rule 6.H.1)



## Section III

### Selection of Delegates and Alternates

#### A. Congressional District-Level Delegates

1. Washington State is allocated 58 congressional district-level delegates. Washington State has chosen to elect all alternates alongside the at-large delegates, so no alternates will be elected at the congressional district-level. (Rule 8.C, Call I.B, Call I.I, Call Appendix B & Reg. 4.31.C)

2. Congressional district-level delegates shall be elected by the following Primary and Caucus System:

a. The presidential primary will be conducted by the State of Washington on the second Tuesday in March, March 10, 2020. The results of the presidential primary will determine the allocation of delegates for the delegate selection portion of the process. The primary will be certified on March 20, 2020.

b. The first step of the delegate selection process will be the legislative district (LD) caucuses to be held on Sunday, April 26, 2020. Attendance at the LD caucuses will be open to any voter residing in the LD who is willing to publicly identify as a Democrat by subscribing to the same declaration required for participation in the presidential primary, indicates a presidential preference and will be 18 on or before November 3, 2020.

c. Washington State residents who are not qualified to register to vote because of age, citizenship, or status of being under the control and/or supervision of the department of corrections, shall be allowed to participate in the platform and resolution discussions, but not vote on the election of delegates or alternates, nor may they be elected as delegates or alternates. Washington residents aged 16 or 17 may pre-register to vote, and participate in the platform and resolutions discussions, but only those who will be 18 on or before November 3, 2020 may vote and be elected as delegates or alternates.

d. Voters participating in the delegate selection process at the delegate selection meetings will publicly declare their Democratic Party preference and have that preference publicly recorded through the use of caucus registration forms which will clearly state at the top of the page or on the electronic version "I am a registered or pre-registered voter in the precinct named above, who will be 18 years of age on or before November 3, 2020. I consider myself to be a Democrat and I agree that my attendance at this caucus is a matter of public record". The registration form will also include a section for recording a voter's presidential preference.

- e. Attendees will be separated by presidential preference to select delegates to the second tier, the congressional district caucuses. Where a legislative district has precincts in more than one congressional district the attendees will also be broken into sub-caucuses by congressional district.
- f. The size of each legislative district delegation to the congressional district caucuses is determined by a formula giving equal weight to the number of active registered voters in each legislative district and an average of the Democratic presidential and gubernatorial vote in the 2016 general election. Proportions of delegates elected will be determined by the proportions of the votes cast in the presidential preference primary for each presidential candidate in the legislative district. Delegates to the congressional district caucuses elected at the LD caucus will also be delegates to the state convention.
- g. County conventions will be held on Sunday, May 3, 2020 commencing at 1:00 p.m. County platforms are adopted, and resolutions are passed on issues of concern to the body. Alternatively, county conventions whenever a County is entirely within a single legislative district may be held on the same date, in the same location as the legislative district caucus, as long as ample time is scheduled for each meeting.
- h. The second tier of the process for electing district level delegates will be the congressional district (CD) caucuses. The CD caucuses will be held on Saturday, May 30, 2020, commencing at a time and site designated by the State Democratic Chair. The delegates elected at the LD caucuses will be the voting members, but non-delegates may run for positions as district level delegates to the national convention. As with the LD caucuses, attendees will be separated by presidential preference to select delegates to the national convention.
- (1) The first step of the delegate selection process will be the legislative district caucuses which will be held on Sunday, April 26, 2020 commencing at 1:00 p.m. Delegates to the congressional district caucuses are elected.
  - (2) County conventions will be held on Sunday, May 3rd, 2020 commencing at 1:00 p.m. County platforms are adopted, and resolutions are passed on issues of concern to the body.
  - (3) The second-tier congressional district caucuses are held on Saturday, May 30, 2020 commencing at a time and site designated by the State Democratic Chair. At this level, 58 congressional district-level delegates are elected based upon the will of those delegates properly credentialed and registered at the meeting.

3. Apportionment of Congressional District-Level Delegates

1 a. Washington State’s congressional district-level delegates are apportioned  
2 among the congressional districts based on a formula giving equal weight  
3 to the vote for the Democratic candidates in the 2016 presidential and  
4 gubernatorial elections.

5 (1) Given that the State Party believes that congressional district-level  
6 delegates should be allocated in a way that best reflects the  
7 distribution of Democratic voters in Washington State, in the  
8 absence of formal voter party registration the State Party has  
9 traditionally used presidential and gubernatorial performance from  
10 the previous Presidential election year to determine the number of  
11 Democratic voters in a region. (Rule 8.A, Call Appendix A, Reg.  
12 4.10 & Reg. 4.11)

13 b. The number of men and the number of women in each congressional  
14 district’s delegations will not vary by more than one. If practicable, the  
15 number of men and the number of women in the state’s total number of  
16 district-level delegates will not vary by more than one. Any gender non-  
17 binary delegates elected shall not be counted as either a male or female at  
18 any stage of the process. (Rule 6.C.1 & Reg. 4.8)

19 c. The congressional district-level delegates are apportioned to districts as  
20 indicated in the following chart and a binary gender advantage is  
21 designated for each:

Congressional District	Delegates			
	Males*	Females*	Binary Gender Advantage	Total
CD 1	3	3	Male	6
CD 2	3	3	Female	6
CD 3	3	2	Male	5
CD 4	1	2	Female	3
CD 5	2	2	Male	4
CD 6	3	3	Female	6
CD 7	5	6	Female	11
CD 8	3	2	Male	5
CD 9	4	3	Male	7
CD 10	2	3	Female	5
Total	29	29	Even	58
*unless one or more gender non-binary delegates are elected See section (d) below and section 7 infra.				

d. A gender non-binary candidate for delegate is a candidate that does not identify with either gender. A gender non-binary candidate for delegate shall be declared elected if they receive more votes than the candidate of the district's advantaged binary gender who has the lowest vote total but would otherwise be elected. If the current advantaged gender who would be declared elected but for the higher votes of the gender non-binary candidate, then the following shall apply: When a gender non-binary candidate is declared elected the current advantaged binary gender of the district shall change to the other binary gender, that is if a self-identified male would have been elected, the next elected delegate switches to female or vise-versa, and shall remain so unless and until another gender non-binary candidate is elected in the same district.

e. The legislative district caucuses will also use the formula that gives equal weight to the vote for the democratic candidates in the most recent Presidential and Gubernatorial elections to allocate delegates by districts. (Rule 8.B)

#### 4. Congressional District-Level Delegate Filing Requirements

- 1 a. A congressional district-level delegate and alternate candidate may run for  
2 election only within the district in which they are registered to vote. (Rule  
3 13.H)
- 4 b. An individual can qualify as a candidate for congressional district-level  
5 delegate or alternate to the 2020 Democratic National Convention by  
6 filing a statement of candidacy designating their singular presidential (or  
7 uncommitted) preference and a signed pledge of support for the  
8 presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) which must be  
9 received by the State Party by no sooner than Monday, March 23, 2020  
10 8:00am and no later than Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. A delegate  
11 or alternate candidate may modify their singular presidential preference by  
12 submitting an updated pledge of support no later than the filing deadline.  
13 (Rule 13.B, Rule 15.F & Reg. 4.23)

14 5. Presidential Candidate Right of Review for Congressional District-Level  
15 Delegates

- 16 a. The State Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or  
17 that candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than Friday, May  
18 13, 2020 at 5:00pm, a list of all persons who have filed for delegate or  
19 alternate pledged to that presidential candidate. (Rule 13.D & Rule 13.F)
- 20 b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized  
21 representative(s), may then file with the State Democratic Chair by  
22 Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 5:00pm a list of all such candidates they have  
23 approved, provided that approval be given to at least three (3) separate  
24 individuals for each position for delegate. (Rule 13.E.1, Reg. 4.24 & Reg.  
25 4.25)
- 26 c. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate candidates  
27 submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate, or  
28 the authorized representative(s), signifies otherwise in writing to the State  
29 Democratic Chair not later than Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.
- 30 d. National convention delegate candidates removed from the list of bona  
31 fide supporters by a presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized  
32 representative(s), may not be elected as a delegate at that level pledged to  
33 that presidential candidate (including uncommitted status). (Rule 12.E &  
34 Reg. 4.23)
- 35 e. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the  
36 DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate  
37 (including uncommitted status) has used their best efforts to ensure that  
38 their respective congressional district-level delegate candidates meet the  
39 affirmative action and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the  
40 Affirmative Action section of this Plan within three (3) business days of

1 returning the list of approved congressional district-level delegate  
2 candidates as indicated in section III.A.5.b of this Plan.

3 6. Fair Reflection of Presidential Preference

4 Presidential Primary – Proportional Representation Plan (Rule 14.A, Rule 14.B  
5 & Rule 14.D)

- 6 a. The Washington presidential primary election is a “binding” primary.  
7 Accordingly, delegate and alternate positions shall be allocated so as to  
8 fairly reflect the expressed presidential (or uncommitted) preference of the  
9 primary voters in each congressional district. The National Convention  
10 delegates and alternates selected at the congressional district level shall be  
11 allocated in proportion to the percentage of the primary vote won in that  
12 district by each preference, except that preferences falling below a 15%  
13 threshold within a congressional district shall not be awarded any  
14 delegates or alternates from said congressional district.
- 15 b. Within a district, if no presidential preference reaches a 15% threshold, the  
16 threshold shall be one half of the percentage of the vote achieved by the  
17 front-runner. (Rule 14.F)

18 7. Equal Division of Congressional District-Level Delegates

- 19 a. To ensure the congressional district level binary-gendered delegates are  
20 equally divided between men and women (determined by gender self-  
21 identification) delegate positions won by binary-gendered candidates  
22 within each district will be determined after the number of gender non-  
23 binary candidates also winning delegate positions, if any, is known. Each  
24 congressional district has a designated binary-gender advantage (See table  
25 in sub-section 3.c above) that determines the gender of the first binary  
26 delegate elected. A gender non-binary candidate for delegate shall be  
27 declared elected if they receive more votes than the number of votes  
28 received by the lowest vote getting otherwise elected candidate of the  
29 district’s then advantaged binary gender. The first binary-gendered  
30 delegate elected by the presidential preference winning the most delegates  
31 must be of the same gender as the advantaged gender in that district.  
32 Thereafter the gender of binary-gendered delegates elected will be  
33 alternated, skipping over gender non-binary delegates elected, until all  
34 delegates allocated to that preference have been elected. Thereafter the  
35 alternation shall continue through the other presidential preferences, from  
36 the preference winning the most delegates to the preference winning the  
37 least, until all delegate positions have been filled. (Rule 6.C, Rule. G.C.1  
38 & Reg. 4.10)

- 39 8. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the  
40 Democratic National Committee (DNC) the election of the state’s congressional district-

level delegates and alternates to the Democratic National Convention within ten (10) days after their election. (Rule 8.C & Call IV.A)

## **B. Automatic Delegates**

1. Automatic Delegates are not permitted to vote on the first ballot of the Presidential nomination unless the nomination is not in doubt, based on the pledged delegates elected nationwide. (Call IX.C.7.b) An Automatic delegate may run and be elected as a Pledged delegate. If an Automatic delegate is elected and certified as a Pledged delegate, that individual shall not serve as an Automatic delegate at the 2020 National Convention. (Call I.J)

### **2. Automatic Delegates: Party Leaders and Elected Officials**

a. The following categories (if applicable) shall constitute the Automatic Party Leaders and Elected Official delegate positions:

- (1) Members of the Democratic National Committee who legally reside in the state; (Rule 9.A.1, Call I.F, Call I.J, & Reg. 4.13)
- (2) All of Washington State's Democratic Members of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate; (Rule 9.A.3, Call I.H & Call I.J)
- (3) Our Democratic Governor; (Rule 9.A.4, Call I.H & Call I.J)
- (4) "Distinguished Party Leader" delegates who legally reside in the state (if applicable). (Rule 9.A.5, Call I.G, & Reg. 4.13)

b. The certification process for the Automatic Party Leader and Elected Official delegates is as follows:

- (1) Not later than March 6, 2020, the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee shall officially confirm to the State Democratic Chair the names of the Automatic delegates who legally reside in Washington State. (Rule 9.A)
- (2) Official confirmation by the Secretary shall constitute verification of the Automatic delegates from the categories indicated above. (Call IV.B.1)
- (3) The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the presidential preference of state's Automatic delegates 10 days after the completion of the State's Delegate Selection Process. (Call IV.C)

3. For purposes of achieving equal division between delegate men and delegate women within the state's entire convention delegation, the entire delegation includes all pledged and automatic delegates. (Rule 6.C)

#### **C. Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) Delegates**

1. Washington State is allotted 12 pledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) delegates. (Call I.D., Call I.E. & Call Appendix B)

##### **2. Pledged PLEO Delegate Filing Requirements**

a. Individuals shall be eligible for the pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegate positions according to the following priority: big city mayors and state-wide elected officials (to be given equal consideration); state legislative leaders, state legislators, and other state, county and local elected officials and party leaders. Automatic delegates who choose to run for PLEO delegate will be given equal consideration with big city mayors and state-wide elected officials. (Rule 10.a.1 & Reg. 4.16)

b. An individual can qualify as a candidate for a position as a pledged PLEO delegate by filing a statement of candidacy and pledge of singular presidential preference or uncommitted along with a statement of how they are eligible to serve as a PLEO which must be received by the State Democratic Chair no sooner than Monday, March 23, 2020, and not later than Friday, June 5, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Statements of candidacy may be delivered in- person to the State Party office (615 – 2nd Ave., #580, Seattle, WA 98104), mailed to the office (PO Box 4027, Seattle, WA 98194), faxed to the office (206-583-0301), or emailed (partyaffairs@wa-democrats.org). A delegate candidate may modify their singular presidential preference by submitting an updated pledge of support no later than the filing deadline. (Rule 10.A.3, Rule 15.G, Reg.4.18 & Reg. 4.17)

##### **3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review**

a. The State Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than Wednesday, June 8, 2020 at 5:00 p.m., a list of all persons who have filed for a party and elected official delegate pledged to that presidential candidate. (Rule 10.A.3 & Rule 13.D)

b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), may file with the State Democratic Chair, by Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. a list of all such candidates they have approved, as long as approval is given to at least two (2) names for every position to which the presidential candidate is entitled. (Rule 13.E.2 & Reg. 4.25)



- 1 c. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate candidates  
2 submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate or  
3 the authorized representative(s) signifies otherwise in writing to the State  
4 Democratic Chair not later than Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.
- 5 d. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the  
6 DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate  
7 (including uncommitted status) has used their best efforts to ensure that  
8 their respective pledged PLEO delegate candidates meet the affirmative  
9 action and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative  
10 Action section of this Plan within three (3) business days of returning the  
11 list of approved district-level delegate candidates and district-level  
12 alternate candidates as indicated in Section III.A.5.b of this Plan.

13 4. Selection of Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates

- 14 a. The pledged PLEO slots shall be allocated among presidential preferences  
15 on the same basis as the at-large delegates. (Rule 10.A.2, Rule 11.C, Rule  
16 14.E, 14.F)
- 17 b. Selection of the pledged PLEO delegates will occur on Sunday, June 14,  
18 2020 at the site of the Washington State Democratic Convention held  
19 Sunday, June 14, 2020, after the election of congressional district-level  
20 delegates and prior to the selection of at-large delegates and alternates.  
21 (Rule 10.A)
- 22 c. These delegates will be elected by the elected members of the WSDCC  
23 representing Legislative districts: (Rule 10.B.3)

24 (1) Given that:

- 25 (a) Members of the State Party Committee representing  
26 Legislative districts are apportioned in a way that each pair  
27 of such members represents a district of equal population.  
28 (Rule 10.B.1 & 4.18.A)
- 29 (b) Members of the State Party Committee have been elected  
30 through open processes by elected and appointed  
31 Democratic precinct committee officers no earlier than  
32 December 1, 2018, in conformity with the basic procedural  
33 guarantees utilized for delegate selection. (Rule 10.B.2 &  
34 Reg. 4.18.B)
- 35 (c) Such delegates are elected at a public meeting subsequent  
36 to the election of congressional district-level delegates. The  
37 district level delegates will be elected on the CD Caucus on  
38 Sunday, May 30, 2020 and the PLEO delegates will be

1 elected at the State Convention location on June 14th 2020.  
2 (Rule 10.B.3)

3 (d) Members of the State Party Committee shall have been  
4 elected no earlier than December 1, 2018, which is  
5 subsequent to the calendar year of the previous national  
6 convention. (Rule 10.B.4 & 4.18.B)

7 (e) The election of the delegates is delegated to the equally-  
8 divided members of the State Party Committee elected  
9 from the equally apportioned legislative districts, so that  
10 the Members of the State Party Committee exercising the  
11 authority are fairly apportioned and comply with the equal  
12 division requirements of Article 9, Section 16 of the  
13 Charter of the Democratic Party of the United States. (Rule  
14 10.B.5 & Reg. 4.18.C)

15 (f) Alternates are not elected at the pledged Party Leader and  
16 Elected Official level. These alternates are combined with  
17 the at-large alternates and selected as one unit.

18 5. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the  
19 Democratic National Committee the election of the state's PLEO delegates to the  
20 Democratic National Convention within ten (10) days after their election. (Rule 8.C &  
21 Call IV.A)

## 22 **D. At-Large Delegates and Alternates**

23 1. The state of Washington State is allotted 19 at-large delegates and 7 at-large  
24 alternates. (Rule 8.C, Call I.B, 11, Appendix B & Reg. 4.34)

25 2. At-Large Delegate and Alternate Filing Requirements

26 a. Persons desiring to seek at-large delegate or alternate positions may file a  
27 statement of candidacy designating their singular presidential or  
28 uncommitted preference and a signed pledge of support for the  
29 presidential candidates (including uncommitted status) which must be  
30 received by the State Party no sooner than Monday, March 23, 2020, and  
31 not later than Friday, June 5, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Statements of candidacy  
32 may be delivered in-person to the State Party office (615 – 2nd Ave.,  
33 #580, Seattle, WA 98104), mailed to the office (PO Box 4027, Seattle,  
34 WA 98194), faxed to the office (206-583-0301), or emailed  
35 (partyaffairs@wa-democrats.org). A delegate or alternate candidate may  
36 modify their singular presidential preference by submitting an updated  
37 pledge of support no later than the filing deadline. (Rule 13.A, Rule 13.B,  
38 Rule 15.6, Reg. 4.22, Reg & Reg. 4.23)

- 1           b.     PLEO candidates not elected as PLEO delegates will automatically be  
2                 considered candidates for the at-large positions if they choose to run  
3                 subject to approval by the presidential campaigns.
- 4           c.     The statement of candidacy for at-large delegates and for at-large  
5                 alternates will be the same. After the at-large delegates are elected by the  
6                 members of the State Party Committee representing Legislative districts  
7                 those persons not chosen will then be considered candidates for at-large  
8                 alternate positions unless they specify otherwise when filing. (Rule 19.A)

9           3.     Presidential Candidate Right of Review

- 10          a.     The State Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or  
11                 that candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than Wednesday,  
12                 June 10, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. a list of all persons who have filed for delegate  
13                 or alternate pledged to that presidential candidate at that time. (Reg 4.24.D  
14                 & Reg. 4.31.C)
- 15          b.     Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized  
16                 representative(s), may then file with the State Democratic Chair, not later  
17                 than thirty (30) minutes before the at-large delegates are selected a list of  
18                 all such candidates they have approved, provided that, at a minimum, two  
19                 (2) names remain for every national convention delegate or alternate  
20                 position to which the presidential candidate is entitled. (Rule 13.D.4, Rule  
21                 13.E.2 & Reg. 4.25.)
- 22          c.     Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate candidates  
23                 submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate or  
24                 the authorized representative(s) signifies otherwise in writing to the State  
25                 Democratic Chair not later than one (1) hour before the at-large delegates  
26                 are elected.
- 27          d.     The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the  
28                 DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate  
29                 has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective at-large delegate  
30                 candidates and at-large alternate candidates meet the affirmative action  
31                 and outreach and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the  
32                 Affirmative Action and Outreach and Inclusion section of this Plan within  
33                 three (3) business days of returning the list of approved at-large delegate  
34                 candidates and at-large alternate candidates as indicated in this Section.

35          4.     Fair Reflection of Presidential Preference

- 36          a.     At-large delegate and alternate positions shall be allocated among  
37                 presidential preferences according to the allocation of delegates based on  
38                 the statewide results of the presidential primary held on Tuesday, March  
39                 10th, 2020. (Rule 11.C)

- 1 b. Preferences that have not attained a 15% threshold on a state-wide basis  
2 shall not be entitled to any at-large delegates. (Rule 14.E)
- 3 c. If no presidential preference reaches a 15% threshold, the threshold shall  
4 be the half the percentage of the statewide vote received by the front-  
5 runner. (Rule 14.F)
- 6 d. If a presidential candidate is no longer a candidate at the time of election  
7 of the at- large delegates, then those at-large slots that would have been  
8 allocated to the candidate will be proportionally divided among the  
9 remaining preferences entitled to an allocation. (Rule 10.C)
- 10 e. If a given presidential preference is entitled to one or more delegate  
11 positions but would not otherwise be entitled to an alternate position, that  
12 preference shall be allotted one at-large alternate position. (Rule 18.B,  
13 Call I.I. & Reg. 4.30)

14 5. Selection of At-Large Delegates and Alternates

- 15 a. The selection of the at-large delegates and alternates will occur on  
16 Sunday, June 14, 2020 30 minutes after the election of PLEO delegates  
17 has been completed, but no earlier than 10:00 a.m., at the same site  
18 determined by the State Democratic Chair for the election of the PLEO  
19 Delegates, which is after all pledged Party Leader and Elected Official  
20 delegates have been elected.(Rule 8.D & Call III)
- 21 b. These delegates and alternates will be elected by the elected members of  
22 the State Party Committee representing Legislative districts: (Rule 8.E &  
23 Rule 11.B)
- 24 (1) Given that:
- 25 (a) Members of the State Party Committee representing  
26 Legislative districts are apportioned in a way that each pair  
27 of such members represents a district of equal population.  
28 (Rule 9.C.1 & Reg. 4.17.A)
- 29 (b) Members of the State Party Committee have been elected  
30 through open processes by elected and appointed  
31 Democratic precinct committee officers no earlier than  
32 December 1, 2018, in conformity with the basic procedural  
33 guarantees utilized for delegate selection. (Rule 10.B.4 &  
34 Reg 4.18 B)
- 35 (c) Such delegates are elected at a public meeting subsequent  
36 to the election of congressional district-level delegates.  
37 (Rule 10.B.3)

(d) Members of the State Party Committee shall have been elected no earlier than December 1, 2018, which is subsequent to the calendar year of the previous national convention. (Rule 10.B.4 & Reg. 4.18.B)

(e) Membership of the State Party Committee is equally divided to the extent practicable between men and women, without counting those members who identify as gender non-binary, complying with the equal division requirements of the Charter of the Democratic Party of the United States (Rule 10.B.5 & Reg. 4.18.C)

#### 6. Priority of Consideration

a. In the selection of the at-large delegation priority of consideration shall be given to African Americans, Hispanics, and Enrolled Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and women. (Rule 6.A.3)

b. In order to continue the Democratic Party's ongoing efforts to include groups historically under-represented in the Democratic Party's affairs and to assist in the achievement of full participation by these groups, priority of consideration shall be given other groups by virtue of race/ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability. (Rules 5.C, Rule 6.A.3, Rule 7, & Reg. 4.8)

c. The election of at-large delegates and alternates shall be used, if necessary, to achieve the equal division of positions in the delegation of its Delegates and Alternates between men and women, exclusive of positions held by gender non-binary delegates, and may be used to achieve the representation goals established in the Affirmative Action section of this Plan. (Rule 6.A & Rule 6.C & Reg. 4.9)

d. Delegates and alternates are to be considered separate groups for this purpose. (Rule 6.A. 3, Rule 10.A, Reg. 4.8 & Reg. 4.19)

7. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee the election of the state's at-large delegates and alternates to the Democratic National Convention within ten (10) days after their election. (Rule 8.C & Call IV.A)

#### **E. Replacement of Delegates and Alternates**

1. A pledged delegate or alternate may be replaced according to the following guidelines:

a. Permanent Replacement of a Delegate: (Rule 19.D.3)

1 (1) A permanent replacement occurs when a delegate resigns or dies  
2 prior to or during the national convention and the alternate replaces  
3 the delegate for the remainder of the National Convention.

4 (2) Any alternate permanently replacing a delegate shall be of the  
5 same presidential preference (including uncommitted status) and,  
6 to the extent practicable, the same gender identification of the  
7 delegate they replace. To the extent possible the alternate replacing  
8 a delegate shall be from the same political subdivision within the  
9 state as the delegate.

10 (a) If a presidential candidate has only one (1) alternate, and  
11 that alternate permanently replaces a delegate of a differing  
12 gender, thereby causing the delegation to no longer be  
13 equally divided, the delegation shall not be considered in  
14 violation of Rule 6.C. In such a case, notwithstanding Rule  
15 18.D.2, the State Party Committee representing Legislative  
16 districts shall, at the time of a subsequent permanent  
17 replacement, replace a delegate with a person of a differing  
18 gender, in order to return the delegation to equal division of  
19 men and women. (Reg. 4.36)

20 (b) If a delegate or alternate candidate, who has been elected  
21 but not certified to the DNC Secretary resigns, dies or is no  
22 longer eligible to serve, they shall be replaced, after  
23 consultation with the State Party, by the authorized  
24 representative of the presidential candidate to whom they  
25 are pledged. (Rule 19.D.2)

26 b. Temporary Replacement of a Delegate: (Rule 19.D.4)

27 (1) A temporary replacement occurs when a delegate is to be absent  
28 for a limited period of time during the convention and an alternate  
29 temporarily acts in the delegate's place.

30 (2) Any alternate who temporarily replaces a delegate must be of the  
31 same presidential preference (including uncommitted status) as the  
32 delegate they replace, and to the extent possible shall be of the  
33 same gender and from the same political subdivision, to the extent  
34 practicable, within the state as the delegate.

35 c. The following system will be used to select permanent and temporary  
36 replacements of delegates: the delegate chooses the alternate, except that if  
37 the delegate is not available to name a replacement, then the delegation  
38 shall choose the replacement. (Rule 19.D.1)

39 2. Certification of Replacements

- 1 a. Any alternate who permanently replaces a delegate shall be certified in  
2 writing to the Secretary of the DNC by the State Democratic Chair. (Rule  
3 19.D.3)
- 4 b. Permanent replacement of a delegate (as specified above) by an alternate  
5 and replacement of a vacant alternate position shall be certified in writing  
6 by the Washington State Democratic Chair to the Secretary of the  
7 Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the  
8 replacement is selected. (Call IV.D.1)
- 9 c. Certification of permanent replacements will be accepted by the Secretary  
10 up to 72 hours before the first official session of the Convention is  
11 scheduled to convene. (Call IV.D.1 & Reg. 4.35)
- 12 d. In the case where a pledged delegate is permanently replaced after 72  
13 hours before the time the first session is scheduled to convene or, in the  
14 case where a pledged delegate is not on the floor of the Convention Hall at  
15 the time a roll call vote is taken, an alternate may be designated (as  
16 specified above) to cast the delegate's vote. In such case, the Delegation  
17 Chair shall indicate the name of the alternate casting the respective  
18 delegate's vote on the delegation tally sheet (Call IX.F.3.e, Call IX.F.3.c  
19 & Reg. 5.6)
- 20 e. A vacant alternate position shall be filled by the delegation. The  
21 replacement shall be of the same presidential preference (or uncommitted  
22 status), of the same gender to the extent practicable, and from the same  
23 political subdivision, to the extent practicable, as the alternate being  
24 replaced. (Rule 19.E)
- 25 3. Automatic delegates shall not be entitled to a replacement, nor shall the state be  
26 entitled to a replacement, except under the following circumstances: (Call IV. D.2 & Reg.  
27 4.37)
- 28 a. Members of Congress and the Democratic Governor shall not be entitled  
29 to name a replacement. In the event of changes or vacancies in the state's  
30 Congressional Delegation, following the official confirmation and prior to  
31 the commencement of the National Convention, the DNC Secretary shall  
32 recognize only such changes as have been officially recognized by the  
33 Democratic Caucus of the U.S. House of Representatives or the  
34 Democratic Conference of the U.S. Senate. In the event of a change or  
35 vacancy in the state's office of Governor, the DNC shall recognize only  
36 such changes as have been officially recognized by the Democratic  
37 Governors' Association. (Call IV.D.2.a)
- 38 b. Members of the Democratic National Committee shall not be entitled to a  
39 replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to a replacement, except in the  
40 case of death of such delegates. In the case where the state's DNC

membership changes following the DNC Secretary's official confirmation, but prior to the commencement of the 2020 Democratic National Convention, acknowledgment by the Secretary of the new DNC member certification shall constitute verification of the corresponding change of automatic delegates. (Call IV.D.2.b)

c. Automatic distinguished Party Leader delegates allocated to the state pursuant to Rule 9.A.5 shall not be entitled to name a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to name a replacement. (Call IV.C.2.c)

d. In no case may an alternate cast a vote for an Automatic delegate. (Call IX. F.3.e)

## **F. Rules for Delegate Selection Meetings**

The following rules apply to each meeting during the delegate selection process, to the extent relevant to the meeting, provided that in the event a meeting is cancelled due to natural disaster, health emergency or other emergency the WSDCC Executive Committee shall provide rules and procedures for the conduct of business that would otherwise have been conducted at the meeting, consistent with the requirements of DSAAP III.F.4. Meetings include legislative district caucuses, county conventions, congressional district caucuses, and the State Convention.

1. Seating of Alternates. Alternates shall be listed and seated in the order in which they were elected and shall serve only for their respective legislative districts and according to their Presidential preference.

a. An alternate of the same gender identification and from the same county

b. An alternate of a different gender identification, from the same county

c. An alternate of the same gender identification, from a different county

d. An alternate of a different gender identification, from a different county

2. Within the parameters and within one of the categories listed above, an alternate who received more votes shall be seated before an alternate who received fewer votes at the same meeting. When filling a seat for which alternates elected at different meetings are equally eligible, the position shall be filled by lot from among the equally eligible alternates.

3. Delegates are allocated at every subsequent meeting based upon the outcome of the results of the presidential primary. Each presidential preference (including uncommitted), shall receive their share of the delegates allotted from the presidential primary at each of the next stages of the process. Alternates to the next level of the process shall be allocated in the same proportion as delegates. The allocation calculations shall be made pursuant to Rule 14 of the 2020 Delegate Selection Rules for the Democratic National Committee as follows:



- 1 Step 1: Tabulate the percentage of the vote that each presidential preference  
2 receives to three decimals,  
3 Step 2: Retabulate the percentage of the vote, to three decimals, received by  
4 each presidential preference excluding the votes of presidential  
5 preference whose percentage in Step 1 falls below 15%,  
6 Step 3: If all candidates fall below 15%, the threshold shall be one-half of the  
7 percentage of the highest vote-earning candidate.  
8 Step 4: Multiply the number of delegates to be allocated by the re-tabulated  
9 percentage received by each presidential preference.  
10 Step 5: Delegates shall be allocated to each presidential preference based on the  
11 whole numbers that result from the multiplication in Step 3.  
12 Step 6: Remaining delegates, if any, shall be awarded to the highest fractional  
13 remainders in Step 3. Ties shall be determined by lot.
- 14 4. Delegates for each presidential preference will caucus and vote separately for the  
15 number of delegates and alternates allocated to their presidential preference. Any  
16 delegate allocation slot for which no person is available for election shall go unfilled  
17 except that an unfilled slot in a legislative district's delegation to the congressional  
18 district caucuses and state convention may be filled within 14 days of the delegation's  
19 election by the elected members of the LD's delegation. Unfilled slots shall be filled in  
20 the same manner (and subject to the same protections for presidential preference  
21 allocation) as set forth in DSAAP III.E.1.a.2 and DSAAP III.E.1.c (any alternates are first  
22 elevated to full delegate status and then vacant alternate positions are filled by the  
23 delegation, continuing until the delegation is complete). In the event that no  
24 congressional district or state convention delegates are selected due to a cancellation of  
25 meetings by the WSDCC Executive Committee as a result of natural disaster, health  
26 emergency or other emergency the delegation shall be selected by the district's Precinct  
27 Committee Officers. All candidates for delegate must be resident, registered voters or  
28 pre-registered 17 year olds who will turn 18 on or before Tuesday, November 3, 2020 in  
29 the jurisdiction from which they are elected and must be identified as to presidential  
30 preference. A candidate who is not a delegate to the meeting or who is not present must  
31 signify in advance, in writing individually, her or his presidential preference, that they  
32 will serve if elected and that they are a Democrat and are willing to be known as such.  
33 Said letter shall be delivered to the caucus convener at or prior to the caucus, shall be  
34 read at the meeting by the chair and shall constitute a nomination at a legislative district  
35 caucus, county convention, or congressional district caucus. Alternates, when chosen at a  
36 caucus level, shall be nominated and elected in the same manner.
- 37 5. Voting for delegates and alternates shall be by signed ballot at all delegate  
38 selection meetings. A ballot to be counted must have all positions filled with duly  
39 nominated candidates with no duplications and be voted for a number of males and  
40 females differing by no more than one and, to the extent unequal reflecting the current  
41 binary gender advantage, if any, of the jurisdiction or presidential preference. The vote  
42 shall not be weighted. Except at the Legislative district caucus, an unsigned ballot is  
43 invalid and shall not be counted in the tally to determine whether a plurality has been  
44 obtained. Each meeting chair shall give clear notice to delegates that they must vote for  
45 the allotted number of candidates and the chair must also give adequate time to do so and  
46 ask voting delegates to check ballots before turning them in. A simple plurality is

required for the election of a delegate or alternate. Uncontested elections may be by acclamation. The chair shall provide the ballots. A quorum as defined in Section VI.H must be present in order to select delegates to the next tier of the caucus system.

6. The binary-gendered members of the delegation elected by each legislative district and county shall be equally divided between men and women to the extent practicable in both the delegate and alternate categories unless there are an insufficient number of nominees from one gender to fill the available positions.

7. A person need not be a delegate at one caucus level to run for a delegate seat to the next caucus level.

## **G. Legislative district Caucuses**

1. The principal business of the legislative district caucuses shall be the election of delegates and alternates to the 2020 Democratic State Convention and congressional district caucuses. Legislative district caucuses may also adopt platforms and resolutions.

2. Delegates and alternates to the State Convention and congressional district caucuses shall be apportioned among the legislative districts based on a formula giving equal weight to the number of registered voters in November 2019, and to the average of Democratic presidential and gubernatorial votes cast in the 2016 general election, as indicated in *(This document will not be available to prepare, as the data is not available, until November of 2019)*, according to the following criteria:

a. The number of registered voters (active and inactive voters combined) shall be as reported by the Washington Secretary of State in the November 2019 public release of the statewide Voter Registration Database (VRDB) excluding registered voters not attributed to a specific geographic precinct.

b. The average of the votes cast for Hillary Clinton for President and Jay Inslee for Governor shall be as certified by each county auditor and the Washington Secretary of State excluding votes cast but not attributed to a specific geographic precinct.

c. For purposes of delegate and alternate allocation, precincts in the same county and congressional district and legislative district shall be grouped together and allocations determined individually for each such grouping, with the exception of the following impracticably small groupings:

(1) Precincts included in King County and the 1st Congressional District and the 39th Legislative district shall be grouped with precincts included in Snohomish County and the 1st Congressional District and the 39th Legislative district.

(2) Precincts included in King County and the 9th Congressional District and the 5th Legislative district shall be grouped with

precincts included in King County and the 9th Congressional District and the 11th Legislative district.

3. Legislative district caucuses shall be held on Sunday, April 26, commencing at 1:00 p.m., in all legislative districts that do not select delegates at a county convention. The time (Sunday, April 26, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.) and the locations of the legislative district caucuses shall be announced no later than Thursday, April 16, 2020. Notice shall be mailed or emailed at least ten (10) days in advance, as allowed by a jurisdiction's bylaws. In addition to any outreach designated in the affirmative action policy, notice shall be given to each Presidential campaign, released to the media, published in Party newsletters and websites, and shall include at least the following information:

1. The authority giving the notice
2. Who is eligible to participate
3. Starting time, place and address of the meeting
4. Proposed agenda
5. Proposed operating rules
6. Other pertinent, concise information to prepare the delegate or alternate for the work to be accomplished

4. Attendance at the LD caucuses will be open to any voter residing in the LD who is willing to publicly identify as a Democrat by subscribing to the same declaration required for participation in the presidential primary, indicates a presidential preference and will be 18 on or before November 3, 2020.

a. Delegates and alternates to the state convention and congressional district caucuses shall be elected at the legislative district caucuses in the following legislative districts: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 8<sup>th</sup>, 11th, 21st, 25th, 26<sup>th</sup>, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35<sup>th</sup>, 36th, 37th, 38th, 41st, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th and 48th. They may be elected in other legislative district caucuses by agreement with the county central committees affected.

b. A county that is wholly within a single legislative district may choose its delegates and alternates to the state convention and congressional district caucuses at a sub-caucus held concurrently with the county convention.

c. A county that is in more than one legislative district may choose its delegates and alternates to the state convention and congressional district caucuses at legislative district caucuses during the county convention at a sub-caucus of delegates from each legislative district on the date of the convention.

d. A legislative district operating under (a), (b) or (c), above, must notify the State Democratic Chair, by certified letter with return receipt requested, no later than Friday, February 28, 2020, to allow for adequate public notice.

1        5.        The legislative district central committee or executive board shall select a  
2 legislative district caucus credentials chair and committee not less than thirty (30) days  
3 prior to the caucus. The final credentials report shall be adopted prior to the conduct of  
4 any other official business, but no earlier than 2:00 p.m. Individuals who arrive and sign  
5 in after the final credentials report may participate and vote, but their presence will not  
6 affect a quorum call. The Credentials Committee shall prepare a report for submission to  
7 the State Party (Affirmative Action Report) which shall include the demographic profile  
8 of the caucus attendees germane to the delegate selection and affirmative action plan.

9        6.        The legislative district central committee or executive board shall select a  
10 legislative district caucus rules chair and committee not less than thirty (30) days prior to  
11 the caucus. It shall meet in advance of the caucus and shall propose rules for the caucus.

12       7.        The legislative district caucus chair shall transmit the Affirmative Action Report,  
13 and the names, demographic profiles germane to the delegate selection and affirmative  
14 action plan, mailing addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses, and presidential  
15 preference of delegates and alternates elected at the legislative district caucus to the State  
16 Democratic Chair within five (5) days of their election. Alternates shall be listed in the  
17 order in which they were elected.

## 18    **H.        County Conventions**

19       1.        The business of county conventions shall include the adoption of a platform or  
20 resolutions. If the county convention holds legislative district caucuses to elect delegates  
21 and alternates to the State Convention and congressional district caucuses, those caucuses  
22 shall be conducted pursuant to the applicable provisions relating to legislative district  
23 caucuses at a sub-caucus meeting, not as part of the general business of the convention.

24       2.        County conventions shall be held at the option of the county central committee or  
25 executive board. All scheduled county conventions shall be held on Sunday, May 3,  
26 2020, commencing no earlier than 9:00am and no later than 1:00 p.m. with the exception  
27 of those jurisdictions who have requested to hold their County conventions concurrent  
28 with their legislative district caucuses.

29       3.        The time (Sunday, May 3, 2020 at the time determined by local party leadership,  
30 but no later than 1:00 p.m.) and the locations of the county conventions shall be  
31 announced no later Thursday, April 16, 2020. Notice shall be mailed or emailed, as  
32 allowed by a jurisdiction's bylaws, at least ten (10) days in advance to all Democrats  
33 designated in the affirmative action plan, the publicity plan, Party newsletters and  
34 websites, and additional means as described in the media plan shall be used to promote  
35 participation. The notice shall include at least the following information:

1. The authority giving the notice
2. Who is eligible to participate
3. Starting time, place and address of the meeting
4. Proposed agenda
5. Proposed operating rules
6. Other pertinent, concise information to prepare the delegate or alternate for the work to be accomplished

4. Attendees to the county convention shall be any voter residing in the LD who is willing to publicly identify as a Democrat by subscribing to the same declaration required for participation in the presidential primary, indicates a presidential preference and will be 18 on or before November 3, 2020.

5. The county central committee, executive board shall select a county convention credentials chair and committee not less than thirty (30) days prior to the convention. The final credentials report shall be adopted prior to the conduct of any other official business, but no earlier than 2:00 p.m. Individuals who arrive and sign in after the final credentials report may participate and vote, but their presence will not affect a quorum call. The Credentials Committee shall prepare a report for submission to the State Party (Affirmative Action Report) which shall include the demographic profile of the caucus attendees germane to the delegate selection and affirmative action plan.

6. The county central committee or executive board shall select a county convention platform chair and committee not less than thirty (30) days prior to the convention. It shall meet in advance of the convention, consider resolutions submitted by the Legislative district caucuses and draft a proposed platform.

7. The county central committee, executive board shall select a county convention rules chair and committee not less than thirty (30) days prior to the convention. It shall meet in advance of the convention and shall propose rules for the convention.

## **I. Congressional District Caucuses**

1. The principal business of the congressional district caucuses shall be the election of delegates and alternates to the National Convention.

2. Congressional district caucuses shall be held on Saturday, May 30, 2020 commencing at times and sites designated by the State Democratic Chair. Notice shall be given at least ten (10) days in advance to each delegate and alternate and to the news media by the State Democratic Chair. The duly elected Executive Board member for each congressional district shall serve as chair, unless they run for national delegate or decline or are unable to serve, in which case the State Democratic Chair shall appoint a chair for each congressional district caucus. The caucus chair shall appoint a secretary for the caucus. Delegates to the congressional district caucuses shall be the duly elected delegates or alternates from the legislative district caucuses (or legislative district sub-caucuses held in conjunction with county conventions) within each congressional district.

1       3.       The congressional district caucus secretary shall certify the number of delegates  
2 present, the number of delegates for each presidential preference, an affirmative action  
3 report of delegates and alternates, and the allocation of delegates and alternates for each  
4 presidential preference, which shall constitute the final credentials report.

5       4.       Each candidate for congressional district-level delegate to the National  
6 Convention may use up to one (1) minute on their own behalf for nominating and  
7 seconding speeches and a speech by the candidate. The one (1) minute may be allocated  
8 at the candidate's discretion.

## 9       **J.       State Convention**

10       1.       The Democratic State Convention shall commence on Saturday, June 13, 2020, at  
11 9:00 a.m. in Tacoma, Washington. Notice shall be given at least ten (10) days in advance  
12 to each delegate and alternate by the State Democratic Chair. The State Democratic Chair  
13 is authorized to appoint the temporary chair, the secretary, the parliamentarian, and the  
14 sergeants-at-arms.

15       2.       There will be 1,400 elected delegates and 700 elected alternates to the State  
16 Convention. Any county with fewer than ten (10) delegates may send up to ten (10)  
17 people, with fractional votes, to the convention. In addition to the elected delegates, the  
18 following shall be automatic delegates to the State Convention (but not the Congressional  
19 District Caucuses): all state committee members, all DNC members residing in  
20 Washington State, county chairs, county first vice chairs or the highest ranking officer of  
21 a different gender, legislative district chairs, legislative district first vice chairs or the  
22 highest ranking officer of a different gender Democratic Members of Congress from  
23 Washington State, Democratic Statewide Elected Officials, and Democratic State  
24 Senators and Representatives.

25       3.       State Convention delegates shall be requested to pay a \$50.00 State Convention  
26 registration fee to the State Party Committee. No person shall be excluded or disqualified  
27 at any level on the basis of non-payment of such registration or any fee.

28       4.       Alternates shall be listed and seated in the order in which they were elected and  
29 shall serve only for their respective legislative districts and presidential preference,  
30 provided that in delegations from legislative districts containing more than one county, an  
31 alternate from the same county as an absent delegate shall be seated prior to any other  
32 alternate from the legislative district. Should no same county alternate be present, the  
33 eligible alternate from within the legislative district shall be seated. Alternates shall not  
34 be seated in the place of absent automatic delegates.

35       5.       The business of the State Convention shall be proposed by the State Convention  
36 Rules Committee and confirmed by the State Convention. A platform shall also be  
37 adopted. Workshops may be held at the discretion of the State Chair.

38       6.       Standing Committees of the State Convention.

- 1 a. The Credentials Committee shall have the power to certify delegates as  
2 submitted by the legislative districts and counties, and to recommend  
3 settlement of all disputes pertaining to seating of delegates. The final  
4 credentials report shall be adopted prior to the conduct of any other  
5 official business and shall include the number of delegates registered for  
6 each presidential preference. It shall also produce a post-convention  
7 Affirmative Action Report of delegates and alternates. A member of the  
8 Affirmative Action Committee will serve on the Credentials Committee.
- 9 b. The Platform Committee shall hold hearings and shall meet and consider  
10 resolutions and platforms as submitted by the various counties and/or  
11 legislative districts and draft a proposed platform, information about  
12 which shall be mailed or emailed to all delegates and alternates to the  
13 State Convention at least ten (10) days prior to the convention. At its first  
14 meeting the Platform Committee shall adopt procedures for determining  
15 what resolutions are properly submitted to the Convention, which shall  
16 include at least all resolutions adopted by County Conventions and  
17 submitted in a timely manner to the Washington State Democratic Party.
- 18 c. The Rules Committee shall draft proposed rules and a proposed agenda for  
19 the conduct of the Convention that shall be mailed or emailed to all  
20 delegates and alternates to the State Convention at least ten (10) days prior  
21 to the Convention. A member of the Affirmative Action Committee will  
22 serve on the Rules Committee. The Rules Committee will ensure  
23 compliance with the party's affirmative action goals.
- 24 d. Committees shall hold an initial meeting in advance of the State  
25 Convention at a time and place to be determined by the State Democratic  
26 Chair.
- 27 e. The State Democratic Chair shall appoint the chair or co-chairs of the  
28 Credentials, Rules and Platform Committees no later than Tuesday,  
29 December 31, 2019. The appointment shall be confirmed by the State  
30 Committee at its next meeting. Each legislative district and county  
31 organization shall elect one member to serve on each of the three  
32 committees no later than Friday, March 13, 2020.

33 7. Credentials Challenge.

- 34 a. Any affected participant may file a challenge. The challenge must comply  
35 in form and substance with the requirements of the Rules Governing  
36 Challenges attached as Appendix B and is filed by certified mail with  
37 return receipt requested with the State Chair and postmarked no later than  
38 ten (10) days after the meeting at which the challenged delegate or  
39 alternate was elected. A challenge relating to a delegate elected at a  
40 legislative district Caucus or County Convention shall be initially

1 reviewed by the State Convention Credentials Committee or the State  
2 Rules Committee, as appropriate based on the timing of the challenge.



## **Section IV**

### **National Convention Standing Committee Members**

#### **A. Introduction**

1. Washington State has been allocated four (4) members on each of the three standing committees for the 2020 Democratic National Convention (Credentials, Platform and Rules), for a total of twelve (12) members. (Call VII.A & Call Appendix D)
2. Members of the Convention Standing Committees need not be delegates or alternates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention. (Call VII.A.3)
3. These members will be selected in accordance with the procedures indicated below. (Rule 1.G)

#### **B. Standing Committee Members**

1. Selection Meeting
  - a. The members of the standing committees shall be elected by a quorum of Washington State's National Convention delegates, at a meeting to be held on Saturday, June 13th. (Call VII.B.1)
  - b. All members of the delegation shall receive adequate notice of the time, date, and place of the meeting to select the standing committee members. (Call VII.B.1)
2. Allocation of Members
  - a. The members of the standing committees allocated to Washington State shall proportionately represent the presidential preference of all candidates (including uncommitted status) receiving the threshold percentage used in the state's delegation to calculate the at-large apportionment pursuant to Rule 13.E. of the Delegate Selection Rules. (Call VII.C.1 & Reg. 5.9)
  - b. The presidential preference of each candidate receiving the threshold percentage or more within the delegation shall be multiplied by the total number of standing committee positions allocated to Washington State. If the result of such multiplication does not equal 0.455 or above, the presidential preference in question is not entitled to representation on the standing committee. If the result of such multiplication is equal to or more than 0.455 but less than 1.455, the presidential preference is entitled to one (1) position. Those preferences securing equal to or more than 1.455 but less than 2.455 are entitled to two (2) positions, etc. (Call VII.C.2)
  - c. Where the application of this formula results in the total allocation exceeding the total number of committee positions, the presidential

1 candidate whose original figure of representation is farthest from its  
2 eventual rounded-off total shall be denied that one (1) additional position.  
3 Where the application of this formula results in the total allocation falling  
4 short of the total number of committee positions, the presidential  
5 candidate whose original figure of representation is closest to the next  
6 rounding level shall be allotted an additional committee position. (Call  
7 VII.C.3)

- 8 d. Standing committee positions allocated to a presidential candidate shall be  
9 proportionately allocated, to the extent practicable, to each of the three  
10 standing committees. When such allocation results in an unequal  
11 distribution of standing committee positions by candidate preference, a  
12 drawing shall be conducted to distribute the additional positions. (Call  
13 VII.C.4)

14 3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review

- 15 a. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized  
16 representative(s), shall be given adequate notice of the date, time and  
17 location of the meeting of the state's delegation authorized to elect  
18 standing committee members. (Call VII.D.1)
- 19 b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized  
20 representative(s), may submit to the State Democratic Chair, by Sunday,  
21 June 14, 2020, immediately after the election of the at-large delegates and  
22 alternates, a minimum of one (1) name for each slot awarded to that  
23 candidate for members of each committee. The delegation shall select the  
24 standing committee members from among the names submitted by the  
25 presidential candidates (including uncommitted status). Presidential  
26 candidates shall not be required to submit the name of more than one (1)  
27 person for each slot awarded to such candidate for members of standing  
28 committees. (Call VII.D.2)

29 4. Selection Procedure to Achieve Equal Division

- 30 a. Presidential candidates (including uncommitted status) shall use their best  
31 efforts to ensure that their respective delegation of standing committee  
32 members shall achieve Washington's affirmative action, outreach, and  
33 inclusion goals and that their respective male and female members are  
34 equally divided to the extent practicable between the men and women  
35 determined by gender self-identification. (Rule 6.I & Reg. 4.10)
- 36 b. The first binary gender position on each standing committee shall be  
37 assigned to one of the binary genders. For example, the first binary  
38 position on the Credentials Committee of the presidential candidate with  
39 the most standing committee positions shall be designated for a male, and  
40 the next binary position, if one occurs, will be designated for a female, and

1 the remaining binary positions, to the extent they occur, shall be  
2 designated in like fashion, alternating between males and females, where  
3 applicable. For avoidance of doubt: there is no requirement that positions  
4 be assigned to gender non-binaries but the described alternation of binary  
5 genders may not be used to exclude a gender non-binary person from  
6 consideration for a committee position. Positions for presidential  
7 candidates on each committee shall be ranked according to the total  
8 number of standing positions allocated to each such candidate. After  
9 positions on the Credentials Committee are designated by gender, the  
10 designation shall continue with the Platform Committee, then the Rules  
11 Committee.

12 (1) A separate election shall be conducted for membership on each  
13 standing committee.

14 (2) The male and female membership of the standing committees shall  
15 be as equally divided to the extent practicable among the men and  
16 women, irrespective of members who identify as gender non-  
17 binary, as possible under the state allocation; the variance between  
18 men and women in any committee or among the three committees  
19 in aggregate shall not exceed one. (Call VII.E.2)

20 (3) Gender non-binary committee members shall not be counted as  
21 either a male or female, and the remainder of the delegation shall  
22 be equally divided between male gender (men) and female gender  
23 (women). (Call VII.E.1)

## 24 5. Certification and Substitution

25 a. The State Democratic Chair shall certify the standing committee members  
26 in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within  
27 three (3) days after their selection. (Call VII.B.3)

28 b. No substitutions will be permitted in the case of standing committee  
29 members, except in the case of resignation or death. Substitutions must be  
30 made in accordance with the rules and the election procedures specified in  
31 this section and must be certified in writing to the Secretary of the  
32 Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the substitute  
33 member is selected but not later than 48 hours before the respective  
34 committee meets. (Call VII.B.4)

35 6. Temporary Standing Committee Members: Temporary members for the  
36 Convention Standing Committees will be selected by the Washington State Democratic  
37 Central Committee at a meeting on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020. The meeting shall be open to the  
38 public and well publicized in accordance with this Plan. Any Democrat may apply for a  
39 position as a temporary member of the standing committees by January 18, 2020. They  
40 will be selected by the Washington State Democratic Central Committee at a meeting on

1 February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020. Members of the State Central Committee shall receive timely notice  
2 of the meeting, in accordance with State Party rules. (Call VII.G.2)

3 a. Any Democrat may apply for a position as a temporary member of the  
4 standing committees. Persons wishing to be considered must submit an  
5 application to the state party chair with a brief statement of relevant  
6 background, including the committees for which they wish to be  
7 considered, no later than January 18, 2020.

8 b. If required, a separate election shall be conducted for membership on each  
9 of the standing committees. The male and female membership of each  
10 standing committee shall be equally divided among men and women  
11 (determined by self-identification) under the state allocation; i.e. the  
12 variance between men and women on any committee or, among the all  
13 committees in aggregate shall not exceed one. (Call VII.E.2) In the case of  
14 gender non-binary committee members, they shall not be counted as either  
15 a male or female, and the remainder of the standing committee members  
16 shall be equally divided between male gender (men) and female gender  
17 (women). (Call VII.E.1)

18 c. Temporary members serve only in the event that the respective standing  
19 committee is called to meet prior to completion of the state's delegate  
20 selection process and subsequent selection of permanent standing  
21 committee members. No temporary member may continue to serve after  
22 the selection of the permanent standing committee members unless they  
23 are elected as a permanent member. (Call VII.G.3)

24 d. Temporary members selected after the first determining step has occurred  
25 in a state shall reflect the Presidential preferences so established. (Call  
26 VII.G.3)

27 e. The State Chair shall certify the temporary standing committee members  
28 in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within  
29 three (3) days after their selection. Substitutions in a state's list of  
30 temporary members may only be made up to ten (10) days prior to the  
31 time the standing committee meets. Substitute temporary standing  
32 committee members will be selected at a meeting of the State Central  
33 Committee in accordance with the provisions outlined above. (Call  
34 VII.B.3 and Call VII.G.4)

## Section V The Delegation

- A. Washington State will select one (1) person to serve as Delegation Chair and three (3) individuals to serve as Convention Pages. (Call IV.E, Call IV.F.1 & Call Appendix C)

### B. Delegation Chair

#### 1. Selection Meeting

- a. The Delegation Chair shall be elected by a quorum of the state's National Convention Delegates, at a meeting to be held on Sunday, June 14, 2020. (Call IV.E)

- b. All members of the delegation shall receive timely notice of the time, date and place of the meeting to select the Delegation Chair. (Rule 3.C)

2. The State Democratic Chair shall certify the Delegation Chair in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after their selection. (Call IV.E)

### C. Convention Pages

1. Three (3) individuals will be selected to serve as Washington State's Convention Pages by the State Democratic Chair in consultation with the members of the Democratic National Committee from the state. This selection will take place on Sunday, June 14th, 2020. (Call IV.F.3, Call Appendix C & Reg. 5.7)

2. The Convention Pages shall be as evenly divided between men and women (determined by self-identification) as practicable under the state allocation and shall reflect as much as possible, the Affirmative Action and Outreach and Inclusion guidelines in the state plan. In the case of gender non-binary pages, they shall not be counted as either a male or female, and the remainder of the pages shall be equally divided to the extent practicable. (Reg. 5.7.A)

3. The State Democratic Chair shall certify the individuals to serve as Washington State's Convention Pages in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the selection. (Call IV.F.3 & Reg. 5.6.B)

## Section VI Presidential Electors

### A. Introduction

Washington will select 12 persons to serve as Presidential Electors for the 2020 Presidential election.

### B. Selection of Presidential Electors

#### 1. Congressional District Electors:

- a. A Presidential Elector and an alternate Elector shall be elected by the elected Legislative District State Central Committee (SCC) Representatives residing in their electors' Congressional District at the June 14, 2020 State Central Committee meeting.
- b. Each candidate for Elector must pledge formally in writing and in good conscience to the election of these Presidential and Vice-Presidential nominees, under the label and designation of the Democratic Party of the United States prior to nomination.
- c. Each candidate for Elector may use up to one (1) minute on their own behalf for nominating and seconding speeches and a speech by the candidate. The (1) minute may be allocated at the candidate's discretion.
- d. Elector shall be elected by a majority of those present and voting. Each State Central Committee Member may vote for one candidate. If no candidate receives a majority on the initial vote, the top candidate and the top candidate of a different gender shall compete in a runoff election, with the winner elected as Elector and the other candidate elected as alternate Elector. If a candidate does receive a majority on the initial vote, the top vote-getter of a different gender shall be elected as alternate Elector.

#### 2. At-Large Electors

- a. Two at-large Presidential Electors shall be elected by the elected members of the State Central Committee (SCC) representing Legislative Districts at the June 14, 2020 State Central Committee meeting. Each SCC member shall have two votes, one for each of the two at-large electors.
- b. The election of the at-large Presidential Electors shall be used, if necessary, so that the Elector delegation is equally divided to the extent practicable. The Chair of the Washington State Democratic Party shall announce prior to the vote how many candidates of any gender shall be elected.

- 1 c. Each candidate for Elector must pledge formally in writing and in good  
2 conscience to the election of these Presidential and Vice-Presidential  
3 nominees, under the label and designation of the Democratic Party of the  
4 United States prior to nomination.
- 5 d. Each candidate for Elector may use up to one (1) minute on their own  
6 behalf for nominating and seconding speeches and a speech by the  
7 candidate. The (1) minute may be allocated at the candidate's discretion.
- 8 3. Each SCC member shall have two votes.
- 9 a. If a candidate receives a majority on the initial vote, they shall be elected.
- 10 b. If no candidate receives a majority on the initial vote, the top-four vote-  
11 getters (of the gender[s] needed to balance the Elector-delegation) shall  
12 compete in a runoff election. A majority is required to elect.
- 13 c. If one candidate receives a majority on the initial vote, the top-two vote-  
14 getters (of the gender[s] needed to mitigate any unequal division in the  
15 Elector-delegation) shall compete in a runoff election. A plurality is  
16 required to elect.
- 17 d. The alternate at-large Electors shall be the Chair and the next highest-  
18 ranking officer of a gender necessary to maintain or achieve equal division  
19 among the electors as a whole.
- 20 4. Removal of an Elector
- 21 a. The Executive Committee of the State Democratic Party may remove an  
22 Elector (or alternate Elector) through a majority vote prior to the  
23 certification of the election of Electors by the Washington Secretary of  
24 State if grounds exist to believe that the Elector (or alternate Elector) will  
25 violate their pledge to elect Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees,  
26 under the label and designation of the Democratic Party of the United  
27 States. The exact date will depend on state law or policies, if any,  
28 promulgated by the Washington Secretary of State.
- 29 b. If an Elector (or alternate Elector) is removed, the Chair of the State  
30 Democratic Party shall inform the Washington State Secretary of State  
31 that the individual no longer represents the will of the voters for the  
32 Presidential nominee of the Democratic Party of the United States and that  
33 the alternate elector will serve as the Elector.
- 34 c. If a Congressional District Elector (or alternate Elector) is removed, the  
35 Executive Committee shall select an alternate elector from among the  
36 members of SCC residing in that Congressional District. If an at-large  
37 Elector is removed, then the State Chair or the next highest-ranking State

1 Party officer of the same gender as the removed Elector shall  
2 automatically become the new Elector.

- 3 d. The Executive Committee of the State Democratic Party may remove an  
4 Elector (or alternate Elector) through a majority vote after the certification  
5 of the election of Electors by the Washington Secretary of State if grounds  
6 exist, including, but not limited to the failure of the certified elector's  
7 refusal to sign an oath stating that they will be voting for the Democratic  
8 President and Vice-Presidential Nominees, or belief that the Elector (or  
9 alternate Elector) will violate their pledge to elect Presidential and Vice  
10 Presidential nominees, under the label and designation of the Democratic  
11 Party of the United States. The exact date will depend on state law or  
12 policies, if any, promulgated by the Washington Secretary of State.

13 **C. Affirmation**

14 1. Each candidate for Presidential Elector shall certify in writing that they will vote  
15 for the election of the Democratic Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees and that  
16 they understand that a failure to do so is a failure to execute their duty as an elector.(Call  
17 VIII)

18 2. Each candidate will be required to sign an oath affirming their commitment to the  
19 ideals of the Democratic Party and that they will work to support the Party's interests  
20 both as an elector and in their personal capacity, as well as subscribe to the substance,  
21 intent and principles of the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United  
22 States. Individuals are also willing to be publicly identified as Democrats.

23 **D. Communication to the Washington Secretary of State**

24 1. The State Party Chair shall transmit the slate of electors to the Washington State  
25 Secretary of State prior to the third Tuesday in August (August 18, 2020) in accordance  
26 with RCW 29A.56.360.



## Section VII

### General Provisions and Procedural Guarantees

A. The Washington State Democratic Party reaffirms its commitment to an open party by incorporating the ‘six basic elements’ as listed below. These provisions demonstrate the intention of the Democratic Party to ensure a full opportunity for all minority group members to participate in the delegate selection process. (Rule 4.A, Rule 4.B, Rule 4.C)

1. All public meetings at all levels of the Democratic Party in Washington State should be open to all members of the Democratic Party regardless of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity and expressions, disability status, either physical or mental and economic status hereinafter collectively referred to as “status”). (Rule 4.B.1)

2. No test for membership in, nor any oaths of loyalty to the Democratic Party in Washington State should be required or used that has the effect of requiring prospective or current members of the Democratic Party to acquiesce in, condone or support discrimination based on “status.” (Rule 4.B.2)

3. The time and place for all public meetings of the Democratic Party in Washington State on all levels should be publicized fully and in such manner as to assure timely notice to all interested persons. Such meetings must be held in places reasonably accessible to all Party members including people with disabilities, and large enough to accommodate all interested persons expected to attend. (Rule 4.B.3)

4. The Democratic Party in Washington State, on all levels, should support the broadest possible registration without discrimination based on “status.” (Rule 4.B.4)

5. The Democratic Party in Washington State should publicize fully and in such a manner as to assure notice to all interested parties a full description of the legal and practical procedures for selection of Democratic Party officers and representatives on all levels. Publication of these procedures should be done in such fashion that all prospective and current members of each State Democratic Party will be fully and adequately informed of the pertinent procedures in time to participate in each selection procedure at all levels of the Democratic Party organization. (Rule 4.B.5)

6. The Democratic Party in Washington State should publicize fully and in such a manner as to assure notice to all interested parties, a complete description of the legal and practical qualifications of all positions as officers and representatives of the State Democratic Party. Such publication should be done in timely fashion so that all prospective candidates or applicants for any elected or appointed position within each State Democratic Party will have full and adequate opportunity to compete for office. (Rule 4.B.6)

- 1 B. Discrimination on the basis of ‘status’ in the conduct of Democratic Party affairs  
2 is prohibited. (Rule 5.B)
- 3 C. The individuals in Washington State’s delegation shall be equally divided to the  
4 extent practicable between delegate men and delegate women, not including those  
5 delegates who identify as gender non- binary, and alternate men and alternate  
6 women, not including those alternates who identify as gender non-binary. Such  
7 goal applies to the entire delegation, which includes all pledged delegates and  
8 alternates and all automatic delegates. Delegates and alternates shall be considered  
9 separate groups for purposes of achieving equal division. (Rule 6.C)
- 10 D. All delegate and alternate candidates must be identified as to presidential  
11 preference or uncommitted status at all levels which determine presidential  
12 preference. (Rule 12.A)
- 13 E. No delegate at any level of the delegate selection process shall be mandated by  
14 law or Party rules to vote contrary to that person’s presidential choice as expressed  
15 at the time the delegate is elected. (Rule 12.I)
- 16 F. Delegates elected to the national convention pledged to a presidential candidate  
17 shall in all good conscience reflect the sentiments of those who elected them.  
18 (Rule 12.J)
- 19 G. All delegates, alternates and standing committee members at all levels of the  
20 delegate allocation and selection process must be bona fide Democrats who have  
21 the interests, welfare and success of the Democratic Party of the United States at  
22 heart, who subscribe to the substance, intent and principles of the Charter and  
23 Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States, and who will participate in  
24 any level of caucus or Convention in good faith. (Rule 13.H & Reg. 4.26)
- 25 H. Forty percent (40%) the members of any Party body above the first level of the  
26 delegate selection process shall constitute a quorum for any business pertaining to  
27 the selection of National Convention delegates, alternates, standing committee  
28 members, and other official Convention participants, as well as Presidential  
29 Electors. (Rule 15)
- 30 I. The unit rule, or any rule or practice whereby all members of a Party unit or  
31 delegation may be required to cast their votes in accordance with the will of a  
32 majority of the body, shall not be used at any stage of the delegate selection  
33 process. (Rule 17.A)
- 34 J. Any individual or group of Democrats may sponsor or endorse a slate of  
35 candidates for convention delegates. But no slate may, by virtue of such  
36 endorsement, receive a preferential place on a delegate selection ballot or be

publicly identified on the ballot as the official Democratic Party organization slate, and all slates must meet identical qualifying requirements for appearing on a ballot at all levels of the delegate selection process. (Rule 17.B)

K. All steps in the delegate selection process, including the filing of presidential candidates, must take place within the calendar year of the Democratic National Convention, except with respect to the implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan. (Rule 1.F. & Rule 11.B)

L. Any legislative district or county not abiding by these rules may be denied the right to have its elected delegates, in whole or in part, seated at the 2020 Democratic State Convention, subject to appeal to the Credentials Committee for that body.

M. In electing and certifying delegates and alternates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention, Washington State thereby undertakes to assure all Democratic voters in the state full, timely and equal opportunity to participate in the delegate selection process and in all Party affairs and to implement affirmative action programs toward that end; that the delegates and alternates to the Convention shall be elected in accordance with the Delegate Selection Rules for the 2020 Democratic National Convention; and that the delegates certified will not publicly support or campaign for any candidate for President or Vice President other than the nominees of the Democratic National Convention. Furthermore, the voters in the state will have the opportunity to cast their election ballots for the Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees selected by said Convention, and for electors pledged formally and in good conscience to the election of these Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees, under the label and designation of the Democratic Party of the United States. (Call II.B)

N. Proxy voting shall not be allowed in legislative district and congressional district levels of the delegate selection process. WSDCC members, representing legislative districts, may assign a proxy if they are unable to attend the meetings for selecting PLEO and at-large delegates and alternates. Said proxy must be assigned to another elected member of the State Central Committee representing a Legislative District.

O. Minority reports may be presented in addition to the majority report of any committee if supported by the signatures of ten percent (10%) of the members of that committee.

P. Any duly elected delegate or alternate who ceases to be a registered voter and in the jurisdiction from which they were elected, shall automatically forfeit their seat and an alternate shall be seated in their place.

1   **Q.**    If the chair of any meeting fails to submit the name of any delegate or alternate to  
2           the proper authority, the delegate or alternate may be seated upon presentation of  
3           their certificate of election and proper identification.

## **Section VIII**

### **Affirmative Action, Outreach and Inclusion Plan**

#### **A. A Statement of Purpose and Organization**

##### **1. Purpose and Objectives**

- a. In order that the Democratic Party at all levels be an open Party which includes rather than excludes people from participation, a program of effective affirmative action is hereby adopted by Washington State. (Rule 6.A);
- b. Discrimination on the basis of “status” in the conduct of Democratic Party affairs is prohibited. (Rule 6.B);
- c. All public meetings at all levels of the Democratic Party in Washington State should be open to all members of the Democratic Party regardless of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic status or physical disability (hereinafter collectively referred to as “status”); (Rule 4.B.1)
- d. The Washington State Democratic Party is committed to help achieve full participation of groups who have historically been explicitly denied the right to vote or who have been subjected to discriminatory and exclusionary practices that have denied them voting rights and full participation in the delegate selection process and other Party meetings, events and elections, along with other groups who are also underrepresented in Party affairs and matters.
- e. Consistent with the Democratic Party’s commitment to including groups historically under-represented in the Democratic Party’s affairs by virtue of race/ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, or disability, Washington State has developed Party outreach programs. Such programs include recruitment, education and training, in order to achieve full participation by such groups and diversity in the delegate selection process and at all levels of Party affairs for 2020. (Rule 5.C & Reg. 48) This effort will be made in full with our Affirmative Action Committee, who will take a leading role in outreach to their respective communities, and in consultation with our Statewide Constituency Caucuses.
- f. In order to encourage full participation by all Democrats in the delegate selection process and in all Party affairs, the Washington State Democratic Party has adopted and will implement programs with specific goals and timetables for African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and women. To further encourage full participation in the process, the Washington State Democratic Party has established goals and timetables for other underrepresented groups,

1 including LGBTQ Americans, people with disabilities, and youth.  
2 Additionally, every effort will be made to include senior citizens, new  
3 citizens eligible to vote, and a diversity of cultural, religious, and social  
4 backgrounds in the delegation. (Rule 6.A. & Rule 7) Additionally, as part  
5 of the Washington State Democratic Party’s commitment to inclusivity of  
6 individuals with disabilities within the Party, in concert with our Statewide  
7 Disabilities Caucus, the Party will be hosting in-person and web-based  
8 accessibility trainings for LD and CD Caucuses, as well as providing all  
9 materials in accessible formats.

10 (1) The goal of the programs shall be to encourage participation in the  
11 delegate selection process and in Party organizations at all levels  
12 by the aforementioned groups as indicated by their presence in the  
13 Democratic electorate. (Rule 6.A.1)

14 (2) For the purpose of certifying convention participants, “Youth” is  
15 defined as any participant younger than 36 years of age at the time  
16 of the November 3rd, 2020 Election. (Reg. 5.3.A)

17 (3) For the purpose of certifying convention participants, individuals  
18 identifying as Native Americans should provide their tribal  
19 affiliation and indicate if they are enrolled in a tribe. (Reg. 5.3.B)

20 (4) This goal shall not be accomplished either directly or indirectly by  
21 the Party’s imposition of mandatory quotas at any level of the  
22 delegate selection process or in any other Party affairs. (Rule  
23 6.A.2)

## 24 2. Organizational Structure

25 a. An Affirmative Action Committee shall be appointed by the State  
26 Democratic Chair on Friday, March 1, 2019. (Rule 6.F)

27 b. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Rules and  
28 Bylaws Committee of the Democratic National Committee the compliance  
29 of the State’s Affirmative Action Committee with Rules 5.C, 6.A and 7,  
30 and submit the names, demographic data and contact information no later  
31 than 15 days after their appointment. (Reg. 2.2.J)

32 c. The Committee shall consist of members from each delegate district  
33 representing the Democratic constituency groups set forth in the  
34 Introduction to the Affirmative Action Plan. Each member’s name and  
35 relevant demographic (“status”) information is attached as “Appendix C”

36 d. The Affirmative Action Committee shall be responsible for:

- (1) Reviewing the proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans and making recommendations to the State Democratic Chair.
  - (2) Reviewing the proposed Inclusion Programs and making recommendations to the State Democratic Chair.
  - (3) Advising the State Democratic Chair on the implementation of all requirements of the Affirmative Action section of this Plan.
  - (4) Advising the State Democratic Chair on the implementation of a financial assistance program for delegates and alternates. (Rule 6.G)
  - (5) Advising the State Democratic Chair on matters ensuring that district lines used in the delegate selection process are not gerrymandered to discriminate against African Americans, Hispanics, Enrolled Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and women. (Rule 6.E)
  - (6) Providing technical assistance to the State Party and local party organizations regarding the implementation of this plan.
  - (7) Ensuring that access for all and ADA requirements are met.
- e. Financial and staff support for the implementation of the Affirmative Action section of this Plan shall be provided by the State Democratic Chair to the greatest extent feasible, including, but not limited to, making available on a priority basis, the State Party staff and volunteers and covering all reasonable costs incurred in carrying out this Plan.
3. Implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan shall begin on Friday, September 13, 2019, with the distribution of the press kits, and will continue through the end of the delegate selection process. (Rule 1.F)

## **B. Efforts to Educate on The Delegate Selection Process**

1. Well publicized educational workshops, in person and digitally, will be conducted in each of the delegate districts beginning in September 2019. These workshops will be designed to encourage participation in the delegate selection process, including apprising potential delegate candidates of the availability of financial assistance. These workshops will be held in places that are easily accessible to persons with physical disabilities. The times, dates, places and rules for the conduct of all education workshops, meetings and other events involved in the delegate selection process shall be effectively publicized by the party organization and include mailings to various organizations representative of the Democratic voting populace. (Rule 3.A, Rule 3.C & 3.D)

1           2.       A speakers bureau of volunteers from the Affirmative Action Committee and  
2 other interested volunteers from the State Central Committee, and County and Legislative  
3 District organizations, comprised of individuals who are fully familiar with the process,  
4 will be organized to appear before groups, as needed, to provide information concerning  
5 the process.

6           3.       The State Party's education efforts will include outreach to community leaders  
7 within the Democratic Party's constituencies and making sure that information about the  
8 delegate selection process is available to Democratic clubs and Party caucuses  
9 representing specific constituencies.

10          4.       The State Party will publish and make available at no cost: a clear and concise  
11 explanation of how Democratic voters can participate in the delegate selection process;  
12 an explanation of how, where and when persons can register to vote; and delegate district  
13 maps. As well, the State Party shall also make available copies of the State Party Rules,  
14 the Delegate Selection Plan (and its attachments), the Affirmative Action Plan, and  
15 relevant state statutes at no cost. Copies of documents related to the state's delegate  
16 selection process will be prepared and the State Democratic Chair will distribute them in  
17 the various delegate districts not later than Thursday, October 1, 2019. (Rule 1.H)

18          5.       The State Party shall take all feasible steps to encourage persons to register and to  
19 vote as Democrats and will seek to ensure simple and easy registration procedures. (Rule  
20 2.C) This process will be open to all who wish to participate as Democrats.

#### 21   **C.       Efforts to Publicize the Delegate Selection Process**

22          1.       Special attention shall be directed at publicizing the delegate selection process in  
23 the state. Such publicity shall include information on eligibility to vote and how to  
24 become a candidate for delegate, the time and location of each stage of the delegate  
25 selection process and where to get additional information. The foregoing information will  
26 also be published in the State Party's communications and on the State Party's website.  
27 The Party organization, official, candidate, or member calling a meeting or scheduling an  
28 event, shall effectively publicize the role that such meeting or event plays in the selection  
29 of delegates and alternates to the Democratic National Convention. (Rules 3.C and 3.D)

30          2.       Newspapers, radio, television, and the internet will be utilized to inform the  
31 general public how, when and where to participate in the delegate selection process.  
32 Specifically, this information should provide details as to how to qualify to run as a  
33 delegate candidate. Special effort shall be directed to the major daily newspapers, radio  
34 and television stations by the State Democratic Chair. Regular releases during the  
35 delegate selection process to all other media sources, weekly newspapers, and wire  
36 services should complete timely coverage.

37          3.       A priority effort shall be directed at publicity among the Democratic Party's  
38 constituencies.



1           a.       Information about the delegate selection process will be provided to  
2               minority newspapers and radio stations, ethnic press, Native American,  
3               Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, African Americans, Hispanic  
4               Americans, and Spanish-speaking and other non-English press, radio  
5               stations and publications, and women’s organizations, disability press,  
6               student newspapers, LGBTQ press, and any other specialty media in the  
7               state that is likely to reach the Democratic constituency groups set forth in  
8               the Introduction of this Affirmative Action Plan.

9           b.       The State Party shall be responsible for the implementation of this  
10               publicity effort. For purposes of providing adequate notice of the delegate  
11               selection process, the times, dates, places and rules for the conduct of  
12               Legislative District caucuses, county conventions, congressional district  
13               caucuses and the State Convention shall be effectively publicized,  
14               multilingual where necessary, to encourage the participation of minority  
15               groups. (Rule 6D)

16       4.       Not later than Monday, September 16, 2019, the State Party will make  
17       information about the delegate selection process available on its website and publicize the  
18       resource through press releases and communications to Party leaders, activists, and  
19       targeted constituencies. Information to be posted on the website will include:

20           a.       a summary of all pertinent rules related to the state’s delegate selection  
21               process;

22           b.       a map of delegate districts and how many delegates will be elected within  
23               each district;

24           c.       a summary explaining the operation and importance of the 2020  
25               Convention; and

26           d.       materials designed to encourage participation by prospective delegate  
27               candidates.

## 28   **D.       Representation and Inclusion Goals**

29       1.       The State Party has determined the demographic composition of African  
30       Americans, Hispanics, Enrolled Native Americans, and Asian Americans and Pacific  
31       Islanders in the state’s Democratic electorate. These constituency percentages shall be  
32       established as goals for representation in the state’s convention delegation. (Rule 6.A)

33       2.       The Democratic National Committee recognizes that other groups of Americans  
34       in addition to the groups described in section D.1, above, may be underrepresented in  
35       Party affairs. These groups include members of the LGBTQ community, people with  
36       disabilities, and youth. Accordingly, the State Party has chosen to establish “inclusion”  
37       goals for LGBTQ persons, people with disabilities, and youth, with a sub-goal between  
38       the ages of 17 and 24, for representation in the state’s convention delegation.

1           3.       Methodology Used to Determine Representation and Inclusion Numerical Goals  
2       for Washington State’s 2020 Democratic National Convention Delegation

3           a.       Introduction

- 4                   (1)       Washington State has submitted numerical goals for all groups  
5                   identified by the DNC for its 2020 Democratic National  
6                   Convention Delegation. It has divided these goals into 2 parts—  
7                   “Representation Goals”, which include racial minority groups that  
8                   are a part of traditional affirmative action analyses (i.e., African  
9                   Americans, Asian Pacific Americans; Hispanic Americans, and  
10                  Native Americans); and “Inclusion Goals” for LGBTQ Americans,  
11                  People with Disabilities, and Youth, with a sub-goal between the  
12                  ages of 17 and 24.
- 13                  (2)       Washington State has decided that for all of these constituencies,  
14                  goals for any group should represent a minimum of 3 members in  
15                  the delegation, similar to the notion that all states have a minimum  
16                  level of 3 members in Congress, and all Legislative Districts  
17                  within the State of Washington have 3 members in the State  
18                  Legislature. Washington State has determined that all of these  
19                  constituencies are of importance to the success of Democratic  
20                  Party candidates for office, and that no group should be left out of  
21                  the numerical goals for its delegation so as to foster unity and  
22                  inclusion, as opposed to racial and constituent divisiveness.
- 23                  (3)       Washington State also notes that the goals are not singular and  
24                  discrete, which means that individuals who share a common  
25                  identification among various goals are included in the count for  
26                  each goal. For example, a 21-year old African American woman in  
27                  the delegation will be counted toward the even split of males and  
28                  females in the delegation and would also be counted toward the  
29                  African American and Youth goals.

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31                               The baseline number for the delegation is 114, which includes 107  
32                               delegates and 7 alternates. The delegation also has 12 standing  
33                               committee members, and 3 convention pages. (Call Appendix B,  
34                               Call Appendix C & Call Appendix D)

35           b.       Methodology for Representation Goals

- 36                   (1)       Washington State used 2017\*\* data tables from the American  
37                   FactFinder website of the U.S. Census Bureau as a baseline for  
38                   establishing representation goals for racial minority groups  
39                   (African Americans, Asians Pacific Americans, Hispanic/Latino  
40                   Americans, and Enrolled Native Americans) in its delegation. For  
41                   each group under the Representation Goals, the data represents

1 Race alone or in combination of other races. In recognition of the  
2 historic importance these groups have played in the success of the  
3 Democratic Party's candidates, Washington has used plus factors  
4 to add to the total percentage representation for each group,  
5 including the proportion of the electorate of each group who has  
6 traditionally voted democratic. The factors applied to each group  
7 are as follows:

8 (2) African Americans

9 (a) Percent in Democratic Electorate and Number of  
10 Delegates: 9.1% / 9 in the Delegation.

11 (b) Percent in Census: 4.2%

12 (c) Plus Factors: Strong presence of Democratic Party elected  
13 officials in state and local government. Very Strong  
14 Democratic Voters in areas where African Americans are  
15 concentrated. 2016 Exit Polling Information indicates  
16 African American preferences for Governor and U.S.  
17 President at 87% and 90% for Democratic Nominees. Exit  
18 Polling Data in Washington State not available for 2018  
19 U.S. Senate, or for subsequent elections. However, national  
20 exit polling data shows 93% African American preference  
21 for Obama over Romney in 2012\*\*.

22 (3) Asian Pacific Americans

23 (a) Percent in Democratic Electorate and Number of  
24 Delegates: 14% / 15 in the delegation.

25 (b) Percent in Census: 9.7% (Asian & Asian Pacific Islander)

26 (c) Plus Factors: Strong presence of Democratic Party elected  
27 officials in state and local government. Strong Democratic  
28 Voters in areas where Asian Pacific Americans are  
29 concentrated. 2014 Exit Polling Information indicates  
30 Asian Pacific American preferences for Governor and U.S.  
31 Senator at 78% and 76% for Democratic Nominees. Polling  
32 Data not indicated for 2018 U.S. Senate. National exit  
33 polling data shows 73% Asian and Pacific Islander  
34 American preference for Obama over Romney in  
35 2012\*\*\*\*.

36 (4) Hispanic/Latino Americans

37 (a) Percent in Democratic Electorate and Number of  
38 Delegates: 15% / 16 in the delegation.

- 1 (b) Percent in Census: 12.7%
- 2 (c) Factors: Strong presence of Democratic Party elected
- 3 officials in state and local government, with a substantial
- 4 increase since 2016. 2014 and 2016 Exit Polling
- 5 Information indicates Hispanic American preferences for
- 6 Governor and U.S. Senator at 64% and 69% for
- 7 Democratic Nominees. Exit Polling Data in Washington
- 8 State is not available for subsequent elections. However
- 9 national exit polling data shows 71% Hispanic American
- 10 preference for Obama over Romney in 2012\*\*. Hispanic
- 11 Americans is the group showing the largest population gain
- 12 between the 2000 and 2010 Census (Note: 8.8% estimate
- 13 for 2008 cycle). US Census projection of growth in
- 14 population has risen again. Key target populations for voter
- 15 registration and voter identification in 2020.

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17 (5) Enrolled Native Americans

- 18 (a) Percent in Democratic Electorate and Number of
- 19 Delegates: 4.4% / 5 in the
- 20 delegation.
- 21 (b) Percent in Census: 2.23%
- 22 (c) Factors: Emerging presence of Democratic Party elected
- 23 officials in state and local government. Consistent financial
- 24 contributor to Democratic Party and candidates. Increasing
- 25 Democratic Party presence in the State Legislature and in
- 26 local elected offices. 2012, 2014 and 2016 Exit Polling
- 27 Information does not include information for Enrolled
- 28 Native American voters. Recognition of historical status
- 29 regarding duality of citizenship and tribal sovereignty and
- 30 identification.

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32 (6) Overall Combined Effect of Representation Goals for All Racial

33 Groups

- 34 (a) Percent in Democratic Electorate and Number of
- 35 Delegates: 38.1% / 40 in the delegation.
- 36 (b) Percent in Census: 28.83%
- 37 (c) Plus Factors: Strong and emerging presence of Democratic
- 38 Party elected officials in state and local government. Strong
- 39 Democratic Voters in many areas where Communities of

Color are concentrated. 2004 Exit Polling Information indicates preferences for White Americans for Governor and U.S. Senator at 48% and 54% for Democratic Nominees. Exit Polling Data for 2014 U.S. Senator at 67%. Exit Polling Data in Washington State is not available for subsequent elections. However national exit polling data shows People of Color consistently and significantly preferred Obama over Romney in 2012\*\*\*\*, while only 41% White voters preferred Obama over Romney. (NOTE: In Washington State, however, 55% of White voters preferred Obama over Romney). Indicators demonstrate that People of Color vote for Democratic Party candidates at a significantly higher percentage when compared to White voters.

- (d) Additional Considerations: In many of the categories, we have slightly increased goals above the expected rate that the DNC provided, in order to account for the national trajectory towards excluding these individuals from the national dialogue. Washington State is committed to elevating these voices in this critical time where the national political climate has attempted to silence them.

c. Methodology for Inclusion Goals

- (1) Washington State has decided that key constituencies identified in the DNC rules for delegate selection merit more than inclusion efforts not tied to some numerical goals for its delegation. Those constituencies are LGBTQ Americans, People with Disabilities and Youth. For all of these groups, for varying reasons, census data and traditional affirmative action analyses do not correspond with the issues of race and gender discrimination that has been a part of the tragic history of our country, thereby requiring a remedy to correct the present effects of past discrimination. And yet, like the fundamental issues of race and gender discrimination, there is a basic recognition that must be made to include these groups as a part of moving our Party and our country forward so that all may enjoy participation in the political process. Below is a rationale for the goals set for each group.

(2) LGBTQ Americans

- (a) Percent in Democratic Electorate and Number of Delegates: 8.7% / 9 in the delegation.
- (b) Estimated Percent of Population: 4.6%

(c) Factors: Strong presence of Democratic Party elected officials in state and local government. Eleven members of this constituency are in the Legislature. The City of Seattle elected its second mayor from the LGBTQ community in 2017. In that same city, extremely strong preference shown for Democratic Candidates. Exit Polling Data almost non-existent, with the exception of 2004 Presidential Election in which voters identified as “Gay, Lesbian or Bisexual” indicated a 77% preference for Democratic nominee, as compared to 46% of voters who did not so identify. Issue of discrimination due to sexual orientation a key contributing factor for the lack of information, both by the victims and by government policies and practices (sexual orientation not included in census surveys). There is an active Caucus constituency within State Party, and the State Party Chair and Vice Chair are both from the LGBTQ community.

(3) People with Disabilities

- (a) Percent in Democratic Electorate and Number of Delegates: 11% / 12 in the delegation.
- (b) Percent in [Census](#): WA disability estimate is 9%. Because of uncertainty with the definition, inclusion goal set at 11%
- (c) Factors: Active Caucus constituency within State Party. Included with baseline representation of delegates as discussed in introduction. Additionally, as defined in the Pew Research, *A Profile on Disabled Americans*, disability support is slightly Republican leaning in the general population, decreasing our overall goal. In order to emphasize commitment to the community, this goal has been raised above the census number to emphasize strengthening relationships with the Disabled community.

(4) Youth (Ages 17 to 36)

- (a) Percent in Democratic Electorate and Number of Delegates: 28.1% / 30 in the delegation with a sub-goal of 7 in the delegation for youth between 17 and 24. (Assigned based on factors below)
- (b) Percent in Census: Estimate 29.36% total population.
- (c) Factors: Varying data breakpoints on most census and polling data. Entire young Democrats group has been represented on convention delegations, but at the older end of the spectrum up to age 36. The inclusion goal is to get

the youngest voters involved in a meaningful way. Note the age 17 represents those under 18 who will be eligible to vote by the November election. National exit polling data shows youngest voters and first-time voters significantly preferred Obama over McCain in 2008 and Obama over Romney in 2012\*\*. Young voters in Washington surveyed preferred Clinton 68% over Trump at 23% in 2016. However, given the low rate at which youth turn out in Washington the weighted population of youth has been brought down. Again following Washington State's commitment to empowering disadvantaged groups we have pushed this number up in order to actively promote diversity within our delegation.

d. Conclusion

- (1) This concludes the rationale for how and why Washington State set these representation and inclusion goals as a part of its Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan.

	African Americans	Hispanics	Enrolled Native Americans	Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders	LGBTQ Americans	People with Disabilities	Youth
% in Democratic Electorate	9.1%	15%	4.7%	14%	9.3%	11%	28.1% (voting age)
Numeric Goals for Delegation	9	16	5	15	9	12	30 (*Sub-Goal of 7 for Youth Aged 17-24)

4. When selecting the at-large portion of the delegation, the demographic composition of the other delegates (congressional district-level, pledged PLEO, and Automatic) shall be compared with the State Party's goals in order to achieve an at-large selection process that helps to bring about a representative balance.

5. Use of the at-large delegation to achieve the affirmative action goals established by this Plan does not obviate the need for the State Party to conduct outreach activities such as recruitment, education and training. (Rule 6.A.3)

**E. Obligations of Presidential Candidates to Maximize Participation**

1. Presidential candidates shall assist the Washington State Democratic Party in meeting the demographic representation goals reflected in the Affirmative Action Plan. (Rule 6.H.1)

2. Each presidential candidate must submit a written statement to the State Democratic Chair by September 16, 2019, which indicates the specific steps they will take to encourage full participation in Washington State's delegate selection process, including, but not limited to, procedures by which persons may file as candidates for delegate or alternate. (Rule 6.H.1)

3. Each presidential candidate must submit demographic information with respect to all candidates for delegate and alternate pledged to them. Such information shall be submitted in conjunction with the list of names approved for consideration as delegate and alternate candidates pledged to the presidential candidate. (Rule 6.H.2)

4. Presidential candidates (including uncommitted status) shall use their best effort to ensure that their respective delegations within the state's delegate, alternate and standing committee delegations shall achieve the affirmative action goals reflected in the Affirmative Action Plan and that the respective delegations of each presidential candidate shall be equally divided to the extent practicable between men and women, irrespective of delegate who identify as gender non-binary. Furthermore, presidential candidates shall use their best efforts at the district level to approve delegate and alternate candidates who meet applicable equal division and affirmative action considerations in order to achieve the affirmative action goals and equal division for their respective delegations. (Rule 6.I & Reg. 4.9)



## Section IX Challenges

### A. Jurisdiction & Standing

1. Challenges related to the delegate selection process are governed by the Regulations of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee for the 2020 Democratic National Convention (Regs., Sec. 3.), and the “Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee of the 2020 Democratic National Convention.” (Call Appendix A), and the Washington State rules regarding challenges attached as Appendix B.

2. Under Rule 20.B. of the 2020 Delegate Selection Rules, the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee has jurisdiction over challenges pertaining to the submission, non-implementation and violation of state Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans. (Rule 21.B & Call Appendix A)

3. The Rules and Bylaws Committee has jurisdiction to hear and decide any challenge provided it is initiated before the 56th day preceding the date of the commencement of the 2020 Democratic National Convention. (Call Appendix A & Reg., 3.1.)

4. Challenges to the credentials of delegates and alternates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention initiated on or after the 56th day preceding the date of commencement of the Democratic National Convention shall be processed in accordance with the “Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee of the 2020 Democratic National Convention.” (Call Appendix A)

5. Any challenge to the credentials of a standing committee member shall be considered and resolved by the affected standing committee in accordance with Appendix A of the Call for the 2020 Democratic National Convention. The Rules and Bylaws Committee shall have jurisdiction over challenges brought before the 56th day preceding the date of the commencement of the Democratic National Convention. (Call VII.B.5)

6. Copies of the Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee and/or the Call for the 2020 Democratic National Convention, including the Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee (Call Appendix A), shall be made available by the State Party upon reasonable request.

7. Any group of fifteen (15) Democrats with standing to challenge as defined in Reg. 3.2 or the Call (Call Appendix A, Sec. 2.A.), may bring a challenge to this Plan or to the implementation of this Plan, including its Affirmative Action provisions.

### B. Challenges to the Status of the State Party and Challenges to the Plan

1. A challenge to the status of the State Party Committee as the body entitled to sponsor a delegation from that state shall be filed with the Rules and Bylaws Committee

not later than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the initiation of the state's delegate selection process. (Rule 20.A & Reg. 3.4.A)

2. A challenge to the state's Delegate Selection Plan shall be filed with the Chair of the Washington State Democratic Party and the Co-Chairs of the Rules and Bylaws Committee within fifteen (15) calendar days after the adoption of the Plan by the State Party. (Reg. 3.4.B)

3. A challenge to a Plan must be brought in conformity with the Rules and the Regs., which should be consulted for a detailed explanation of challenge procedures.

### **C. Challenges to Implementation**

1. A challenge may be brought alleging that a specific requirement of an approved Plan has not been properly implemented. Jurisdiction over all challenges initiated in a timely fashion shall reside with either the Rules and Bylaws Committee or the Credentials Committee of the National Convention (See Section VII.A. above). However, the Rules and Bylaws Committee may provide advice, assistance or interpretations of the Delegate Selection Rules at any stage of the delegate selection process. (Reg. 3.1.C)

2. An implementation challenge brought before the Rules and Bylaws Committee is initiated by filing a written challenge with the State Party Committee and with the Rules and Bylaws Committee not later than fifteen (15) days after the alleged violation occurred. The State Party has twenty-one (21) days to render a decision. Within ten (10) days of the decision, any party to the challenge may appeal it to the Rules and Bylaws Committee. If in fact, the State Party renders no decision, any party to the challenge may request the Rules and Bylaws Committee to process it. The request must be made within ten (10) days after expiration of the above twenty-one (21) day period. (Reg. 3.4.C, Reg. 3.4.E & Reg. 3.4.H)

3. Performance under an approved Affirmative Action Plan and composition of the convention delegation shall be considered relevant evidence in the challenge to any state delegation. If a State Party has adopted and implemented an approved affirmative action program, the State Party shall not be subject to challenge based solely on delegation composition or primary results. (Rule 6.B.) The procedures are the same for challenges alleging failure to properly implement the Affirmative Action section of a Plan, except that such challenges must be filed not later than thirty (30) days prior to the initiation of the state's delegate selection process. (Reg. 3.4.C)

4. Depending on the appropriate jurisdiction (see Section VIII.A. above), implementation challenges must be brought in conformity with the Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee or the Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee, which should be consulted for a detailed explanation of challenge procedures.

## Section X Summary of Plan

### A. Selection of Delegates and Alternates

Washington State will use a proportional representation system based on the results of primary to apportion its delegates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention.

The “first determining step” of Washington State’s delegate selection process will occur on March 10, 2020, with a primary.

Delegates and alternates will be selected as summarized on the following chart:

Type	Delegates	Alternates	Date of Selection*	Selecting Body
				Filing Requirements
Congressional District-Level Delegates Congressional District-Level Alternates	58	0	5/30/2020	Selected at the congressional district caucus by delegates elected at the Legislative District caucuses.  National delegates will be selected by attendees separated into groups by presidential preference. The congressional district caucuses will be the second in a two-tier process which started with the Legislative District caucuses.
Automatic Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates**	18	None	None	Automatic by virtue of respective public or Party office as provided in Rule 9.A of the 2020 Delegate Selection Rules.
Pledged Party Leaders and Elected Officials (PLEOs)	12	***	6/14/2020	Selected by the members of the State Party Committee representing Legislative Districts A statement of candidacy designating their singular presidential or uncommitted preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidates (including uncommitted status) within the State Party
At-Large Delegates At-Large Alternates	19	7	6/14/2020	Selected by the members of the State Party Committee representing Legislative Districts A statement of candidacy designating their singular presidential or uncommitted preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidates (including uncommitted status) within the State Party.
<b>TOTAL Delegates and Alternates</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>7</b>		

\* The Deadline for filing for Delegate is 10 days before the respective date of selection

\*\* Automatic Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) delegates includes the following categories, if applicable, who legally reside in the state: the Democratic National Committee Members, the Democratic President, the Democratic Vice President, all Democratic Members of Congress, the Democratic Governor, and any other Distinguished Party Leader as specified in Rule 9.A. of the 2020 Delegate Selection

Rules. The exact number of Automatic PLEO Delegates is subject to change due to possible deaths, resignations, elections or special elections.

\*\*\* Alternates are not elected at the pledged PLEO level. These alternates are combined with the at-large alternates and elected as one unit.

**B. Selection of Standing Committee Members (For the Credentials, Platform and Rules Committees)**

Standing committee members will be selected by the state's National Convention delegates as summarized below:

Member Type	Members Per Committee	Total Members	Selection Date	Filing Requirements and Deadlines
Permanent	4	12	Sunday, June 14, 2020	Presidential candidates must submit standing committee member names to the State Democratic Chair by Sunday June 14, 2020, immediately after the election of the at-large delegates and alternates. Candidates must be resident, registered voters in the State of Washington.
Temporary	4	12	Sunday, February 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2020	Any Democrat may apply for a position as a temporary member of the standing committees by January 18, 2020. They will be selected by the Washington State Democratic Central Committee at a meeting on February 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2020.

The Delegation Chair will be selected by the National Convention Delegates on Sunday June 13, 2020.

Three (Washington State) Convention Pages will be selected by the State Democratic Chair on Sunday, June 14, 2020.

**C. Presidential Electors**

12 Presidential Electors will be selected by members of the State Central Committee representing Legislative Districts on June 14, 2020.

**D. Presidential Candidate Filing Deadline**

Presidential candidates must submit their name as they wish it to appear on the ballot as well as a signature list of 1,000 registered Washington voters that have attested to being affiliated with the Democratic Party, and a \$2,500 administrative services fee by January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020, to the Washington State Democrats Party Affairs Director, Executive Director and State Chair. Presidential candidates who are not eligible to receive delegates cannot appear on the Democratic ballot. Additionally, Presidential candidates must certify the name of their authorized representative(s) to the State Democratic Chair by Friday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020. . (Rule 11.B & 14. E)

E. A presidential candidate gains access to the Washington presidential preference primary ballot by having the Washington State Democratic Party chair submit to the secretary of state the names to appear on the ballot no later than sixty-three days (Friday, January 7, 2020) before the presidential primary. Presidential candidates, who are eligible by DNC rules to obtain delegates must submit their name as they wish it to appear on the ballot, as well as a signature list of 1,000 registered Washington voters that have attested to being affiliated with the Democratic Party, and a \$2,500 administrative services fee by January 3rd, 2020, to the Washington State Democrats Party Affairs Director, Executive Director and State Chair. Additionally, Presidential candidates must certify the name of their authorized representative(s) to the State Democratic Chair by Friday, February 28, 2020. . (Rule 11.B & 14. E)

**F. Timetable (Reg. 2.2.B)**

Date	Activity
Thursday, February 14, 2019	Delegate Selection Affirmative Action Committee members are appointed by the State Chair.
Friday, March 1, 2019	List of Affirmative Action Committee members submitted to DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee.
Saturday, March 2, 2019	Proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program are tentatively approved for public comment by State Party Committee.
Tuesday, March 5, 2019	Public comments are solicited on the proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program. Press releases are mailed announcing the public comment period.
Thursday, April 4, 2019	Period for public comment on State Plan is concluded. Responses are compiled for review by the State Party Committee
Sunday, April 7, 2019	State Party Committee reviews public comments and adopts revised Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program for submission to DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee. Press releases are mailed announcing the approval of the Plan.
Friday, May 3, 2019	Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program is forwarded to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee.
Monday, August 5, 2019	State Party begins implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program. Press kits, as described in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program, are sent to all state media.
September 1, 2019	Presidential candidate petition forms are available from the State Party Committee Headquarters.
September 13th, 2019	Affirmative Action Plan goes into effect
September 16, 2019	Deadline for each announced presidential candidate to submit a statement specifying steps the candidate will take to encourage full participation in the delegate selection process. (Individuals who announce their candidacy after this date must provide this full participation statement to the State Party not later than 30 days after their

Date	Activity
	announcement.)
September 16, 2019	Presidential campaign shall file a statement with the Washington State Democratic Party office as to how they plan to meet the Affirmative Action and Inclusion Goals.
November 1, 2019	Media plan for promoting caucus process goes live
December 31, 2019	State chair appoints chairs of convention standing committees
January 3, 2020	Presidential candidate petition forms must be returned to the State Party Committee Headquarters.
January 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	Persons who want to be considered for a “temporary” standing committee member position must file.
February 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2020	Temporary Standing Committee Members are selected.
January 29, 2020	First date on which remote-deployment military ballots are mailed to voters
Thursday, February 20, 2020	First date on which military and overseas ballots are mailed to voters.
Friday, February 21, 2020	First date on which general vote-by-mail ballots are mailed to voters.
Friday, February 28, 2020	Presidential candidate deadline for certifying the name(s) of their authorized representative(s) to the State Party.
Tuesday, March 10, 2020	Deadline for each Legislative District and county organization to have elected members to standing committees
Tuesday, March 10, 2020	Presidential Primary is held
Saturday, March 21, 2020	First day for district delegates to submit statement of candidacy and pledge of support for national delegate
Thursday, April 16, 2020	Last day for call for LD caucuses to be mailed
Wednesday, April 22, 2020	Last day for call for county convention to be mailed
Sunday, April 26, 2020	Legislative District Caucuses held
Sunday, May 3, 2020	County convention (unless held concurrently with LD Caucus)
Monday, May 4, 2020	Last day for district delegates to submit statement of candidacy and pledge of support for national delegate
Wednesday, May 13, 2020	Chair gives campaigns list of CD level candidates for national delegate

Date	Activity
Thursday, May 28, 2020	Last day for campaigns to submit list of approved district level candidates for national delegate
Saturday, May 30, 2020	Congressional District Caucuses held. District level delegates elected by delegates to caucus.
Friday, June 5, 2020	Last Day for PLEO and at large candidates to submit statement of candidacy for national delegate
Monday, June 8, 2020	Chair to give campaign list of PLEO and at large candidates for national delegates
Wednesday, June 10, 2020	Last day for campaigns to submit list of approved congressional district candidates for national delegate, as well as at-large candidates for delegate.
Thursday, June 11, 2020	Last day for campaigns to submit list of approved PLEO candidates for national delegate
Friday-Sunday, June 11-14, 2020	State Convention
Sunday, June 14, 2020	Selection of PLEO delegates, at large delegates, and alternates by state committee members from Legislative Districts
Sunday, June 14, 2020	30 Minutes before the At-large elections is the last time for campaigns to submit list of approved at large candidates for national delegate by state committee members from Legislative Districts
Sunday, June 14, 2020	Selection of “Permanent” standing committee members
Sunday, June 14, 2020	Selection of electors
Sunday, June 14, 2020	Selection of Pages by WSDCC Chair
Sunday, June 14, 2020	Selection of Delegate Chair
November 3, 2020	General Election

## APPENDIX A DEFINITIONS

The following definitions apply throughout these rules when the defined term, including capitalization, appears. Bold type is used to assist in identifying defined terms but absence or presence of bold typeface shall not be determinative of whether a defined term was intended if capitalization is not present.

- A. **Affected Groups.** **Affected Groups** include African American, Hispanic/Latino, Enrolled Native Americans, and Asian/Pacific Americans.
- B. **Challenge.** An objection to the seating of one or more apparently elected delegates timely and properly submitted in accordance with the Rules Governing **Challenges** in Appendix B.
- C. **Meeting.** Any caucus, sub-caucus or convention held pursuant to these rules, including any Legislative District Caucus, County Convention, or the State Convention.
- D. **Other Constituencies of Concern** including, women; youth (considered separately to include both those between the ages of 17 and 24 and those between 17 and 36); lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, asexual, intersexual, omnisexual, pansexual, gender-fluid and the like (LGBTQQ+); ethnic groups; persons with high school education or less; persons over 65; veterans; and persons impacted by economic inequity, such as or including non-living wages and/or lack of access to housing.
- E. **People with Disabilities.** Anyone who has a permanent physical or mental impairment, or temporary condition in which the impairment will last throughout the period for which these rules apply, which substantially limits one or more major life activities (e.g., communication, ambulation, self-care, education or employment). Examples of disabilities include, but are not limited to, impaired vision or hearing, paraplegia, epilepsy, heart disease, diabetes, AIDS, or mental illness, to the extent that the disability substantially limits major life activities.
- F. **Registered Voter.** Includes all registered voters and any 17 year old who will be eligible to vote on November 6, 2018.
- G. **State Chair.** Chair of the Democratic Party of the State of Washington.
- H. **State Committee.** Washington State Democratic Central Committee.
- I. **State Party.** The Democratic Party of the State of Washington.
- J. **Status.** Race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic status, or **disability**.
- K. **Targeted Groups.** Named **Affected Groups** and persons with disabilities traditionally underrepresented in Democratic Party affairs.
- L. **Financial Assistance Program.** Educational programs to guide National delegates in obtaining financial assistance.



## **Appendix B**

### **Rules Governing Challenges**

1. Overview. Challenges are initiated by filing a Statement of Challenge with the Director of Party Affairs at the State Party Office and, if relevant, with a copy to the County and/or District Chair of the jurisdiction in which the event(s) giving rise to the Challenge occurred. Upon receipt of a Statement of Challenge a Credentials Review Committee (“CRC”) consisting of the co-Chairs of the WSDCC Rules Committee, the State Director of Party Affairs Director, and the State Party Parliamentarian, will review the Challenge and will forward it to the State Convention Credentials Committee, the WSDCC Rules Committee, one or more County or Legislative Credentials Committees or decide the matter themselves, as appropriate under these Rules Governing Challenges. In deciding whether and to what committee to forward a Challenge, the CRC shall be guided by these general principles: Challenges which require little or no factual investigation and little or no rules interpretation should be decided by the CRC to minimize the burden on Credentials Committees around the State. Challenges which require significant factual investigation, or which depend wholly on factual determinations should be forwarded to the Credentials Committee of the relevant jurisdiction to determine the facts for the convenience of witnesses and to benefit from local knowledge of circumstances surrounding the events in question. Challenges wholly dependent on an interpretation of the Delegate Selection Rules or other State Party document should be decided by the WSDCC Rules Committee or the CRC to promote consistency in interpretation of rules across the state. Challenges presented for the first time fewer than 21 days before the State Convention should be determined by the Standing Committee on Credentials of the State Convention.
2. Jurisdiction. The Rules Committee (“RC”) of the WSDCC shall have jurisdiction over all Challenges to implementation or execution of any aspect of the DSAAP except to the extent jurisdiction is explicitly given by these rules to the State Convention Credentials Committee (“SCCC”) or to a Legislative District Credentials Committee (“LDCC”) or County Credentials Committee (“CCC”).
3. Credentials Review Committee. The Co-Chairs of the R C, together with the State Director of Party Affairs and the State Party Parliamentarian shall constitute the Challenge Review Committee (“CRC”). In the event that these Rules are used in a Presidential year and there is more than one bona fide Presidential Candidate seeking to elect delegates from Washington to the National Convention then at least two of the members of the CRC must refrain from endorsing or otherwise committing to any candidate in the Presidential Race until after the State Convention; provided, however, that in lieu of two members remaining neutral the CRC may elect to require that no more than two of its members may be committed to the same candidate. In the event that the CRC is unable or unwilling to comply with this provision the co-Chairs of the RC shall not be members of the CRC and the Chair of the WSDCC shall fill the result vacancies

by appointing two members of the RC who will enable the CRC to comply with this

4. The SCCC shall have jurisdiction over any Challenge initiated fewer than 21 days before the State Convention together with any Challenges initiated more than 21 days before the State Convention but not resolved by the RC or the CRC.
5. All Challenges shall be initiated by submitting a Statement of Challenge to the Director of Party Affairs at the Office of the Washington State Democratic Party, with a copy to each of the other members of the CRC and to the Chair of the Legislative District or Districts in which the alleged violation upon which the Challenge is based is alleged to have occurred. If the alleged violation is alleged to have occurred at a Legislative District sub-caucus held entirely within a county, a copy should also be sent to the Chair of the County or Counties in which the alleged violation is alleged to have occurred.
6. To be timely and complete, a Statement of Challenge shall be verified by the notarized signature of each challenging party and shall include the following:
  - (a) The name, address, email address and telephone number of each challenging party and the name, address and telephone number of each challenging party's attorney, if any, or agent of record.
  - (b) A statement by each challenging party that the challenging party has not participated in the affairs of another political party during the preceding 12 month period.
  - (c) The name, address, email address and telephone number of each delegate or alternate whose credentials are challenged, or a statement that such information is unavailable to the challenging parties; or, where delegates or alternates have not yet been selected, the name, address and telephone number of each challenged party.
  - (d) A plain, concise and specific statement, in separately numbered paragraphs, of each alleged violation of the DSAAP or, if relevant, of an order of the RC or CRC.
  - (e) A plain, concise and specific statement, in separately numbered paragraphs, of how each challenging party has been injured with respect to their participation in the delegate selection process by each alleged violation.
  - (f) A plain, concise and specific statement, in separately numbered paragraphs, of the relief requested and the reason therefore. If a challenging party proposes that they be seated, the challenge shall include a plain, concise and specific statement of the reasons why that party has a right to be seated, superior to that of the delegate or alternate whose seat they seek; and a plain, concise and specific statement of how the challenging party has complied with all applicable laws, rules and regulations and has participated in the delegate selection process.
7. The CRC may take one of four actions:
  - (a) Dismiss the challenge if required by Rule 9 provided that if the challenge is not dismissed pursuant to Rule 9 the CRC shall provide a reasonable opportunity to

the challenged parties to respond;

- (b) Decide the challenge if the CRC concludes based on the documentation provided with the challenge together with the response of any challenged parties that there is no material issue of fact;
- (c) Refer the challenge to the RC for determination; or
- (d) Refer the challenge to the LDCC, CCC or SCCC (as appropriate) for determination.

A decision by the CRC pursuant to Rule 8.a or 8.b must be reflected in a written opinion and may be appealed to the full RC pursuant to Rules to be established by the RC.

8 The CRC shall dismiss any challenge, or part of a challenge, in the event that:

- (a) It does not fall within the jurisdiction of the RC;
- (b) It is brought by persons lacking standing under Rule 5.b above;
- (c) It fails to state a valid challenge;
- (d) The same challenge has been previously resolved;
- (e) There is no evidence in support of the challenge; or
- (f) The challenge is frivolous.

9. Decisions of the CRC made pursuant to Rule 8.a or 8.b may be appealed to the State Convention Credentials Committee provided such appeal is filed with the Director of Party Affairs within 5 business days of the issuance of the CRC opinion. In order to be timely and complete an appeal must include a specific statement of the error alleged to have been made by the CRC and the factual or rule basis for asserting that the CRC action was erroneous.

10. Unresolved Challenges and Report to the SCCC: The CRC and RC shall report their activities together with all challenges and complaints, to the SCCC. In cases involving unresolved challenges which are appealed to the SCCC the burden of proof shall rest with the party presenting the challenge

## Appendix C: Affirmative Action Committee

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1. Affirmative Action Committee *[to be submitted to RBC within 15 days after their appointment]*



February 27, 2019

Ms. Lorraine Miller, Co-Chair,  
Mr. James Roosevelt, Jr., Co-Chair, Rules and  
Bylaws Committee Democratic National Committee  
430 South Capitol St. SE Washington, DC 20003

Dear Lorraine and James,

I hereby certify that the Affirmative Action Committee composition complies with Rules 5.C, 6.A, and that the names, demographic data and contact information of members was submitted to the RBC no later than February 27, 2019, 15 days after their appointment.

Sincerely,



Tina Podlowski Chair  
Washington State Democratic  
Party



February 27, 2019

Ms. Lorraine Miller, Co-Chair,  
Mr. James Roosevelt, Jr., Co-  
Chair, Rules and Bylaws  
Committee Democratic  
National Committee 430 South  
Capitol St. SE Washington, DC  
20003

Dear Lorraine and James,

Attached are the members of the Affirmative Action Committee with names, relevant demographic data and contact information for each member.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Tina Podlowski.' The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tina  
Podlowski  
Chair  
Washington State Democratic Party

<b>Affirmative Action Committee for 2019- 2021</b>	<b>Geographic Breakdown</b>	<b>Congressional District</b>	<b>Diversity Breakdown</b>
<b>Chris Porter (co-chair)</b>	<b>34th LD</b>	<b>CD07</b>	<b>African American, LGBTQQ, Person with Disabilities</b>
<b>Yvette Joseph (co- chair)</b>	<b>6th LD</b>	<b>CD05</b>	<b>Native American</b>
<b>Keoki Kauanoe</b>	<b>Thurston County</b>	<b>CD10</b>	<b>API</b>
<b>Linda Jenkins</b>	<b>45th LD</b>	<b>CD01</b>	<b>API</b>
<b>Tamika Moss</b>	<b>37th LD</b>	<b>CD09</b>	<b>African American, Young Dem</b>
<b>Anthony Taylor</b>	<b>17th LD</b>	<b>CD03</b>	<b>LGBTQQ, Hispanic, Young Dem</b>
<b>Carly Coburn</b>	<b>Franklin County</b>	<b>CD04</b>	<b>LGBTQQ, Person with Disabilities, Young Dem, Caucasian</b>
<b>Patrick Allcorn</b>	<b>41st LD</b>	<b>CD09</b>	<b>Caucasian</b>
<b>Sina Sam</b>	<b>Whitman County</b>	<b>CD05</b>	<b>API</b>
<b>Susan Swanson</b>	<b>7th LD</b>	<b>CD04</b>	<b>Caucasian, Veteran</b>
<b>Richard May</b>	<b>Whatcom County</b>	<b>CD01</b>	<b>Caucasian</b>
<b>Leslie Hamada</b>	<b>47th LD</b>	<b>CD08</b>	<b>Caucasian</b>
<b>Cedar Kennedy</b>	<b>8th LD</b>	<b>CD04</b>	<b>Jewish, Mixed</b>
<b>Cassandra Brown</b>	<b>Pierce County</b>	<b>CD06</b>	<b>Young Dems, LGTBQ, Hispanic</b>
<b>Karol Brown</b>	<b>41st LD</b>	<b>CD09</b>	<b>Caucasian</b>

<b>Sylvia Hammond</b>	<b>13th LD</b>	<b>CD08</b>	<b>Caucasian</b>
<b>Elizabeth Siegel</b>	<b>36th LD</b>	<b>CD07</b>	<b>Caucasian, Young Dem</b>
<b>Dan Santon</b>	<b>33rd LD</b>	<b>CD09</b>	<b>API, Mixed, Union member</b>
<b>Hillary Moralez</b>	<b>1st LD</b>	<b>CD01</b>	<b>LGBTQQ, Young Dems, Hispanic</b>
<b>Santiago Ramos</b>	<b>11th LD</b>	<b>CD09</b>	<b>Latino/Hispanic</b>
<b>David Griffiths</b>	<b>Jefferson County</b>	<b>CD06</b>	<b>Caucasian, Person with Disabilities</b>
<b>Michael Kirk</b>	<b>Spokane</b>	<b>CD05</b>	<b>Caucasian, Young Dems</b>
<b>Niko Battle</b>	<b>21st LD</b>	<b>CD02</b>	<b>African American, Young Dem</b>
<b>Arne Nelson</b>	<b>23rd LD</b>	<b>CD06</b>	<b>Caucasian, LGTBTQ, Young Dem, Person with Disabilities</b>
<b>Ed Cote</b>	<b>Washington State</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>DNC Member</b>

April 24, 2019

Ms. Lorraine Miller, Co-Chair  
Mr. James Roosevelt, Jr., Co-  
Chair Rules and Bylaws  
Committee Democratic  
National Committee 430 South  
Capitol St. SE Washington,  
DC 20003

Dear Ms. Miller and Mr. Roosevelt,

In compliance with Rule 6.F, we hereby certify that the Affirmative Action Committee prepared and reviewed the Affirmative Action and Outreach Plan that is a part of the 2020 Washington State Delegate Selection Plan for the Democratic Party National Convention, approved by the Washington State Democratic Party Central Committee on Saturday, April 6, 2019.

As co-chairs of the Affirmative Action Committee, we look forward to implementing this plan to increase the participation of all of the groups covered in the plan.

Sincerely,

Chris L. Porter  
Yvette Joseph  
Affirmative Action Committee Co-Chairs



April 24, 2019

Ms. Lorraine Miller, Co-Chair  
Mr. James Roosevelt, Jr., Co-  
Chair Rules and Bylaws  
Committee Democratic  
National Committee 430 South  
Capitol St. SE Washington,  
DC 20003

Dear Lorraine and James,

In order to determine the numerical goals established under Rules 5.C, 6.A., and 7 in the 2020 Delegate Selection Rules for the Democratic National Convention the Washington State Democratic Party used the following reliable data and sources:

- 2010 Washington State Census Data
- 2012 National Exit Poll Data
- 2016 National Exit Poll Data
- Washington State Office of Financial Management, Data Research and Demographics

Sincerely,

Tina  
Podlodowski  
State Party  
Chair

## **Appendix D: Media Outlets to be Contacted Regarding the Delegate Selection Process**

### **1. Major Daily Newspapers -**

Aberdeen Grays Harbor Daily World; Associated Press; Bellingham Herald; Bremerton Sun; Centralia Chronicle; Ellensburg Daily-Record; Everett Herald; Lewiston Tribune; Longview Daily News; Moscow- Pullman Daily News; Moses Lake Columbia Basin Herald; Olympia Olympian; Port Angeles Peninsula Daily News; Portland Oregonian; Seattle Post Intelligencer; Seattle Times; Skagit Valley Herald; Spokane Spokesman Review; Sunnyside Daily Sun News; Tacoma News Tribune; The Daily Astorian; The Dalles Chronicle; Tri-City Herald; Vancouver Columbian; Walla Walla Union Bulletin; Wenatchee World; Yakima Herald

#### **a. Radio Stations -**

KAAP-FM 99.5; KALE-AM 960/KTCR/KNLT/KEGX/KIOK; KAOS-FM 89.3; KAPS-AM 660; KBAI 930; KBAM-AM 1270/KRQT/KLYK/KEDO; KBKW-AM 1450; KBOO FM 90.7; KBSN-AM 1470; KCLX-AM 1450; KDNA-FM 91.9; KELA-AM 1470; KEX-AM 1190; KEYG-AM 1490/FM 98.5; KFFM-AM 1280/KIT/KATS/KQSN/KBBL; KGA-AM 1510; KGY-FM 1240; KING-FM 98.1; KIRO-AM 710; KITI-AM 1420; KIXI-AM 880; KJET 105.7; KKRv-AM 104.7; KLAY-AM 1180; KLKI-AM 1340; KLOG-AM 1490/KUKN-FM 94.5; KMAS-AM 1030; KMTT-FM 103.7; KOMO-AM 1000; KOMW-AM 680; KONA-AM 610/FM 105.3; KONP-AM 1450; KOZI-AM 1230; KPBX-FM 91.1; KPLU-AM 88.5; KPQ-AM 560; KPTQ-AM 1280; KQQQ-AM 1150; KRKO-AM 1380; KSBN-AM 1230; KSER-FM 90.7; KSWW-FM 102.1; KTSL-FM 101.9; KUGS-FM 89.3; KULE-AM 730/FM 92.3; KUOW-FM 94.9; KWDB 1110 AM; KXL-AM 750 ; KXLY 920; KXXO-FM 96.1; KTPK-AM 1090

#### **b. Television Stations -**

CCTV; COX Broadcasting; KAPP-TV ABC (KAPP 35); KATU-TV ABC (KATU-2); KCPQ- FOX (Q13); KEPR-TV CBS (KEPR-19); KGW-TV NBC (KGW-8); KHQ-TV NBC (KHQ-6); KIMA-TV CBS (KIMA-29); KING- NBC (KING5); KIRO-CBS (KIRO7); KLEW-TV CBS (KLEW-3); KNDO-TV NBC (KNDO-23); KNDU-TV NBC (KNDU-25); KOIN-TV CBS (KOIN-6); KOMO-ABC (Komotv 4); KONG TV (KONG-16) SAME as KING-NBC; KPTV-TV FOX (KPTV-12); KREM-TV-CBS (KREM 2); KSKN-TV (KSKN-22) Same as KREM; KVEW-TV ABC (KVEW-42); KVOS-TV (KVOS 12); KXLY-TV ABC (KXLY-4); Northwest Cable News; TWV

## **2. Other “Non-Minority” Media Outlets–**

Anacortes American; Arlington Times; Auburn Reporter; Bainbridge Review; Ballard News-Tribune; Battle Ground Reflector; Belfair Herald; Blaine Northern Light; Blue Mountain News; Bothell/Kenmore Reporter; Bremerton Patriot; Brewster Quad-City Herald; Burien-Highline Times/Des Moines News; Burlington Skagit Argus; Business Examiner; Camas-Washougal Post Record News; Capitol Hill Times; Cashmere Valley Record; Cathlamet Wahkiakum County Eagle; Central Kitsap Reporter; Cheney Free Press; Chewelah Independent; Chinook Observer; Cle Elum Northern Kittitas County Tribune; Colfax Whitman County Gazette; Colville Statesman-Examiner; Coulee City News-Standard; Covington/Maple Valley Reporter; Daily Record; Deer Park Tribune; East County Journal; East Sound Islands' Sounder; East Wenatchee Douglas County Empire-Press; Eatonville Dispatch; El Mundo; Enumclaw, Bonney Lake and Lake Tapps Courier-Herald; Federal Way Mirror; Federal Way News; Ferndale Record-Journal; Forks Forum; Fort Lewis Ranger; Friday Harbor Journal of the San Juan Islands; Gig Harbor Peninsula Gateway; Goldendale Sentinel; Grand Coulee Star; Grandview Herald; Highline Times; Islands Weekly; Issaquah Press; Kellogg Shoshone News Press; Kent Reporter; Kirkland Reporter; Lake Chelan Mirror; Lake Stevens Journal; Langley South Whidbey Record; Leavenworth Echo; Liberty Lake Splash; Long Beach Chinook Observer; Lynden Tribune; Lynnwood/Mountlake Terrace/Millcreek/Edmonds/Shoreline/Lake Forest Enterprise; Madison Park Times; Madison Park Times; Marysville Globe; Mattawa Area News; Mercer Island Reporter; Methow Valley News; Monroe Monitor/Valley News; Montesano Vidette; Mukilteo Beacon; Mukilteo Edmonds Beacon; Newcastle News; Newport Miner; Nisqually Valley News; North Kitsap Herald; North Seattle Herald; Northern Kittitas County Tribune; Oak Harbor Whidbey News-Times; Ocean Shores North Coast News; Okanogan Valley Gazette-Tribune; Omak-Okanogan County Chronicle; Oroville Okanogan Valley Gazette- Tribune; Orting News; Othello Outlook; Pacific County Press; Palouse Boomerang; Port Orchard Independent; Port Townsend Leader; Poulsbo North Kitsap Herald; Prosser Record-Bulletin; Puyallup Pierce County Herald; Queen Anne News; Quincy Valley Post Register; Raymond Willapa Harbor Herald; Redmond Reporter; Renton Reporter; Ritzville Adams County Journal; Sammamish Review; San Juan Journal; Seattle Skanner; Seattle Weekly; Sequim Gazette; Shelton-Mason County Journal; Shoreline Richmond Beach Community News; Silverdale Central Kitsap Reporter; Snohomish County Tribune; Snoqualmie Valley Record; South Bend Pacific County Press; South Whidbey Record; Spokane Valley News Herald; Stanwood-Camano News; Statesman-Examiner; Stevenson Skamania County Pioneer; Tacoma Daily Index; Tacoma Weekly; The Dispatch; The Edmonds Beacon; The Enterprise; The Enterprise Newspapers; The Herald; The Inlander; The Islands' Sounder; The Northern Light; The Reflector; The Stranger; The Vidette; Toppenish/Wapato Independent Review; Tri-Cities Republic; Twisp Methow Valley News; Vashon-Maury Island Beachcomber; Vaughn Key Peninsula News; Voice of the Valley; Waitsburg Times; West Seattle Herald; Westport South Beach Bulletin; Whidbey

Examiner; Whidbey News; White Salmon Enterprise; Winlock Lewis County News<sup>67</sup>;  
Woodinville Northlake News; Woodinville Weekly; Yelm Nisqually Valley News

**3. Constituency and Specialty Media Outlets and Targeted Groups** - Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Newspaper, Native American; Easterner, College - Eastern Washington University; El Mundo, Hispanic; Hoh Tribe Newspaper, Native American; Informe Hispano, Hispanic; International Examiner, Asian-General; Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Native American; Japan Pacific Publications, Asian-Japanese; Jewish Transcript, Jewish; Kalispel Tribe, Native American; KBKW 1450 AM, Hispanic; KCAT 91.5 FM, College - Central Washington; KCCR 94.5 FM, College - Pacific Lutheran University; KDNA 91.9 FM, Hispanic; Kee-Yoks Newspaper, Native American; KEXP 90.3 FM, College - University of Washington; KFAE 89.1 FM, College - Washington State University; KGRG 89.9 FM, College - Green River Community College; Klah-Che-Min Newspaper, Native American; KRCW 96.3 FM, Hispanic; KSUH 1450 AM, Asian-General; KUGS 89.3 FM, College-Western Washington University; KUPS 90.1 FM, College-University of Puget Sound; KWLN 103.3, Hispanic; KWWX 1340 AM, Hispanic; KWWY 1230 AM, Asian; KXPA 1540 AM, Hispanic; KZML 95.9 FM, Hispanic; KZTA 96.9 FM, Hispanic; KZTS 1210 AM, Hispanic; La Voz/ Tri-Cities Republic, Hispanic; Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, Native American; Makah Tribal Newspaper, Native American; Muckleshoot Monthly Newspaper, Native American; Nisqually Tribal Newspaper, Native American; North American Post (Hokubei Hochi), Asian-Japanese; Northwest Asian weekly, Asian-General; Olympia Washington State Grange News, trade journal; Rawhide Press Newspaper, Native American; Seattle Chinese News, Asian- Chinese; Seattle Chinese Post, Asian-Chinese; Seattle Gay News, LGBT; Seattle Medium, African American; S'Klallam Newspaper, Native American; Smoke Signals Newspaper, Native American; Snee-Nee-Chum Newspaper, Native American; The Daily Evergreen - Washington State University, College; The Facts, African American; The Falcon - Seattle Pacific University, College; The Gonzaga Bulletin - Gonzaga University, College; The Observer - Central Washington University, College; The Spectator - Seattle University, College; Tribal Tribune Newspaper, Native American; University of Washington Daily, College; Western Front, College - Western Washington University

#### **4 Washington State Democratic Delegate Selection Affirmative Action Outreach Plan**

**Background:** This plan is meant to outline the timeline, steps and actions that the Washington State Democratic Central Committee (WSDCC) intends to execute in order to meet Affirmative Action goals as outlined by the Washington State Delegate Selection Plan, in Section VIII.D.3.

This plan provides *additional* detail, goal structure and expected timelines for the implementation of the Washington State Delegate Plan, Section VIII, and in no way is meant to modify or over-ride any portion of the DSAAP approved by the Washington State Democratic Central Committee on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

This will be broken into two primary categories: Efforts to Educate on the Delegate Selection Process, and Efforts to Publicize the Delegate Selection Process. Conceptual goals for each of these sections can be found within the Washington State Delegate Selection Plan under Section VIII.B and VIII.C, respectively.

All actions outlined will be led by the WSDCC Affirmative Action Committee in consultation and coordination with the WSDCC Party Affairs Director and Communications Director.

##### **Efforts to educate on the Delegate Selection Process**

- 1) Beginning in September of 2019, concurrently with the distribution of presidential nomination petitions, the State Party and its Affirmative Action Committee will begin well publicized educational workshops, in person and digitally, in each of the delegate districts. These will be predicated by Train-the-Trainer workshops at the September WSDCC Central Committee Meeting to give local leadership the tools necessary to pass along delegate selection information through local workshops. These workshops will be designed to encourage participation in the delegate selection process, including apprising potential delegate candidates of the availability of financial assistance. These workshops will be held in places that are easily accessible to persons with physical disabilities. The times, dates, places and rules for the conduct of all education workshops, meetings and other events involved in the delegate selection process shall be effectively publicized by the party organization and include mailings to various organizations representative of the Democratic voting populace.
- 2) A speakers bureau of volunteers from the Affirmative Action Committee and other interested volunteers from the State Central Committee, and County and Legislative District organizations, comprised of individuals who are fully familiar with the process, will be organized to appear before groups, as needed, to provide information concerning the process. This panel will be convened as early as September of 2019, and will begin holding necessary workshops as early as October.
- 3) The State Party's education efforts will include outreach to community leaders within the Democratic Party's constituencies and making sure that information about the delegate selection process is available to Democratic clubs and Party caucuses representing specific constituencies.
- 4) The State Party will publish and make available at no cost: a clear and concise explanation of how Democratic voters can participate in the delegate selection process; an explanation of how, where and when persons can register to vote; and delegate district maps. As well, the State Party shall also make available copies of the State Party Rules, the Delegate Selection Plan (and its attachments), the Affirmative Action Plan, and relevant state statutes at no cost. Copies of documents related to the state's delegate selection process will be prepared and the State Democratic Chair will distribute them in the various delegate districts not later than Thursday, October 1, 2019.

- 5) The State Party shall take all feasible steps to encourage persons to register and to vote as Democrats and will seek to ensure simple and easy registration procedures.

### **Efforts to Publicize the Delegate Selection Process**

- 1) Special attention shall be directed at publicizing the delegate selection process in the state. Such publicity shall include information on eligibility to vote and how to become a candidate for delegate, the time and location of each stage of the delegate selection process and where to get additional information. The foregoing information will also be published in the State Party's communications and on the State Party's website. The Party organization, official, candidate, or member calling a meeting or scheduling an event, shall effectively publicize the role that such meeting or event plays in the selection of delegates and alternates to the Democratic National Convention. These communicaes will occur in September with the distribution of the September WSDCC Call to Meeting, distributed along with the September distribution of Presidential Nomination Petitions, as well as publicized through the State Party Website as early as September 1, 2019.
- 2) Newspapers, radio, television, and the internet will be utilized to inform the general public how, when and where to participate in the delegate selection process. Specifically, this information should provide details as to how to qualify to run as a delegate candidate. Special effort shall be directed to the major daily newspapers, radio and television stations by the State Democratic Chair. Regular releases during the delegate selection process to all other media sources, weekly newspapers, and wire services should complete timely coverage.
  - a. Internet advertising will begin first in the early phases of publishing information documents related to becoming a delegate, in early September and October, and will continue through the duration of the nomination process.
  - b. Newspapers will be utilized in communicating information regarding to the Legislative District Caucuses as April 26<sup>th</sup> approaches, in coordination with the local district parties.
  - c. Radio and Television will be utilized as necessary to supplement these two primary forms of outreach where deemed necessary by the WSDCC Affirmative Action Committee with consultation with the WSDCC Communications Director to reach communities where these forms of communication are a necessary component of outreach.
- 3) A priority effort shall be directed at publicity among the Democratic Party's constituencies.
  - a. Information about the delegate selection process will be provided to minority newspapers and radio stations, ethnic press, Native American, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, African Americans, Hispanic Americans, and Spanish-speaking and other non-English press, radio stations and publications, and women's organizations, disability press, student newspapers, LGBTQ press, and any other specialty media in the state that is likely to reach the Democratic constituency groups set forth in the Affirmative Action Plan Section I.A
  - b. The State Party shall be responsible for the implementation of this publicity effort. For purposes of providing adequate notice of the delegate selection process, the times, dates, places and rules for the conduct of Legislative District caucuses, county conventions, congressional district caucuses and the State Convention shall be effectively publicized, multilingual where necessary, to encourage the participation of minority groups.
- 4) Not later than Monday, September 16, 2019, the State Party will make information about the delegate selection process available on its website and publicize the resource through press releases and

communications to Party leaders, activists, and targeted constituencies. Information to be posted on the website will include:

- a. a summary of all pertinent rules related to the state's delegate selection process;
- b. a map of delegate districts and how many delegates will be elected within each district;
- c. a summary explaining the operation and importance of the 2020 Convention; and
- d. materials designed to encourage participation by prospective delegate candidates.

April 24, 2019

Ms. Lorraine Miller, Co-Chair  
Mr. James Roosevelt, Jr., Co-  
Chair Rules and Bylaws  
Committee Democratic  
National Committee 430 South  
Capitol St. SE Washington,  
DC 20003

Dear Lorraine and James,

Please find the attached Washington State Democratic Party Delegate Selection Plan for the 2020 Democratic National Convention that was adopted by the Washington State Democratic Central Committee on Sunday, April 7, 2019.

Prior to final passage a draft plan was adopted by the State Rules and Bylaws Committee, chaired by Sophia Danenberg and Bryan Kesterson, and the State Affirmative Action Committee, chaired by Chris Porter and Yvette Joseph on Saturday, April 6, 2019. An e-mail was sent to party leaders statewide on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 and the plan was posted prominently on the State Party website at [www.waelectioncenter.com/submit-comment](http://www.waelectioncenter.com/submit-comment) for public consideration for the required 30 day period between Tuesday, March 5, 2019 and Friday, April 5, 2019.

Sincerely,

Tina  
Podlodowski  
State Party  
Chair



For Immediate Release  
April 7, 2019

Contact: Heather Weiner  
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## WASHINGTON DEMOCRATS VOTE TO MOVE FROM CAUCUS TO PRIMARY SYSTEM

### **Democrats Adopt March 2020 State-Run Primary Election** *Caucuses Still Choose Who Goes to DNC Convention*

**PASCO, WA:** Washington's Democrats will nominate their favorite candidate for President using government-issued mail-in-ballots instead of weekend caucus meetings held in churches and gymnasiums.

"Democrats in Washington are ready for the big show in 2020," said **Tina Podlodowski, Chair of the Washington State Democrats**. "We look forward to more Presidential candidate attention and visits, increasing voter and activist engagement, and lifting up Democrats at all levels on the 2020 ballot."

Today, the Washington State Democratic Central Committee voted 121 - 40 to use the March 2020 primary results to apportion delegates. Delegates to the Democratic National Convention, scheduled for July 2020 in Milwaukee, will still be chosen by caucus votes.

Next, the state Democrats will send their plan to the DNC for approval.

Until now, the state's Democratic voters had used a caucus-only system praised for its community atmosphere and criticized for its sometimes chaotic and exclusionary process. More than 12,800 people submitted their votes and comments to the WA Democrats; 93.6% of those submitting votes supported the primary-caucus hybrid ratified today.

One commenter, **Nick Rosenblatt in Lakewood**, submitted that "The caucus system doesn't allow the majority of voters to participate. Work and child care scheduling has prohibited my wife and me from ever attending a caucus, and we vote in every election. More voters will be heard if more voters have the opportunity."

Another commenter, **Stephanie Kountorous in Bellingham**, submitted that "Caucuses give us the chance to meet neighbors and really talk about candidates and issues. More importantly - caucuses give every citizen a chance to be a party delegate and represent their views and communities. With a caucus system, WA State has had one of the most consistently diverse delegations representing our state over history." Kountorous is a former State Committeewoman and party vice-chair.

Washington State recently passed changes to Washington's presidential primary to move the date from late May to the second Tuesday in March, and to bring it into compliance with DNC rules, allowing the primary to be used for delegate apportionment. Before these changes, Washington's government-run primary did not comply with DNC rules for use to apportion delegates and the results of these elections were not factored in to Washington's Democratic delegate apportionment.

c. Copies of all written public comments on the plan can be viewed here:

[Comments on the Proposed 2020 Washington State Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan](#)

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1F9rhiPp0S5iUrK-E39N3w39Fn1wAmwURUBaQeppgGjg/edit?ts=5cbe33cb#gid=0>

April 24, 2019

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Dear Lorraine and James,

Please see copies of all Washington State's statutes reasonably related to the 2020  
Washington State Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan.

Sincerely,

Tina  
Podlowski  
State Party  
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Dear Lorraine and James,

Title 29A of the Revised Code of Washington governs the administration of primaries and elections in the State of Washington.

Title 29A contains all specific statutes that govern election administration in the state of Washington generally, and except as provided in RCW 29A.56.010-060 all aspects of the presidential primary are the same as all other primaries and general elections in Washington State.

In the 2019 Legislative Session, the Washington State Legislature amended the statutes governing Presidential Primaries. The applicable bill, Senate Bill 5273, was signed into law by Governor Jay Inslee on March 14, 2019, becoming Session Law 5273, which takes effect on July 28, 2019. The full text of SL5273 is contained in this appendix.

The complete Title 29A can be accessed online here:  
<https://apps.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?Cite=29A>

Sincerely,

Tina

Podlowski

State Party

Chair

## **Appendix E: Specific Washington State Statutes Governing Presidential Primaries**

Chapter 29A.56 Revised Code of Washington

### **SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES ELECTIONS**

#### **PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY**

##### **29A.56.010**

###### **Intent.**

\*\*\* CHANGE IN 2019 \*\*\* (SEE 5273.SL) \*\*\*

The people of the state of Washington declare that:

(1) The current presidential nominating caucus system in Washington state is unnecessarily restrictive of voter participation in that it discriminates against the elderly, the infirm, women, the disabled, evening workers, and others who are unable to attend caucuses and therefore unable to fully participate in this most important quadrennial event that occurs in our democratic system of government.

(2) It is the intent of this chapter to make the presidential selection process more open and representative of the will of the people of our state.

(3) A presidential primary will afford the maximum opportunity for voter access at regular polling places during the daytime and evening hours convenient to the most people.

(4) This state's participation in the selection of presidential candidates shall be in accordance with the will of the people as expressed in a presidential preference primary.

(5) It is the intent of this chapter, to the maximum extent practicable, to continue to reserve to the political parties the right to conduct their delegate selection as prescribed by party rules insofar as it reflects the will of the people as expressed in a presidential primary election conducted every four years in the manner described by this chapter.

[ [2003 c 111 § 1401](#); 1989 c 4 § 1 (Initiative Measure No. 99). Formerly RCW [29.19.010](#).]

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##### **29A.56.020**

###### **Date.**

\*\*\* CHANGE IN 2019 \*\*\* (SEE 5273.SL) \*\*\*

(1) On the fourth Tuesday in May of each year in which a president of the United States is to be nominated and elected, a presidential primary shall be held at which voters may vote for the nominee of a major political party for the office of president. The secretary of state may propose an alternative date for the primary no later than the first day of August of the year before the year in which a president is to be nominated and elected.

(2) No later than the first day of September of the year before the year in which a presidential nominee is selected, the state committee of any major political party that will use the primary results for candidates of that party may propose an alternative date for that primary.

(3) If an alternative date is proposed under subsection (1) or (2) of this section, a committee consisting of the chair and the vice chair of the state committee of each major political party, the secretary of state, the majority leader and minority leader of the senate, and the speaker and the minority leader of the house of representatives shall meet and, if affirmed by a two-thirds vote of the members of the committee, the date of the primary shall be changed. The committee shall meet and decide on the proposed alternate date not later than the first day of October of the year before the year in which a presidential nominee is selected. The secretary of state shall convene and preside over the meeting of the committee. A committee member other than a legislator may appoint, in writing, a designee to serve on his or her behalf. A legislator who is a member of the committee may appoint, in writing, another legislator to serve on his or her behalf.

(4) If an alternate date is approved under this section, the secretary of state shall adopt rules under RCW [29A.04.620](#) to adjust the deadlines in RCW [29A.56.030](#) and related provisions of this chapter to correspond with the date that has been approved.

[ [2003 c 111 § 1402](#); (2011 c 319 § 1 expired January 1, 2013); (2003 3rd sp.s. c 1 § 2 expired January 1, 2005); (2003 3rd sp.s. c 1 § 1 expired July 1, 2004). Prior: [1995 1st sp.s. c 20 § 1](#); 1989 c 4 § 2 (Initiative Measure No. 99). Formerly RCW [29.19.020](#).]

#### NOTES:

**Expiration date—2011 c 319:** "Section 1 of this act expires January 1, 2013." [ [2011 c 319 § 2](#).]

**Effective date—2003 3rd sp.s. c 1 § 2:** "Section 2 of this act takes effect July 1, 2004." [ [2003 3rd sp.s. c 1 § 5](#).]

**Expiration date—2003 3rd sp.s. c 1 § 2:** "Section 2 of this act expires January 1, 2005." [ [2003 3rd sp.s. c 1 § 6](#).]

**Expiration date—2003 3rd sp.s. c 1 § 1:** "Section 1 of this act expires July 1, 2004." [ [2003 3rd sp.s. c 1 § 4](#).]

**Effective date—2003 3rd sp.s. c 1 § 1:** "Section 1 of this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect immediately [December 9, 2003]." [ [2003 3rd sp.s. c 1 § 3](#).]

**Effective date—1995 1st sp.s. c 20:** "This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect immediately [June 15, 1995]." [ [1995 1st sp.s. c 20 § 7](#).]

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#### 29A.56.030

#### Ballot—Names included.

\*\*\* CHANGE IN 2019 \*\*\* (SEE 5273.SL) \*\*\*

The name of any candidate for a major political party nomination for president of the United States shall be printed on the presidential preference primary ballot of a major political party only:

(1) By direction of the secretary of state, who in the secretary's sole discretion has determined that the candidate's candidacy is generally advocated or is recognized in national news media; or

(2) If members of the political party of the candidate have presented a petition for nomination of the candidate that has attached to the petition a sheet or sheets containing the signatures of at least one thousand registered voters who declare themselves in the petition as being affiliated with the same political party as the presidential candidate. The petition shall be filed with the secretary of state not later than seventy-five days before the presidential preference primary. The signature sheets shall also contain the residence address and name or number of the precinct of each registered voter whose signature appears thereon and shall be certified in the manner prescribed in RCW [29A.72.230](#) and [29A.72.240](#).

The secretary of state shall place the name of the candidate on the ballot unless the candidate, at least sixty-seven days before the presidential preference primary, executes and files with the secretary of state an affidavit stating without qualification that he or she is not now and will not become a candidate for the office of president of the United States at the forthcoming presidential election. The secretary of state shall certify the names of all candidates who will appear on the presidential preference primary ballot to the respective county auditors on or before the fourth Tuesday in April of each presidential election year.

[ [2011 c 349 § 19](#); [2006 c 344 § 15](#); [2003 c 111 § 1403](#). Prior: 1989 c 4 § 3 (Initiative Measure No. 99). Formerly RCW [29.19.030](#).]

#### NOTES:

**Effective date—2011 c 349:** See note following RCW [29A.04.255](#).

**Effective date—2006 c 344 §§ 1-16 and 18-40:** See note following RCW [29A.04.311](#).

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#### 29A.56.040

#### **Procedures—Ballot form and arrangement.**

\*\*\* CHANGE IN 2019 \*\*\* (SEE 5273.SL) \*\*\*

(1) Except where necessary to accommodate the national or state rules of a major political party or where this chapter specifically provides otherwise, the presidential primary must be conducted in substantially the same manner as a state primary under this title.

(2) The arrangement and form of presidential primary ballots must be established by administrative rule adopted under RCW [29A.04.620](#). Only the candidates who have qualified under RCW [29A.56.030](#) may appear on the ballots.

(3) Each party's ballot or portion of the ballot must list alphabetically the names of all candidates for the office of president. The ballot must clearly indicate the political party of each candidate. Each ballot must include a blank space to allow the voter to write in the name of any other candidate.

(4) A presidential primary ballot with votes for more than one candidate is void, and notice to this effect, stated in clear, simple language and printed in large type, must appear on the face of each presidential primary ballot or on or about each voting device.

[ [2013 c 11 § 54](#); [2007 c 385 § 1](#); [2003 c 111 § 1404](#). Prior: [1995 1st sp.s. c 20 § 2](#). Formerly RCW [29.19.045](#).]

#### NOTES:

**Effective date—1995 1st sp.s. c 20:** See note following RCW [29A.56.020](#).

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#### 29A.56.050

##### **Allocation of delegates—Party declarations.**

\*\*\* CHANGE IN 2019 \*\*\* (SEE 5273.SL) \*\*\*

(1) A major political party may, under national or state party rules, base the allocation of delegates from this state to the national nominating convention of that party in whole or in part on the participation in precinct caucuses and conventions conducted under the rules of that party.

(2) If requested by a major political party, the secretary of state shall adopt rules under RCW [29A.04.620](#) to provide for any declaration required by that party.

(3) Voters who subscribe to a specific political party declaration under this section must be given ballots that are readily distinguishable from those given to other voters. Votes cast by persons making these declarations must be tabulated and reported separately from other votes cast at the primary and may be used by a major political party in its allocation of delegates under the rules of that party.

(4) For a political party that requires a specific voter declaration under this section, the secretary of state shall prescribe rules for providing, to the state and county committees of that political party, a copy of the declarations or a list of the voters who participated in the presidential nominating process of that party.

[ [2003 c 111 § 1405](#). Prior: [1995 1st sp.s. c 20 § 3](#). Formerly RCW [29.19.055](#).]

#### NOTES:

**Effective date—1995 1st sp.s. c 20:** See note following RCW [29A.56.020](#).

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#### 29A.56.060

##### **Costs.**

Subject to available funds specifically appropriated for this purpose, whenever a presidential primary is held as provided by this chapter, the state of Washington shall assume all costs of holding the primary if it is held alone. If any other election or elections are held at the same time, the state is liable only for a prorated share of the costs. The county auditor shall determine the costs, including the state's prorated share, if applicable, in the same manner as provided under RCW [29A.04.410](#) and shall file a certified claim with the secretary of state. The



secretary of state shall include in his or her biennial budget requests sufficient funds to carry out this section. Reimbursements for primary costs must be from appropriations specifically provided by law for that purpose. [ [2003 c 111 § 1406](#). Prior: [1995 1st sp.s. c 20 § 5](#); 1989 c 4 § 8 (Initiative Measure No. 99). Formerly RCW [29.19.080](#).]

**NOTES:**

**Effective date—1995 1st sp.s. c 20:** See note following RCW [29A.56.020](#).

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**29A.56.300**

**States' agreement—Presidential election—National popular vote.**

The agreement among the states to elect the president by national popular vote is hereby entered into and enacted into law with all jurisdictions legally joining therein, in the form substantially as follows:

ARTICLE I - Membership

Any state of the United States and the District of Columbia may become a member of this agreement by enacting this agreement.

ARTICLE II - Right of the People in Member States to Vote

For President and Vice President

Each member state shall conduct a statewide popular election for president and vice president of the United States.

ARTICLE III - Manner of Appointing Presidential Electors

In Member States

Prior to the time set by law for the meeting and voting by the presidential electors, the chief election official of each member state shall determine the number of votes for each presidential slate in each state of the United States and in the District of Columbia in which votes have been cast in a statewide popular election and shall add such votes together to produce a "national popular vote total" for each presidential slate.

The chief election official of each member state shall designate the presidential slate with the largest national popular vote total as the "national popular vote winner."

The presidential elector certifying official of each member state shall certify the appointment in that official's own state of the elector slate nominated in that state in association with the national popular vote winner.

At least six days before the day fixed by law for the meeting and voting by the presidential electors, each member state shall make a final determination of the number of popular votes cast in the state for each presidential slate and shall communicate an official statement of such determination within twenty-four hours to the chief election official of each other member state.

The chief election official of each member state shall treat as conclusive an official statement containing the number of popular votes in a state for each presidential slate made by the day established by federal law for making a state's final determination conclusive as to the counting of electoral votes by congress.

In event of a tie for the national popular vote winner, the presidential elector certifying official of each member state shall certify the appointment of the elector slate nominated in association with the presidential slate receiving the largest number of popular votes within that official's own state.

If, for any reason, the number of presidential electors nominated in a member state in association with the national popular vote winner is less than or greater than that state's number of electoral votes, the presidential candidate on the presidential slate that has been designated as the national popular vote winner shall have the power to nominate the presidential electors for that state and that state's presidential elector certifying official shall certify the appointment of such nominees.

The chief election official of each member state shall immediately release to the public all vote counts or statements of votes as they are determined or obtained.

This article shall govern the appointment of presidential electors in each member state in any year in which this agreement is, on July 20, in effect in states cumulatively possessing a majority of the electoral votes.

#### ARTICLE IV - Other Provisions

This agreement shall take effect when states cumulatively possessing a majority of the electoral votes have enacted this agreement in substantially the same form and the enactments by such states have taken effect in each state.

Any member state may withdraw from this agreement, except that a withdrawal occurring six months or less before the end of a president's term shall not become effective until a president or vice president shall have been qualified to serve the next term.

The chief executive of each member state shall promptly notify the chief executive of all other states of when this agreement has been enacted and has taken effect in that official's state, when the state has withdrawn from this agreement, and when this agreement takes effect generally.

This agreement shall terminate if the electoral college is abolished.

If any provision of this agreement is held invalid, the remaining provisions shall not be affected.

#### ARTICLE V - Definitions

For purposes of this agreement:

"Chief executive" shall mean the governor of a state of the United States or the mayor of the District of Columbia;

"Elector slate" shall mean a slate of candidates who have been nominated in a state for the position of presidential elector in association with a presidential slate;

"Chief election official" shall mean the state official or body that is authorized to certify the total number of popular votes for each presidential slate;

"Presidential elector" shall mean an elector for president and vice president of the United States;

"Presidential elector certifying official" shall mean the state official or body that is authorized to certify the appointment of the state's presidential electors;

"Presidential slate" shall mean a slate of two persons, the first of whom has been nominated as a candidate for president of the United States and the second of whom has been nominated as a candidate for vice president of the United States, or any legal successors to such persons, regardless of whether both names appear on the ballot presented to the voter in a particular state; "State" shall mean a state of the United States and the District of Columbia; and "Statewide popular election" shall mean a general election in which votes are cast for presidential slates by individual voters and counted on a statewide basis. [ [2009 c 264 § 2.](#) ]

## NOTES:

**Intent—2009 c 264:** "It is the intent of the legislature to enter into the agreement among the states to elect the president by national popular vote. This agreement is a contract between the member states. As a contract, this agreement is governed by the legal principles applicable to contracts. As with a contract, in order for this agreement to have the force of law in a jurisdiction that wishes to enter into the agreement, it must be accepted in precisely the same terms that constitute the offer. Any material variance between the offer and acceptance precludes the formation of a contract. Therefore, the agreement among the states to elect the president by national popular vote must be enacted by Washington under identical terms as contained in the agreement and as enacted by Hawaii, Illinois, Maryland, and New Jersey, subject to only nonmaterial changes." [ [2009 c 264 § 1.](#)]

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### 29A.56.310

#### **Date of election—Number.**

On the Tuesday after the first Monday of November in the year in which a president of the United States is to be elected, there shall be elected as many electors of president and vice president of the United States as there are senators and representatives in Congress allotted to this state. [ [2003 c 111 § 1424](#); [1965 c 9 § 29.71.010](#). Prior: [1891 c 148 § 1](#); RRS § 5138. Formerly RCW [29.71.010](#).]

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### 29A.56.320

#### **Nomination—Pledge by electors—What names on ballots—How counted.**

In the year in which a presidential election is held, each major political party and each minor political party or independent candidate convention that nominates candidates for president and vice president of the United States shall nominate presidential electors for this state. The party or convention shall file with the secretary of state a certificate signed by the presiding officer of the convention at which the presidential electors were chosen, listing the names and addresses of the presidential electors. Each presidential elector shall execute and file with the secretary of state a pledge that, as an elector, he or she will vote for the candidates nominated by that party. The names of presidential electors shall not appear on the ballots. The votes cast for candidates for president and vice president of each political party shall be counted for the candidates for presidential electors of that political party; however, if the interstate compact entitled the "agreement among the states to elect the president by national popular vote," as set forth in RCW [29A.56.300](#), governs the appointment of the presidential electors for a presidential election as provided in clause 9 of Article III of that compact, then the final appointment of presidential electors for that presidential election shall be in accordance with that compact. [ [2013 c 11 § 56](#); [2009 c 264 § 3](#); [2003 c 111 § 1425](#). Prior: [1990 c 59 § 69](#); [1977 ex.s. c 238 § 1](#); [1965 c 9 § 29.71.020](#); prior: [1935 c 20 § 1](#); RRS § 5138-1. Formerly RCW [29.71.020](#).]

## NOTES:

**Intent—2009 c 264:** See note following RCW [29A.56.300](#).

**Intent—Effective date—1990 c 59:** See notes following RCW [29A.04.013](#).

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#### **29A.56.330**

#### **Counting and canvassing the returns.**

The votes for candidates for president and vice president must be canvassed under chapter [29A.60](#) RCW. The secretary of state shall prepare three lists of names of electors elected and affix the seal of the state. The lists must be signed by the governor and secretary of state and by the latter delivered to the college of electors at the hour of their meeting.

[ [2003 c 111 § 1426](#); [1965 c 9 § 29.71.030](#). Prior: [1935 c 20 § 2](#); RRS § 5139; prior: [1891 c 148 § 2](#). Formerly RCW [29.71.030](#).]

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#### **29A.56.340**

#### **Meeting—Time—Procedure—Voting for nominee of other party, penalty.**

The electors of the president and vice president shall convene at the seat of government on the day fixed by federal statute, at the hour of twelve o'clock noon of that day. If there is any vacancy in the office of an elector occasioned by death, refusal to act, neglect to attend, or otherwise, the electors present shall immediately proceed to fill it by voice vote, and plurality of votes. When all of the electors have appeared and the vacancies have been filled they shall constitute the college of electors of the state of Washington, and shall proceed to perform the duties required of them by the Constitution and laws of the United States. Any elector who votes for a person or persons not nominated by the party of which he or she is an elector is subject to a civil penalty of up to one thousand dollars.

[ [2003 c 111 § 1427](#); [1977 ex.s. c 238 § 2](#); [1965 c 9 § 29.71.040](#). Prior: [1909 c 22 § 1](#); [1891 c 148 § 3](#); RRS § 5140. Formerly RCW [29.71.040](#).]

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#### **29A.56.350**

#### **Compensation.**

Every presidential elector who attends at the time and place appointed, and gives his or her vote for president and vice president, is entitled to receive from this state a subsistence allowance and travel expenses pursuant to RCW [43.03.050](#) and [43.03.060](#) for each day's attendance at the meeting of the college of electors.

[ [2013 c 38 § 1](#); [2003 c 111 § 1428](#); [1965 c 9 § 29.71.050](#). Prior: [1891 c 148 § 4](#); RRS § 5141. Formerly RCW [29.71.050](#).]

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#### **29A.56.360**

## **Slate of presidential electors.**

In a year in which the president and vice president of the United States are to be elected, the secretary of state shall include in the certification prepared under RCW [29A.52.321](#) the names of all candidates for president and vice president who, no later than the third Tuesday of August, have certified a slate of electors to the secretary of state under RCW [29A.56.320](#) and have been nominated either (1) by a major political party, as certified by the appropriate authority under party rules, or (2) by a minor party or as independent candidates. Major or minor political parties or independent presidential candidates may substitute a different candidate for vice president for the one whose name appears on the party's certification or nominating petition at any time before seventy-five days before the general election, by certifying the change to the secretary of state. Substitutions must not be permitted to delay the printing of either ballots or a voters' pamphlet. Substitutions are valid only if submitted under oath and signed by the same individual who originally certified the nomination, or his or her documented successor, and only if the substitute candidate consents in writing.  
[ [2013 c 11 § 57](#); [2003 c 111 § 1429](#). Prior: [2001 c 30 § 1](#). Formerly RCW [29.27.140](#).]

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### **29A.56.410**

#### **Governor's proclamation calling convention—When.**

Within thirty days after the state is officially notified that the Congress of the United States has submitted to the several states a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States to be ratified or rejected by a convention, the governor shall issue a proclamation fixing the time and place for holding the convention and fixing the time for holding an election to elect delegates to the convention.  
[ [2003 c 111 § 1430](#); [1965 c 9 § 29.74.010](#). Prior: 1933 c 181 § 1, part; RRS § 5249-1, part. Formerly RCW [29.74.010](#).]

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### **29A.56.420**

#### **Governor's proclamation calling convention—Publication.**

The proclamation shall be published once each week for two successive weeks in one newspaper published and of general circulation in each of the congressional districts of the state. The first publication of the proclamation shall be within thirty days of the receipt of official notice by the state of the submission of the amendment.  
[ [2003 c 111 § 1431](#). Prior: [1965 c 9 § 29.74.020](#); prior: 1933 c 181 § 1, part; RRS § 5249-1, part. Formerly RCW [29.74.020](#).]

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### **29A.56.430**

#### **Election of convention delegates—Date.**

The date for holding the election of delegates must be not less than one month nor more than six weeks before the date of holding the convention. If a general election is to be held not more than six months nor less than three months from the date of official notice of submission to the state of the

proposed amendment, the governor must fix the date of the general election as the date for the election of delegates to the convention.

[ [2003 c 111 § 1432](#); [1965 c 9 § 29.74.030](#). Prior: (i) 1933 c 181 § 1, part; RRS § 5249-1, part. (ii) [1933 c 181 § 9](#); RRS § 5249-9. Formerly RCW [29.74.030](#).]

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#### **29A.56.440**

##### **Time and place for convention.**

The convention shall be held not less than five nor more than eight months from the date of the first publication of the proclamation provided for in RCW [29A.56.420](#). It shall be held in the chambers of the state house of representatives unless the governor shall select some other place at the state capitol. [ [2003 c 111 § 1433](#). Prior: [1965 c 9 § 29.74.040](#); prior: 1933 c 181 § 1, part; RRS § 5249-1, part. Formerly RCW [29.74.040](#).]

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#### **29A.56.450**

##### **Delegates—Number and qualifications.**

Each state representative district shall be entitled to as many delegates in the convention as it has members in the house of representatives of the state legislature. No person shall be qualified to act as a delegate in said convention who does not possess the qualifications required of representatives in the state legislature from the same district.

[ [2003 c 111 § 1434](#). Prior: [1965 c 9 § 29.74.050](#); prior: [1933 c 181 § 2](#); RRS § 5249-2. Formerly RCW [29.74.050](#).]

##### **NOTES:**

*Qualifications of legislators: State Constitution Art. 2 § 7.*

*Subversive activities, disqualification from holding public office: RCW [9.81.040](#).*

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#### **29A.56.460**

##### **Delegates—Declarations of candidacy.**

Anyone desiring to file as a candidate for election as a delegate to the convention shall, not less than thirty nor more than sixty days before the date fixed for holding the election, file a declaration of candidacy with the secretary of state. Filing must be made on a form to be prescribed by the secretary of state and include a sworn statement of the candidate as being either for or against the amendment that will be submitted to a vote of the convention and that the candidate will, if elected as a delegate, vote in accordance with the declaration. The form must be so worded that the candidate must give a plain unequivocal statement of his or her views as either for or against the proposal upon which he or she will, if elected, be called upon to vote. No candidate may in any such filing make any statement or declaration

as to party politics or political faith or beliefs. The fee for filing as a candidate is ten dollars and must be transmitted to the secretary of state with the filing papers and be by the secretary of state transmitted to the state treasurer for the use of the general fund.

[ [2003 c 111 § 1435](#); [1965 c 9 § 29.74.060](#). Prior: [1933 c 181 § 3](#); RRS § 5249-3. Formerly RCW [29.74.060](#).]

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#### **29A.56.470**

##### **Election of delegates—Administration.**

The election of delegates to the convention must as far as practicable, be administered, except as otherwise provided in this chapter, in the same manner as a general election under the election laws of this state.

[ [2003 c 111 § 1436](#); [1965 c 9 § 29.74.070](#). Prior: 1933 c 181 § 4, part; RRS § 5249-4, part. Formerly RCW [29.74.070](#).]

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#### **29A.56.480**

##### **Election of delegates—Ballots.**

The issue shall be identified as, "Delegates to a convention for ratification or rejection of a proposed amendment to the United States Constitution, relating ..... (stating briefly the substance of amendment proposed for adoption or rejection)." The names of all candidates who have filed in a district shall be printed on the ballots for that district in two separate groups under the headings, "For the amendment" and "Against the amendment." The names of the candidates in each group shall be printed in alphabetical order.

[ [2003 c 111 § 1437](#). Prior: [1990 c 59 § 70](#); [1965 c 9 § 29.74.080](#); prior: 1933 c 181 § 4, part; RRS § 5249-4, part. Formerly RCW [29.74.080](#).]

##### **NOTES:**

**Intent—Effective date—1990 c 59:** See notes following RCW [29A.04.013](#).

*Ballots: Chapter [29A.36](#) RCW.*

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#### **29A.56.490**

##### **Election of delegates—Ascertaining result.**

The election officials shall count and determine the number of votes cast for each individual; and shall also count and determine the aggregate number of votes cast for all candidates whose names appear under each of the respective headings. Where more than the required number have been voted for, the ballot must be rejected. The vote must be canvassed in each county by the county canvassing board, and certificate of results must be transmitted to the secretary of state. Upon receiving the certificate, the

secretary of state may require precinct returns from any county to be forwarded for the secretary's examination.

Where a district embraces precincts of more than one county, the secretary of state shall combine the votes from all the precincts included in each district. The delegates elected in each district will be the number of candidates corresponding to the number of state representatives from the district, who receive the highest number of votes in the group (either "for" or "against") that received an aggregate number of votes for all candidates in the group greater than the aggregate number of votes for all the candidates in the other group. The secretary of state shall issue certificates of election to the delegates so elected.

[ [2013 c 11 § 58](#); [2011 c 10 § 46](#); [2003 c 111 § 1438](#); [1965 c 9 § 29.74.100](#). Prior: [1933 c 181 § 6](#); RRS § 5249-6. Formerly RCW [29.74.100](#).]

## NOTES:

**Notice to registered poll voters—Elections by mail—2011 c 10:** See note following RCW [29A.04.008](#).

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### 29A.56.500

#### **Meeting—Organization.**

The convention shall meet at the time and place fixed in the governor's proclamation. The secretary of state shall call it to order, who shall then call the roll of the delegates and preside over the convention until its president is elected. The chief justice of the supreme court shall administer the oath of office to the delegates. As far as practicable, the convention shall proceed under the rules adopted by the last preceding session of the state senate. The convention shall elect a president and a secretary and shall thereafter and thereupon proceed with a publicly recorded voice vote upon the proposition submitted by the Congress of the United States.

[ [2003 c 111 § 1439](#); [1965 c 9 § 29.74.110](#). Prior: 1933 c 181 § 7, part; RRS § 5249-7, part. Formerly RCW [29.74.110](#).]

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### 29A.56.510

#### **Quorum—Proceedings—Record.**

Two-thirds of the elected members of said convention shall constitute a quorum to do business, and a majority of those elected shall be sufficient to adopt or reject any proposition coming before the convention. If such majority votes in favor of the ratification of the amendment submitted to the convention, the said amendment shall be deemed ratified by the state of Washington; and if a majority votes in favor of rejecting or not ratifying the amendment, the same shall be deemed rejected by the state of Washington.

[ [2003 c 111 § 1440](#). Prior: [1965 c 9 § 29.74.120](#); prior: 1933 c 181 § 8, part; RRS § 5249-8, part. Formerly RCW [29.74.120](#).]

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#### **29A.56.520**

##### **Certification and transmittal of result.**

The vote of each member shall be recorded in the journal of the convention, which shall be preserved by the secretary of state as a public document. The action of the convention shall be enrolled, signed by its president and secretary and filed with the secretary of state and it shall be the duty of the secretary of state to properly certify the action of the convention to the Congress of the United States as provided by general law.

[ [2003 c 111 § 1441](#); [1965 c 9 § 29.74.130](#). Prior: (i) 1933 c 181 § 7, part; RRS § 5249-7, part. (ii) 1933 c 181 § 8, part; RRS § 5249-8, part. Formerly RCW [29.74.130](#).]

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#### **29A.56.530**

##### **Expenses—How paid—Delegates receive filing fee.**

The delegates attending the convention shall be paid the amount of their filing fee, upon vouchers approved by the president and secretary of the convention and state warrants issued thereon and payable from the general fund of the state treasury. The delegates shall receive no other compensation or mileage. All other necessary expenses of the convention shall be payable from the general fund of the state upon vouchers approved by the president and secretary of the convention.

[ [2003 c 111 § 1442](#). Prior: [1965 c 9 § 29.74.140](#); prior: [1933 c 181 § 10](#); RRS § 5249-10. Formerly RCW [29.74.140](#).]

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#### **29A.56.540**

##### **Federal statutes controlling.**

If a congressional measure, which submits to the several states an amendment to the Constitution of the United States for ratification or rejection, provides for or requires a different method of calling and holding conventions to ratify or reject said amendment, the requirements of said congressional measure shall be followed so far as they conflict with the provisions of this chapter.

[ [2003 c 111 § 1443](#). Prior: [1965 c 9 § 29.74.150](#); prior: [1933 c 181 § 11](#); RRS § 5249-11. Formerly RCW [29.74.150](#).]

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#### **29A.56.600**

##### **Convention.**

A "convention" for the purposes of this chapter, is an organized assemblage of registered voters representing an independent candidate or candidates or a new or minor political party, organization, or principle.

[ [2013 c 11 § 26](#); [2004 c 271 § 188](#). Formerly RCW [29A.20.111](#).]

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**29A.56.610****Nomination by convention—Dates.**

Nominations of candidates for president and vice president of the United States, other than by a major political party, may be made at a convention conducted not earlier than the first Saturday in May and not later than the fourth Saturday in July in the year that president and vice president appear on the general election ballot. A minor political party may hold more than one convention but in no case shall any such party nominate more than one candidate for president or more than one candidate for vice president. To be valid, a convention must be attended by at least one hundred registered voters, but a minor party or independent candidate holding multiple conventions may add together the number of signatures of different individuals from each convention in order to obtain and submit to the secretary of state the signatures of at least one thousand registered voters of the state of Washington.

[ [2013 c 11 § 27](#); [2006 c 344 § 4](#); [2004 c 271 § 110](#). Formerly RCW [29A.20.121](#).]

**NOTES:**

**Effective date—2006 c 344 §§ 1-16 and 18-40:** See note following RCW [29A.04.311](#).

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**29A.56.620****Convention—Notice.**

Each minor party or independent candidate must publish a notice in a newspaper of general circulation within the county in which the party or the candidate intends to hold a convention. The notice must appear at least ten days before the convention is to be held, and shall state the date, time, and place of the convention. Additionally, it shall include the mailing address of the person or organization sponsoring the convention.

[ [2004 c 271 § 189](#). Formerly RCW [29A.20.131](#).]

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**29A.56.630****Nominating petition—Requirements.**

A nominating petition submitted under this chapter shall clearly identify the name of the minor party or independent candidate convention as it appears on the certificate of nomination as required by \*RCW [29A.20.161](#)(3). The petition shall also contain a statement that the person signing the petition is a registered voter of the state of Washington and shall have a space for the voter to sign his or her name and to print his or her name and address. No person may sign more than one nominating petition under this chapter for an office for an election.

[ [2004 c 271 § 112](#). Formerly RCW [29A.20.151](#).]

**NOTES:**

**\*Reviser's note:** RCW [29A.20.161](#) was recodified as RCW [29A.56.640](#) pursuant to [2013 c](#)

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**29A.56.640**

**Certificate of nomination—Requisites.**

A certificate evidencing nominations made at a convention must:

- (1) Be in writing;
- (2) Contain the name of each person nominated, his or her residence, the office for which he or she is named, and a sworn statement from both nominees giving their consent to the nomination;
- (3) Identify the minor political party or the independent candidate on whose behalf the convention was held;
- (4) Be verified by the oath of the presiding officer and secretary;
- (5) Be accompanied by a nominating petition or petitions bearing the signatures and addresses of at least one thousand registered voters of the state of Washington;
- (6) Contain proof of publication of the notice of calling the convention; and
- (7) Be submitted to the secretary of state not later than the first Friday of August.

[ [2013 c 11 § 28](#); [2004 c 271 § 154](#). Formerly RCW [29A.20.161](#).]

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**29A.56.650**

**Multiple certificates of nomination.**

(1) If two or more valid certificates of nomination are filed purporting to nominate different candidates for the same position using the same party name, the filing officer must give effect to both certificates. If conflicting claims to the party name are not resolved either by mutual agreement or by a judicial determination of the right to the name, the candidates must be treated as independent candidates. Disputes over the right to the name must not be permitted to delay the printing of either ballots or a voters' pamphlet. Other candidates nominated by the same conventions may continue to use the partisan affiliation unless a court of competent jurisdiction directs otherwise.

(2) A person affected may petition the superior court of the county in which the filing officer is located for a judicial determination of the right to the name of a minor political party, either before or after documents are filed with the filing officer. The court shall resolve the conflict between competing claims to the use of the same party name according to the following principles: (a) The prior established public use of the name during previous elections by a party composed of or led by the same individuals or individuals in documented succession; (b) prior established public use of the name earlier in the same election cycle; (c) the nomination of a more complete slate of candidates for a number of offices or in a number of different regions of the state; (d) documented affiliation with a national or statewide party organization with an established use of the name; (e) the first date of filing of a certificate of nomination; and (f) such other indicia of an established right to use of the name as the court may deem relevant. If more than one filing officer is involved, and one of them is the secretary of state, the petition must be filed in the superior court for Thurston county. Upon resolving the conflict between competing claims, the court may also address any ballot designation for the candidate who does not prevail.

[ [2004 c 271 § 155](#). Formerly RCW [29A.20.171](#).]

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**29A.56.660****Presidential electors—Selection at convention.**

A minor political party or independent candidate convention nominating candidates for the offices of president and vice president of the United States shall, not later than ten days after the adjournment of the convention, submit a list of presidential electors to the office of the secretary of state. The list shall contain the names and the mailing addresses of the persons selected and shall be verified by the presiding officer of the convention.

[ [2004 c 271 § 156](#). Formerly RCW [29A.20.181](#).]

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**29A.56.670****Certificate of nomination—Checking signatures—Appeal of determination.**

Upon the receipt of the certificate of nomination, the secretary of state shall check the certificate and canvass the signatures on the accompanying nominating petitions to determine if the requirements of RCW [29A.56.640](#) have been met. Once the determination has been made, the secretary of state shall notify the presiding officer of the convention and any other persons requesting the notification, of his or her decision regarding the sufficiency of the certificate or the nominating petitions. Any appeal regarding the secretary's determination must be filed with the superior court of Thurston county not later than five days from the date the determination is made, and shall be heard and finally disposed of by the court within five days of the filing. Nominating petitions shall not be available for public inspection or copying.

[ [2013 c 11 § 29](#); [2004 c 271 § 157](#). Formerly RCW [29A.20.191](#).]

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I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 5273** as passed by Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

BRAD HENDRICKSON

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**Secretary**

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1       AN ACT Relating to the presidential primary; amending RCW  
2   29A.56.020, 29A.56.040, 29A.56.050, 29A.60.190, 29A.08.161, and  
3   29A.04.206; adding a new section to chapter 29A.56 RCW; decodifying  
4   RCW 29A.56.010; and repealing RCW 29A.56.030.

5   BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6       **Sec. 1.** RCW 29A.56.020 and 2003 c 111 s 1402 are each amended to  
7   read as follows:

8       (1) On the ~~((fourth))~~ second Tuesday in ~~((May))~~ March of each  
9   year in which a president of the United States is to be nominated and  
10   elected, a presidential primary shall be held at which voters may  
11   vote for the nominee of a major political party for the office of  
12   president.

13       (2) (a) The secretary of state may propose an alternative date for  
14   the primary, including to coordinate a regional primary with any of  
15   the following states: Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho,  
16   Montana, Nevada, Oregon, and Utah, no later than the first day of  
17   ~~((August))~~ September of the year before the year in which a president  
18   is to be nominated and elected. The proposed date must not be prior  
19   to the earliest date permitted by the national rules of the major  
20   political parties.

1       (~~((2))~~) (b) No later than the (~~((first))~~) fifteenth day of  
2 September of the year before the year in which a presidential nominee  
3 is selected, the state committee of any major political party that  
4 will use the primary results for candidates of that party may propose  
5 an alternative date for that primary.

6       (3) If an alternative date is proposed under subsection (~~((1)~~  
7 ~~or~~)) (2)(a) or (b) of this section, a committee consisting of the  
8 chair and the vice chair of the state committee of each major  
9 political party, the secretary of state, the majority leader and  
10 minority leader of the senate, and the speaker and the minority  
11 leader of the house of representatives shall meet and, if affirmed by  
12 a two-thirds vote of the members of the committee, the date of the  
13 primary shall be changed. The committee shall meet and decide on the  
14 proposed alternate date not later than the first day of October of  
15 the year before the year in which a presidential nominee is selected.  
16 The secretary of state shall convene and preside over the meeting of  
17 the committee. A committee member other than a legislator may  
18 appoint, in writing, a designee to serve on his or her behalf. A  
19 legislator who is a member of the committee may appoint, in writing,  
20 another legislator to serve on his or her behalf.

21       (4) If an alternate date is approved under this section, the  
22 secretary of state shall adopt rules under RCW 29A.04.620 to adjust  
23 the deadlines in (~~((RCW 29A.56.030))~~) section 2 of this act and related  
24 provisions of this chapter to correspond with the date that has been  
25 approved.

26       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 29A.56  
27 RCW to read as follows:

28       (1) Each party must determine which candidates are to be placed  
29 on the presidential primary ballot for that party. The chair of each  
30 party must submit to the secretary of state the names of the  
31 candidates to appear on the ballot for that party no later than  
32 sixty-three days before the presidential primary. Once submitted,  
33 changes must not be made to the candidates that will appear on the  
34 ballot.

35       (2) No later than the seventh day before the presidential  
36 nomination primary, the chair of each party must submit to the  
37 secretary of state the names of write-in candidates, if any, to be  
38 counted for that party.

1       **Sec. 3.** RCW 29A.56.040 and 2013 c 11 s 54 are each amended to  
2 read as follows:

3       (1) Except where necessary to accommodate the national or state  
4 rules of a major political party or where this chapter specifically  
5 provides otherwise, the presidential primary must be conducted in  
6 substantially the same manner as a state primary under this title.

7       (2) The arrangement and form of presidential primary ballots must  
8 be established by administrative rule adopted under RCW 29A.04.620,  
9 and in consultation with the major political parties. Only the  
10 candidates who have ~~((qualified under RCW 29A.56.030))~~ been submitted  
11 under section 2 of this act may appear on the ballots.

12       (3) Each party's ballot or portion of the ballot must list  
13 alphabetically the names of all candidates for the office of  
14 president for that party. The ballot must clearly indicate the  
15 political party of each candidate. ~~((Each ballot must include a blank~~  
16 ~~space to allow the voter to write in the name of any other~~  
17 ~~candidate.))~~

18       (4) If requested by a party chair, the ballot for that party must  
19 contain a place for a voter to indicate a preference for having  
20 delegates to the party's national convention remain uncommitted. A  
21 request under this subsection must be submitted to the secretary of  
22 state no later than sixty-three days before the presidential primary.

23       (5) A presidential primary ballot with votes for more than one  
24 candidate is void, and notice to this effect, stated in clear, simple  
25 language and printed in large type, must appear on the face of each  
26 presidential primary ballot or on or about each voting device.

27       (6) Notice must be published in the manner required by RCW  
28 29A.52.355.

29       **Sec. 4.** RCW 29A.56.050 and 2003 c 111 s 1405 are each amended to  
30 read as follows:

31       (1) A major political party may, under national or state party  
32 rules, base the allocation of delegates from this state to the  
33 national nominating convention of that party in whole or in part on  
34 the participation in precinct caucuses and conventions conducted  
35 under the rules of that party.

36       (2) If requested by a major political party, the secretary of  
37 state shall adopt rules under RCW 29A.04.620 to provide for any  
38 declaration required by that party.



1       (3) Voters who subscribe to a specific political party  
2 declaration under this section may only vote for a candidate of that  
3 party. Each list of candidates on ballots must be ~~((given ballots~~  
4 ~~that are))~~ readily distinguishable from ~~((those given to other~~  
5 ~~voters))~~ the list of candidates for any other party. Votes cast by  
6 persons making these declarations must be tabulated and reported  
7 separately from other votes cast at the primary and may be used by a  
8 major political party in its allocation of delegates under the rules  
9 of that party.

10       (4) For a political party that requires a specific voter  
11 declaration under this section, the secretary of state shall  
12 prescribe rules for providing, to the state and county committees of  
13 that political party, a copy of the declarations or a list of the  
14 voters who participated in the presidential nominating process of  
15 that party.

16       **Sec. 5.** RCW 29A.60.190 and 2015 c 146 s 4 are each amended to  
17 read as follows:

18       Ten days after a special election held in February or April, ten  
19 days after a presidential primary held pursuant to chapter 29A.56  
20 RCW, fourteen days after a primary, or twenty-one days after a  
21 general election, the county canvassing board shall complete the  
22 canvass and certify the results. Each ballot that was returned before  
23 8:00 p.m. on the day of the special election, general election,  
24 ~~((or))~~ primary, or presidential primary, and each ballot bearing a  
25 postmark on or before the date of the special election, general  
26 election, ~~((or))~~ primary, or presidential primary and received no  
27 later than the day before certification, must be included in the  
28 canvass report.

29       **Sec. 6.** RCW 29A.08.161 and 2004 c 271 s 107 are each amended to  
30 read as follows:

31       No record may be created or maintained by a state or local  
32 governmental agency or a political organization that identifies a  
33 voter with the information marked on the voter's ballot, ~~((including~~  
34 ~~the choice that a voter makes on a partisan primary ballot regarding~~  
35 ~~political party affiliation))~~ except the declarations made under RCW  
36 29A.56.050(2).

1       **Sec. 7.** RCW 29A.04.206 and 2005 c 2 s 3 are each  
amended to read  
2 as follows:  
3       (1) The rights of Washington voters are  
protected by its  
4 constitution and laws and include the following fundamental  
rights:  
5       ~~((+1))~~ (a) The right of qualified voters to  
vote at all  
6 elections;  
7       ~~((+2))~~ (b) The right of absolute secrecy of the  
vote. No voter  
8 may be required to disclose political faith or adherence  
in order to  
9 vote;  
10       ~~((+3))~~ (c) The right to cast a vote for any  
candidate for each  
11 office without any limitation based on party  
preference or  
12 affiliation, of either the voter or the candidate.  
13       (2) Nothing in subsection (1)(b) or (c) of this section  
alters or  
14 supersedes RCW 29A.56.020 through 29A.56.050,  
which govern  
15 presidential primary elections.

16       NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** RCW 29A.56.010 (Intent) is  
decodified.

17       NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** RCW 29A.56.030 (Ballot—Names  
included) and 18       2011 c 349 s 19, 2006 c 344 s 15, &  
2003 c 111 s 1403 are each  
19 repealed.

Passed by the Senate  
January 30, 2019. Passed  
by the House March 4,  
2019.  
Approved by the Governor March 14, 2019.  
Filed in Office of Secretary of State March 15, 2019.

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## PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE PETITION FOR WASHINGTON STATE PRIMARY BALLOT ACCESS

To the Chair of the Washington State Democratic Central Committee:

We, the undersigned registered voters of the State of Washington, or pre-registered Washington voters who will turn 18 years of age on or before November 3, 2020, residing at the addresses set forth opposite our respective names, respectfully request that the name of:

(Candidate name, as the candidate wishes to have it appear on the ballot)

who is a registered voter, over the age of 35, in the State/Commonwealth of \_\_\_\_\_, be submitted by the Chair of the Washington State Democratic Central Committee to the Secretary of State for the State of Washington to be placed on the Democratic Ballot for the Presidential Primary held for the State of Washington.

Each of us, for themselves says: *I have personally signed this petition; I am willing to be publicly identified as a Democrat, and I am a registered or pre-registered voter who will be 18 years of age on or before residing within the State of Washington; and my residence street address is correctly stated.*

Signature	Printed Name	Street Address where registered to vote (NOT mailing address, if different)	City	State	ZIP code	Date Signed	Election Office Use ONLY
1.				WA			
2.				WA			
3.				WA			
4.				WA			
5.				WA			
6.				WA			
7.				WA			
8.				WA			
9.				WA			
10.				WA			
11.				WA			
12.				WA			
13.				WA			
14.				WA			
15.				WA			

**WARNING:** *It is a misdemeanor in the state of Washington to knowingly sign a petition relating to an election with any other than their true name, or to sign a petition seeking an election or nominating a candidate when they are not a legal voter, or sign a petition knowing that they are otherwise not qualified to sign, or who knowingly makes herein any false statement.*



## Your Letter of Intent to Stand for Election as National Convention Delegate or Alternate

Dear Chair  
Podlodowski,

I intend to be a candidate for National Convention Delegate or Alternate and with my signature below pledge my support for\_\_\_\_\_. I am submitting this letter pursuant to Rule III.A.4.b of the Washington State Delegates Selection Plan for the 2020 Democratic National Convention.

A copy of this form properly completed and signed must be sent either by mail fax or as a scanned pdf to the State Democratic Party headquarters and **must be received between March 21st, 2020 and May 4th, 2020 at 5pm.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Name:*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*E-mail:*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Address:*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Home Phone:*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*City/Zip:*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Mobile Phone:*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Congressional District:*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*County:*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Legislative District:*

Sincerely yours,

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature*

### **State Democratic Party Headquarters**

**Return this form to:**

**Tina Podlodowski, Chair**  
RE: Letter of Intent  
Washington State Democratic Party  
PO Box 4027  
Seattle, WA 98194

Phone: (206) 583-0664  
Fax: (206) 583-0301  
partyaffairs@wa-democrats.org

Tina Podlowski, Chair  
RE: Presidential Qualifying Form  
Washington State Democrats  
P.O. Box 4027  
Seattle, WA 98194

**RE: Qualifying Form for Presidential Candidates**

Dear Chair Podlowski,

Section II. Of the 2020 Washington State Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan states the following:

**A. Ballot Access**

*A presidential candidate gains access to the Washington presidential preference primary ballot by having the Washington State Democratic Party chair submit to the secretary of state the names to appear on the ballot no later than sixty-three days (Friday, January 7, 2020) before the presidential primary. Once submitted, changes must not be made to the candidates that will appear on the ballot, including the uncommitted preference. (RCW 29A.56.TBD) No later than the seventh day (Tuesday, March 3, 2020) before the presidential nomination primary, the WSDCC Chair must submit to the secretary of state the names of write-in candidates, if any, to be counted for the Democratic Party. (RCW 29A.56.TBD)*

*Candidates will be required to submit a petition for candidacy to the Chair of the Washington State Democratic Party with 1,000 signatures of Washington State Voters who publicly declare themselves to be Democrats. Forms for the statement of candidacy and petition will be available prior to September 1, 2019. The forms must be received no later than Friday, January 3, 2020, by 5:00 pm, and must be returned by certified mail to Washington State Democrats, PO Box 4027, Seattle WA 98194, or in person to the party affairs staff at the office of the Washington State Democrats, 615 2nd Ave., Suite 580, Seattle WA 98104.*

**B. Other Requirements**

*Each presidential candidate shall certify in writing to the State Democratic Chair, the name(s) of his or her authorized representative(s) by Friday, February 28, 2020. (Rule 13.D.1)*

In compliance with Section II.B., this letter certifies the campaign of \_\_\_\_\_  
as a Democratic candidate for President of the United States in 2020.

The authorized candidate for the (name of campaign) \_\_\_\_\_  
campaign in the state of Washington is:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City & Zip Code: Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone: E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Web Site Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Sincerely,