

WASHINGTON DELEGATE SELECTION PLAN

FOR THE 2024 DEMOCRATIC STATE & NATIONAL
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Section I: Introduction & Description of Delegate Selection Process

A. Introduction

- 1) Washington State has a total of 110 delegates and 8 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 2024 Democratic National Convention* (“Rules”), the *Call for the 2024 Democratic National Convention* (“Call”), the *Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee for the 2024 Democratic National Convention* (“Regs.”), the rules of the Democratic Party of Washington state, the state election code, and this Delegate Selection Plan. *(Call II.A)*
- 3) Following the state Party Committee’s adoption of this Delegate Selection Plan, the state Party shall submit the Plan for review and approval by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee (“RBC”). The state Party 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 Party 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 state Party must 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 the State-Run primary for apportioning delegates to the 2024 Democratic National Convention.
- 2) The “first determining step” of State’s delegate selection process will occur on Tuesday, March 12th, 2024, with a State-Run primary. This primary will also include the state-run presidential primary for the Republican Party.

C. Voter Participation

- 1) Participation in Washington’s delegate selection process is open to all voters who wish to participate as Democrats. *(Rule 2.A and Rule 2.C.)*

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- 39 a) As defined in Washington [RCW 29.A.08.140](#), in order to vote in any election in
40 Washington state a person must:
- 41 i) Submit a registration application that is received by an election official no later than
42 eight days before the day of the primary, special election, or general election. For
43 purposes of this subsection (1)(a), "received" means: (i) Being physically received by
44 an election official by the close of business of the required deadline; or (ii) for
45 applications received online or electronically, by midnight, of the required deadline;
46 or
 - 47 ii) Register in person at a county auditor's office, the division of elections if in a
48 separate location from the county auditor's office, a voting center, a student
49 engagement hub, or other location designated by the county auditor no later than
50 8:00 p.m. on the day of the primary, special election if the county is conducting an
51 election, or general election.
- 52 b) Washington state does not have Party Registration. In order to participate in the
53 Democratic Presidential Primary:
- 54 i) All registered voters receive a postage paid ballot mailed to their home, regardless
55 of political affiliation or prior electoral involvement. Each ballot will contain a
56 Republican and a Democratic presidential primary ballot (this ballot may be the
57 opposite side of the same piece of paper).
 - 58 ii) Voters wishing to participate in the Democratic Presidential primary must *only* fill in
59 the ballot for the Democratic Primary and sign the affiliated oath, created by the
60 Washington State Democratic Party, attesting that they are a Democrat.
 - 61 iii) Voters will seal their ballot in a security envelope, and on the outside of the
62 envelope will indicate which primary (Republican and Democratic) their ballot is for.
 - 63 iv) Voters will then sign their ballot as they normally would. Only those ballots
64 indicating participation in the Democratic Primary will be counter by the State.
 - 65 v) Voters may then deposit their ballots into any mailbox, postage paid, or any drop-
66 box located across the state.
- 67 c) To encourage participation by youth in the delegate selection process, any individual
68 who will have turned 18 by the date of the general election will be allowed to
69 participate in the delegate selection process. *(Reg. 4.3.C)*
- 70 d) At no stage of State's delegate selection process shall any person be required, directly or
71 indirectly, to pay a cost or fee as a condition for participating. Voluntary contributions to
72 the Party may be made, but under no circumstances shall a contribution be mandatory
73 for participation. *(Rule 2.D & Reg. 4.4)*
- 74 e) No person shall participate or vote in the nominating process for the Democratic
75 presidential candidate who also participates in the nominating process of any other
76 party for the corresponding election. *(Rule 2.E)*
- 77 f) Votes shall not be taken by secret ballot at any stage of the delegate selection process,
78 including processes leading up to the selection of DNC Members or State Chairs or Vice
79 Chairs, who serve as DNC members by virtue of their office, except that use of such
80 voting by secret ballot may be used in a process that is the first determining stage of the
81 delegate selection process and in which all individual voters who wish to participate as
82 Democrats are eligible to do so. *(Rule 2.F)*

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83 g) No person shall vote in more than one (1) meeting which is the first meeting in the
84 delegate selection process. *(Rule 3.E & Reg. 4.7)*
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86 2) The Washington state Democrats, under leadership of our new Secretary of State has
87 pursued the following actions in increasing our voter security and combat election subversion:
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89 a) Maintain secure and accurate state voter registration rolls, so that every eligible
90 American who registers to vote has their personal information protected and secure;
91 *(Rule 2.H.1)*

92 b) Implement transparent and accurate voter registration list maintenance procedures that
93 comply with federal requirements and ensure that every eligible voter stays on the rolls;
94 *(Rule 2.H.2)*

95 c) Promote the acquisition, maintenance, and regular replacement of precinct based
96 optical scan voting systems; *(Rule 2.H.3)*

97 d) Ensure that any direct recording electronic systems in place have a voter verified paper
98 record; *(Rule 2.H.4)*

99 e) Implement risk limiting post-election audits such as manual audits comparing paper
100 records to electronic records; *(Rule 2.H.5)*

101 f) Ensure that all voting systems have recognized security measures; *(Rule 2.H.6)*

102 g) Use accessible and secure voting machines that make it possible for individuals with
103 disabilities to vote securely and privately, with votes verifiable by voters; *(Rule 2.H.7)*

104 h) Provide educational materials to enhance public knowledge and confidence in election
105 administration and counter disinformation; *(Rule 2.H.8)*

106 i) Actively engaging with state and local officials to implement fair and honest election
107 policies and practices; and *(Rule 2.H.9)*

108 j) Support adequate funding for state and local election administration. *(Rule 2.H.10)*
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110 3) In accordance with the Democratic Party's requirement to assess and improve
111 participation with respect to presidential preference and the delegate selection process *(Rule*
112 *2.I and 2.I.1)*, the Washington State Democratic party maintains a year-round volunteer team of
113 former and current lawyers trained on the election laws of the State who are available to assist
114 voters throughout the cycle. Washington has, since Democrats retook the state legislature in
115 2017 enacted or maintained processes that:
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117 a) Expanded access to voting, including by moving exclusively to a fully postage paid,
118 absentee, mail-in balloting system, with automatic voter-registration, and early
119 registration for 16 and 17 year olds; *(Rule 2.I.1.a)*

120 b) Ensured that voting locations, in Washington's case, drop boxes and home mail-boxes
121 are accessible, fairly placed, and adequate in number. In 2022 Washington had 647 drop
122 boxes statewide, with plans to expand in 2024; *(Rule 2.I.1.b)*

123 c) Eliminated onerous and discriminatory voter identification requirements by allowing
124 registration online, pre-registration for 16 and 17 year olds, and providing automated
125 signature update requests in the event that a signature mismatch is expected due to
126 signature drift; *(Rule 2.I.1.d)*

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- 127 d) Facilitate military and overseas voting. *(Rule 2. I.1.f)*
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129 4) As part of encouraging participation in the delegate selection process by registered
130 voters, Washington State has implemented:
131 a) Voter registration modernization, including online voter registration and automatic and
132 same-day registration; (Rule 2.I.2.a)
133 b) Pre-registration of high school students so that they are already registered once they
134 reach voting age; (Rule 2.I.2.b)
135 c) Restoration of voting rights to all people who have served their time for their criminal
136 conviction, without requiring the payment of court fees or fines; and (Rule 2.I.2.c)
137 d) Same-day or automatic registration of voters for the Democratic presidential
138 nominating process. (Rule 2.I.2.d)
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140 5) Washington, with full mail-in voting, same day-registration and no restrictions on Party
141 affiliation primarily faces difficulty in communicating the processes of the Presidential Primary,
142 not in the suppression of voting through institutions. In 2020, and planned for 2024, the State
143 Party, in coordination with our new Democratic Secretary of State, will work to implement a
144 comprehensive education campaign regarding the selection and completion of the proper
145 parties' ballot, and the correct way to fill out the outside of the ballot to ensure a vote is
146 counted. While the institutions in place do not provide barriers to participation, as a primary
147 state, voter education on how to ensure their ballot is properly counted is a primary goal, and
148 one that we are undertaking actively with our Secretary of State. *(Rule 2.J and Rule 2.J.1)*
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150 **D. Scheduling of Delegate Selection Meetings**

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152 1) The dates, times and places for all official Party meetings and events related to the
153 state's delegate selection process must be scheduled to encourage the participation of all
154 Democrats. Such meetings must begin and end at reasonable hours. *(Rule 3.A & Reg. 4.)*
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156 2) The selection of Legislative District delegates to the Washington State Convention, who
157 will select Congressional District Level Delegates to the National Convention, will be held on
158 Saturday, April 6, 2024.
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160 3) The selection of Congressional District Level Delegates to the National Convention will
161 be held on Saturday, May 18, 2024.
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163 4) The selection of At-Large and PLEO delegates will occur on Sunday, June 9, 2024,
164 through election by the State Central Committee Members elected from Legislative Districts.
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166 5) All delegate selection votes will be conducted virtually and will not require an individual
167 be present at a specified physical location to appear on the ballot.

Section II: Presidential Candidates

A. Ballot Access

1) A presidential candidate gains access to the State presidential preference primary ballot by the following:

- a) A presidential candidate must have the Washington State Democratic Party chair submit to the secretary of state their name as one of the names to appear on the presidential primary preference ballot no later than sixty-three days (Tuesday, January 9, 2024) before the presidential primary. Once the State Democratic Party Chair has submitted their list, changes must not be made to the candidates that will appear on the ballot, including the uncommitted preference. ([RCW 29A.56.040](#)) No later than the seventh day (Tuesday, March 5, 2024) 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.56.040](#))
- b) Uncommitted must be submitted to the Secretary of State's office at the discretion of the Chair of the Washington State Democrats.
- c) Presidential candidates, who are eligible by DNC rules to obtain delegates and who seek to participate in Washington's presidential primary 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, 2023. The forms must be received no later than Friday, January 6, 2024, by 5:00 pm PT, 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. For purposes of this subsection (A)(1)(c), "received" means: (i) Being physically received by a member of the WSDCC staff by the close of business of the required deadline; or (ii) for applications received online or electronically, by midnight, of the required deadline

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 6, 2024. (*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, outreach and inclusion goals established by this Plan and is equally divided between men and women. (*Rule 6.I*)

Section III: Legislative District Delegate Selection & State Convention

A. Legislative District Caucuses

- 1) The principal business of the legislative district caucuses shall be the election of legislative district delegates and alternates to the 2024 Democratic State Convention and congressional district caucuses.
- 2) Delegates and alternates to the State Convention and congressional district caucuses shall be apportioned equally among the legislative districts. Total elected delegates among all districts will be 980.
- 3) Legislative district caucuses shall be held on Saturday, April 6, commencing at 10:00 am. The time of the legislative district caucuses shall be announced no later than Friday, March 22, 2024. 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:
 - a) The authority giving the notice.
 - b) Who is eligible to participate.
 - c) When voting will begin and close.
 - d) The format of the meeting (virtual, in-person or otherwise)
 - e) If virtual, any necessary joining information. If in-person all relevant logistical information.
 - f) If a formal meeting is called, the time that meeting is called to order.
 - g) Other pertinent, concise information to prepare the delegate or alternate for the work to be accomplished.
- 4) Voting at the LD caucuses will be limited to all members of the LD organization so long as they are members eligible to vote under LD bylaws and whose information is received by the State Party as of April 1, 2024.
 - a) In the event that no information is received by the State Party by April 1 regarding Legislative District membership, the membership will be limited to the most recently duly elected and appointed PCOs.
- 5) Legislative district caucuses will have all candidates divided first into Congressional District sub-allocations based on the portion of the Legislative District within that Congressional District and secondly divided by singular presidential preference. All members of a

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39 Legislative District organization will vote on all Legislative District level candidates within
40 their Legislative District but will be required to vote in such a manner so as to maintain the
41 presidential preference proportion of individual Congressional Districts.

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43 6) Eligibility and filing requirements to run for Legislative District-level delegate:

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45 a) A legislative district-level delegate candidate may run for election only within the district
46 in which they are a resident. All individuals who run for legislative district-level delegate
47 must attest to the same oath as specified on the presidential preference primary ballot
48 declaring an individual is a Democrat.

49 b) An individual can qualify as a candidate for legislative district-level delegate to the 2024
50 Democratic Washington State Convention by filing a statement of candidacy, considered
51 their self-nomination, designating their singular presidential (or uncommitted)
52 preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidate (including
53 uncommitted status) with the State Party by Sunday, March 31, at 5:00pm. A delegate
54 candidate may modify their singular presidential preference by submitting an updated
55 pledge of support no later than the filing deadline.

56 c) Statements of candidacy may only be submitted to the State Party through a virtual
57 portal provided and publicized by the State Party.

58 d) This portal and the information submitted in it (apart from contact information) will be
59 publicly viewable to so as to familiarize themselves with the candidates running for
60 Legislative District-level delegate.

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62 7) Legislative District organizations are encouraged to hold candidate forums amongst
63 delegate candidates. Provided that:

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65 a) All forums are conducted after the filing deadline for Legislative District-level delegate
66 (March 31, 2024).

67 b) All forums are open to all candidates and eligible voting members.

68 c) All forums provide any accessibility accommodations necessary for their delegate
69 candidates or voting members to participate fully.

70 d) Such forum has had, by prior vote of the eligible voters of the Legislative District, rules
71 passed governing the conduct of such forum, provided that the rules allow for equal
72 participation amongst all candidates.

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74 8) Conduct of Legislative District-level delegate elections:

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76 a) All aspects of the election of Legislative District-level delegate's will be administered by
77 the Chair of the Washington State Democratic Central Committee or their designees.

78 b) All individuals that submit statements of candidacy will appear on a virtual ballot. Their
79 placement will be determined by the following:

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- 80 i) First all candidates within a Congressional District will be displayed together.
81 ii) All candidates within a Congressional District will further be subdivided by
82 presidential preference.
83 iii) Candidates will then be further subdivided by their gender category.
84 iv) Finally, candidates will be arranged alphabetically within these sub allocations.
85 c) Virtual ballots will be distributed to each member of each Legislative District who had
86 been seated as a member and whose information was received by the State Party by
87 April 1, 2024. These ballots will contain the following:
88 i) Some means with which to uniquely identify the voter casting a ballot.
89 ii) Notice that all votes are taken within a representative capacity and are, thus,
90 publicly auditable.
91 iii) Any requisite links for the voter to find additional information regarding the
92 individuals they are voting on.
93 iv) Any necessary instructions so as to assist the voter in casting an equally divided
94 ballot.
95 d) In order to be counted, voters must adhere to the following when casting their ballots:
96 i) Provide the specified means of uniquely identifying the voter.
97 ii) Cast votes for no more and no fewer than the number of delegate seats to be
98 elected in each sub-allocation of first Congressional District and then Presidential
99 preference.
100 iii) Votes within Congressional District and Presidential preference sub-allocation must
101 be equally divided to the extent practicable, meaning voting for a difference of no
102 more than one between Male and Female category individuals.
103 e) To ensure the Legislative District-level binary-gendered delegates are equally divided
104 between men and women (determined by gender self-identification) delegate positions
105 won by binary-gendered candidates within each district will be determined after the
106 number of gender non-binary candidates also winning delegate positions, if any, is
107 known. Each Legislative District has a designated binary-gender advantage that
108 determines the gender of the first binary delegate elected starting with male, and
109 alternating in each instance a binary gender is required to have an advantage in a
110 Legislative District election. Legislative District 1 is designated as the “first” district
111 possible for allocating a binary gender advantage and districts proceed sequentially
112 through Legislative District 49. A gender non-binary candidate for delegate shall be
113 declared elected if they receive more votes than the number of votes received by the
114 binary-gendered candidate with the fewest votes who would be elected if there were no
115 non-binary candidates running. The first binary-gendered delegate elected by the
116 presidential preference winning the most delegates in the Legislative District must be of
117 the same gender as the advantaged gender in that district. Thereafter the gender of
118 binary-gendered delegates elected by that preference will be alternated, skipping over
119 gender non-binary delegates elected, until all delegates allocated to that preference
120 have been elected. Thereafter the alternation shall continue through the other

121 presidential preferences, from the preference winning the most delegates to the
122 preference winning the least, until all delegate positions have been filled.
123 f) After all delegate positions have been filled, those individuals receiving the highest
124 votes will be seated as alternates in the same fashion as the delegates were seated,
125 until all alternate positions have been filled.

126 **B. Commitment to Affirmative Action within Legislative District Delegations**

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- 128 1) The Washington State Democrats Affirmative Action Committee will set Affirmative Action
129 goals for Legislative Districts based on their demographic makeup and the growth trajectory
130 of that district. These are outlined in Appendix **XX**.
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- 132 2) Each district that reaches certain milestones will receive bonus delegates as outlined below:
133 a) If a district reaches at least 85% (rounding down) but less than 100% of their Affirmative
134 Action goal, the Affirmative Action Committee may award “bonus” delegates equal to
135 5% of their originally allocated delegation after a review of the actions taken by the
136 district.
137 b) “Reaching” 85% is defined as either achieving at least 85% (rounding down) in each
138 category, or by meeting 100% in all but a single category.
139 c) If a district meets or exceeds 100% of their Affirmative Action goals it will receive bonus
140 delegates equal to a total of 10% their original delegate allocation.
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- 142 3) Bonus delegate seats will be considered as “vacant” upon creation and filled, subject to
143 these rules vacancy filling procedures, as outlined in.
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- 145 4) Any bonus delegates awarded in such a way will not be permitted to participate in the
146 selection of National Convention Delegates and will only have voice and vote in those
147 portions of the State Convention that do not participate in the selection of National
148 Convention Delegates or Electors.
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150 **C. State Convention**

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- 152 1) Time, Place, and Appointment of Officials
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- 154 a) The 2024 Democratic State Convention shall commence on Saturday, June 22, 2024 at
155 9:00 AM.
156 b) The State Chair will appoint the temporary Convention Chair, Secretary,
157 Parliamentarian, and Sergeant(s)-at-Arms.

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- 2) Number of Delegates and Organization of Delegations
 - a) There will be 1,000 elected delegates and 500 elected alternates to the State Convention.
 - i) Any Legislative District allocated fewer than ten (10) delegates may send up to ten (10) people to the convention to serve as delegates; in such case, the Legislative District’s delegate votes shall be divided evenly between such delegates in attendance, to a maximum of one (1) delegate vote per attendee.
 - ii) If the number of attendees from such a Legislative District is less than the number of delegate votes allocated to the Legislative District, and there are no alternates available from the same Legislative District to fill vacant delegate slots, alternates from other Legislative Districts who reside in the same County may be seated to hold the remaining delegate votes.
 - b) In addition to the elected delegates, the following shall be automatic delegates to the State Convention:
 - i) All Washington State Democratic Central Committee members;
 - ii) All DNC members residing in Washington State;
 - iii) County and Legislative District Organization Chairs and Vice Chairs;
 - iv) Democratic Members of Congress from Washington State;
 - v) Democratic Statewide Elected Officials;
 - vi) Democratic State Senators and Representatives as determined by the State Convention Credentials Committee no later than Friday, June 14, 2024.
- 3) Except for state central committee members elected from legislative districts, no automatic delegate will be permitted to vote in the election of delegates to the National Convention.
 - a) All Automatic and Elected Delegates as well as alternates residing within a Legislative District will constitute a delegation.
 - b) Each delegation will be Chaired by the Chair of the Legislative District Organization. If the Legislative District Chair is unable or unwilling to serve as Delegation Chair, the order of succession will be as follows:
 - i) The 1st Vice Chair of the Legislative District Organization;
 - ii) The Chair of a County Organization who resides in the Legislative District. If multiple, the Delegates and Alternates elect their Delegation Chair from the possible County Chairs;
 - iii) A Chair elected by and from the Delegates.
 - c) Each Delegation may:
 - i) Propose up to two (2) Resolutions for consideration by the Convention;
 - ii) Propose amendments to the proposed Platform or Convention Rules. Such amendments must;

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- 198 (1) Have been approved by at least a majority of the delegation at a delegation
199 meeting.
- 200 (2) Clearly define individual amendments, as the Convention Platform and Rules
201 Committee will be unable to divide the question.
- 202 (3) Provide a written explanation on the necessity of the amendment.
- 203 (4) Provide the contact information for at least one (1) individual who can speak to
204 the committee on behalf of the amendment provided.
- 205 d) All actions conducted by the Delegation must be facilitated and submitted by the
206 Delegation Chair, including but not limited to the submission of all amendments and
207 Resolutions, motions presented to the Convention floor, points of order, and challenges.
- 208 e) All Resolutions and amendments to the proposed platform must be submitted, by a
209 districts Delegation Chair, no later than Friday, May 4, 2024, at 5:00pm PT.
- 210 f) All amendments to the proposed rules must be submitted, by a districts Delegation
211 Chair, no later than Friday, June 7, 2024, at 5:00pm PT.

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213 4) Seating of Alternates

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- 215 a) Alternates shall be listed and seated in the order in which they were elected and shall
216 serve only for their respective Legislative Districts. Alternates shall be seated in the
217 following order:
- 218 i) An alternate opposite the gender advantage of the Convention Delegation, in total,
219 if one exists;
- 220 ii) An alternate opposite the gender advantage of the seated Delegates, if one exists;
- 221 iii) An alternate of the same gender and from the same county;
- 222 iv) An alternate of a different gender and from the same county;
- 223 v) An alternate opposite the gender advantage of the Convention Delegation, in total,
224 from a different Legislative District, within the same county;
- 225 vi) An alternate opposite the gender advantage of the seated Delegates from a
226 different Legislative District, within the same county.
- 227 b) Within one of the categories listed above, the alternate who received more votes shall
228 be seated before an alternate who received fewer votes at the same meeting. When
229 filling a seat for which alternates elected at different meetings are equally eligible, the
230 position shall be filled by lot from among the equally eligible alternates.

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232 5) Business of Convention

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- 234 a) The business of the State Convention shall be proposed by the State Convention Rules
235 Committee and confirmed by the State Convention.
- 236 b) Workshops, trainings, or other similar programming may be held at the discretion of the
237 State Chair.

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238 c) The State Convention shall adopt permanent rules governing the conduct of its business
239 at the beginning of the Convention and, until the adoption of such permanent rules, the
240 Convention and the activities attendant thereto shall be governed by temporary rules
241 set forth in the Call to the State Convention.
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243 6) Standing Committees of the State Convention
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245 a) Each Legislative District delegation shall elect one member from each of the three
246 standing committees: Credentials, Platform, Rules. These committee members elections
247 will be transmitted to the State Party, by the Legislative District Chair, via
248 PartyAffairs@wa-democrats.org no later than Friday, March 1, 2024. Any district that
249 does not elect and transmit members to these committees by March 1, 2024 forfeits
250 their seats on these committees.

251 b) Credentials Committee:

- 252 i) The Credentials Committee shall be composed of one (1) member from each
253 Legislative District delegation.
- 254 ii) Shall be chaired by the Chair of the Washington State Democrats or their
255 designee(s).
- 256 iii) Have the power to certify delegates.
- 257 iv) Recommend settlement of all challenges that are submitted after the jurisdiction
258 over challenges are transferred from the WSDCC Rules Committee to the
259 Convention Credentials Committee.
- 260 v) The Credentials Committee will ensure compliance with the party's Affirmative
261 Action Goals.
- 262 vi) The final Credentials Report shall be adopted prior to the conduct of any other
263 official business during the Convention.
- 264 vii) Challenges must be decided by the entire Credentials Committee. If Legislative
265 District representatives have not yet been elected, then challenges will be decided
266 following the procedures outlined in Appendix **XX**.

267 c) Platform Committee

- 268 i) Be composed of:
 - 269 (1) The WSDCC Resolutions Committee.
 - 270 (2) One (1) elected delegate from each Legislative District delegation.
- 271 ii) The Platform Committee will be Chaired by the Chair (or Chairs) of the WSDCC
272 Resolutions Committee.
- 273 iii) Propose a Platform drafted by the WSDCC Resolutions Committee.
- 274 iv) Consider all amendments submitted by the Legislative District delegations.
- 275 v) Consider and recommend an action on all Resolutions submitted by the Legislative
276 District delegations, in accordance with the WSDCC Rules for Resolutions (Appendix
277 **XX**).

278 d) Rules Committee:

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- 279 i) The Rules Committee shall:
280 (1) Be composed of:
281 (a) The WSDCC Rules Committee;
282 (b) One (1) elected delegate from each Legislative District delegation;
283 (c) One (1) appointed member of the WSDCC Affirmative Action Committee.
284 (2) Be Chaired by the Chair (or Chairs) of the WSDCC Rules Committee.
285 (3) Draft proposed rules for the conduct of the Convention, in accordance with this
286 plan.
287 (4) Draft a proposed agenda for the conduct of the Convention, which shall be
288 mailed or emailed to all delegates and alternates of the State Convention at least
289 ten (10) days prior to the Convention.
290 (5) Ensure compliance with the party's Affirmative Action Goals.
291 e) Committees shall hold at least one initial meeting in advance of the State Convention at
292 a time and place to be determined by the WSDCC Chair.
293 f) All Committee Meetings will be held virtually and open to the public unless it is
294 necessary for such to meet at the site of the State Convention within 48 hours of the
295 Convention beginning so as to complete any outstanding business.

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A. Congressional District-Level Delegates

1) Washington State is allocated 60 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.

2) Congressional district-level delegates shall be elected by a Presidential preference primary followed by a post-primary caucus. The election process shall be conducted in the following manner:

a) The presidential primary will be conducted by the State of Washington on the second Tuesday in March, March 12, 2024. 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 22, 2024.

b) The first step of the delegate selection process will be the legislative district (LD) caucuses to be held on Saturday, April 6, 2024. LD Caucuses will be administered in the following manner:

i) LD Caucuses will be composed of the members of the Legislative District organization, as outlined in the organization's bylaws. Members will participate in the selection of all delegates from the LD, regardless of presidential preference or affiliation.

ii) Any individual willing to publicly identify as a Democrat by subscribing to the same declaration required for participation in the presidential primary is eligible to self-nominate themselves as a LD-level delegate. Self-nomination is outlined in section 3.A.6.

iii) LD Caucuses may involve a candidate forum hosted by and at the discretion of the LD Party Organization. Candidate forums must include the following:

(1) Accessibility accommodations to allow any candidates or members to be seen and heard, to be provided by the Local Party Organization.

(2) Equal time provided to all candidates who have been nominated as of the beginning of the forum.

(3) A rule determining the speaking order of candidates.

iv) On April 6, 2024, no later than 10:00am PT, all members, as provided to the State Party on April 1, 2024, within a Legislative District will receive an electronic ballot with means with which to uniquely identify the voter. This ballot will remain "open" (able to be voted) until 9:00pm PT on April 6, 2024.

v) Those individuals who receive the most votes will be seated as delegates to the Congressional Caucus and State Convention, alternating between gender categories

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41 in order to maintain equal division within the LD delegation and throughout the total
 42 LD-level delegate allotment.

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44 3) Apportionment of Congressional District-Level Delegates and Alternates

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46 a) Washington State’s congressional district-level delegates are apportioned among the
 47 districts based on a formula giving equal weight to the vote for the Democratic
 48 candidates in the 2020 presidential and the most recent gubernatorial elections. *(Rule*
 49 *8.A, Reg. 4.12, Reg. 4.11 & Appendix A)*

50 i) Utilizing 2020 electoral results provides the closest proximity to the modern
 51 electoral framework utilized in Washington state. Using any information from
 52 presidential cycles prior to 2016 would not include turnout and registration
 53 information while automatic voter registration, youth pre-registration, same-day
 54 registration, and the state-run presidential preference primary were in effect, which
 55 may produce a less inclusive picture of Democratic turn-out in the electorate.

56 b) The number of men and the number of women in the state’s total number of
 57 congressional district-level delegates will not vary by more than one. *(Rule 6.C.1 & Reg.*
 58 *4.9)*

59 c) The district-level delegates and alternates are apportioned to districts as indicated in
 60 the following table, assuming no gender non-binary delegates or alternates:

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| District | Delegates | | | |
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| | Males | Females | Binary Gender Advantage | Total |
| CD01 | 3 | 3 | - | 6 |
| CD02 | 3 | 4 | Female | 7 |
| CD03 | 3 | 2 | Male | 5 |
| CD04 | 1 | 2 | Female | 3 |
| CD05 | 3 | 2 | Male | 5 |
| CD06 | 3 | 3 | - | 6 |
| CD07 | 5 | 5 | - | 10 |
| CD08 | 3 | 3 | - | 6 |
| CD09 | 3 | 4 | Female | 7 |
| CD10 | 3 | 2 | Male | 5 |

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| District | Delegates | | | |
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| | Males | Females | Binary Gender Advantage | Total |
| Total | 30 | 30 | Even | 60 |

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63 4) Congressional District-Level Delegate Filing Requirements

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65 a) A congressional district-level delegate candidate may run for election only within the
66 district in which they are registered to vote. All individuals who run for congressional
67 district-level delegate must attest to the same oath as specified on the presidential
68 preference primary ballot declaring an individual is a Democrat. *(Rule 13.H)*

69 b) An individual can qualify as a candidate for congressional district-level delegate to the
70 2024 Democratic National Convention by filing a statement of candidacy designating
71 their singular presidential (or uncommitted) preference and a signed pledge of support
72 for the presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) with the State Party by
73 Sunday, May 12, at 5:00pm. A delegate candidate may modify their singular presidential
74 preference by submitting an updated pledge of support no later than the filing deadline.

75 i) Statements of candidacy may *only* be submitted to the State Party through a virtual
76 portal provided and publicized by the State Party.

77 ii) This portal and the information submitted in it (apart from contact information) will
78 be publicly viewable so as to allow voters to familiarize themselves with the
79 candidates running for congressional district-level delegate.

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81 5) Presidential Candidate Right of Review for Congressional District-Level Delegates and
82 Alternates

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84 a) The State Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that
85 candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than Wednesday, May 22, 2024, a list
86 of all persons who have filed for delegate pledged to that presidential candidate. *(Rule*
87 *13.D & Rule 13.F)*

88 b) Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must then
89 file with the State Democratic Chair by Friday, May 24, 2024, by 3:00pm PT, a list of all
90 such candidates they have approved, provided that approval be given to at least three
91 (3) separate individuals for each position for delegate and three (3) separate individuals
92 for each alternate position to be selected. *(Rule 13.E.1, Reg. 4.23 & Reg. 4.24)*

93 c) Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate and alternate candidates
94 submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate, or the
95 authorized representative(s), signifies otherwise in writing to the State Democratic Chair
96 not later than Friday, May 24, 2024, by 9:00am PT.

97 d) National convention delegates candidates removed from the list of bona fide supporters
98 by a presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), may not be

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- 99 elected as a delegate at that level pledged to that presidential candidate. *(Rule 13.E &*
100 *Reg. 4.23)*
- 101 e) The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and
102 Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate has used their best efforts to
103 ensure that their respective congressional district-level delegate candidates meet the
104 affirmative action and outreach and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the
105 Affirmative Action section of this Plan within three (3) business days of returning the list
106 of approved congressional district-level delegate candidates and congressional district-
107 level alternate candidates as indicated in Section III.A.5.b of this Plan. *(Rule 6.I &*
108 *Reg.4.10.C)*
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- 110 6) Fair Reflection of Presidential Preference
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- 112 a) The State presidential primary election is a “binding” primary. Accordingly, delegate
113 positions shall be allocated so as to fairly reflect the expressed presidential (or
114 uncommitted) preference of the primary voters in each district. The National
115 Convention delegates selected at the Congressional district level shall be allocated in
116 proportion to the percentage of the primary vote won in that district by each
117 preference, except that preferences falling below a 15% threshold shall not be awarded
118 any delegates or alternates.
- 119 b) Within a district, if no presidential preference reaches a 15% threshold, the threshold
120 shall be half the percentage of the vote received in that district by the front-runner.
121 *(Rule 14.F)*
- 122 c) Congressional district-level delegates will be elected by the elected LD-level delegates to
123 the Washington State Democratic Convention. These individuals will be pledged to a
124 specific candidate in a proportion equal to that LD’s presidential vote share, following
125 the caveat that a candidate must reach the 15% threshold in order to receive delegates
126 within an LD. The selection of LD-level delegates is outlined in Section III, *Legislative*
127 *District Delegate Selection & State Convention.*
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- 129 7) Equal Division of Congressional District-Level Delegates
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- 131 a) To ensure the congressional district level binary-gendered delegates are equally divided
132 between men and women (determined by gender self-identification) delegate positions
133 won by binary-gendered candidates within each district will be determined after the
134 number of gender non-binary candidates also winning delegate positions, if any, is
135 known. Each congressional district has a designated binary-gender advantage (See table
136 in sub-section 3.c above) that determines the gender of the first binary delegate
137 elected. A gender non-binary candidate for delegate shall be declared elected if they
138 receive more votes than the number of votes received by the lowest vote getting
139 otherwise elected candidate of the district’s then advantaged binary gender. The first
140 binary-gendered delegate elected by the presidential preference winning the most
141 delegates must be of the same gender as the advantaged gender in that district.

142 Thereafter the gender of binary-gendered delegates elected will be alternated, skipping
143 over gender non-binary delegates elected, until all delegates allocated to that
144 preference have been elected. Thereafter the alternation shall continue through the
145 other presidential preferences, from the preference winning the most delegates to the
146 preference winning the least, until all delegate positions have been filled. *(Rule 6.C.,*
147 *Rule 6.C.1 & Reg. 4.10)*
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149 8) The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic
150 National Committee (DNC) the election of the state’s congressional district-level delegates and
151 alternates to the Democratic National Convention within ten (10) days after their election. *(Rule*
152 *8.C & Call IV.A)*
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154 **B. Automatic Delegates**

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157 1) Automatic Party Leaders and Elected Officials
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- 159 a) The following categories shall constitute the Automatic Party Leaders and Elected
160 Official delegate positions:
- 161 i) Members of the Democratic National Committee who legally reside in the state;
162 *(Rule 9.A.1, Call I.F, Call I.J, & Reg. 4.15)*
 - 163 ii) All of State’s Democratic Members of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S.
164 Senate; *(Rule 9.A.3, Call I.H & Call I.J)*
 - 165 iii) The Democratic Governor; *(Rule 9.A.4, Call I.H & Call I.J)*
- 166 b) An Automatic delegate may run and be elected as a Pledged delegate. If an Automatic
167 delegate is elected and certified as a Pledged delegate, that individual shall not serve as
168 an Automatic delegate at the 2024 National Convention. *(Call I.J)*
- 169 c) The certification process for the Automatic Party Leader and Elected Official delegates is
170 as follows:
- 171 i) Not later than March 6, 2024, the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee
172 shall officially confirm to the State Democratic Chair the names of the Automatic
173 delegates who legally reside in State. *(Rule 9.A)*
 - 174 ii) Official confirmation by the Secretary shall constitute verification of the Automatic
175 delegates from the categories indicated above. *(Call IV.B.1)*
 - 176 iii) The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the
177 presidential preference of state’s Automatic delegates 10 days after the completion
178 of the State’s Delegate Selection Process. *(Call IV.C)*
 - 179 iv) For purposes of achieving equal division between delegate men and delegate
180 women and alternate men and alternate women within the state’s entire
181 convention delegation (determined by gender self-identification), the entire
182 delegation includes all pledged and Automatic delegates, including those who
183 identify as male or female. *(Rule 6.C and Reg. 4.9)*

184 **C. Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates (PLEOs)**

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- 1) Washington State is allotted 12 pledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) delegates. (*Call I.D, Call I.E & 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*)
 - a) An individual can qualify as a candidate for a position as a pledged PLEO delegate to the 2024 Democratic National Convention by filing a statement of candidacy designating their singular presidential (or uncommitted) preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) with the State Party by Sunday, June 2, 2024 at 5:00pm. A delegate candidate may modify their singular presidential preference by submitting an updated pledge of support no later than the filing deadline.
 - i) Statements of candidacy may *only* be submitted to the State Party through a virtual portal provided and publicized by the State Party. PLEO delegate candidates will use an independent portal, containing only PLEO candidates.
 - ii) This portal and the information submitted in it (apart from contact information) will be viewable to those voters eligible to vote for PLEO delegates so as to familiarize themselves with the candidates running for PLEO delegate.
- 3) Presidential Candidate Right of Review
 - a) The State Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), no later than Wednesday, June 5, 2024, a list of all persons who have filed for a party and elected official delegate pledged to that presidential candidate. (*Rule 13.D*)
 - b) Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must file with the State Democratic Chair, by Friday, June 7, at 3:00pm PT, a list of all such candidates they have approved, as long as approval is given to at least two names for every position to which the presidential candidate is entitled. (*Rule 13.E.2 & Reg. 4.24*)
 - c) Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate or the authorized representative(s) signifies otherwise in writing to the State Democratic Chair not later than Friday, June 7, at 9:00am PT. (*Rule 13.D*)
 - d) The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective pledged PLEO delegate candidates meet the affirmative action and outreach and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative

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230 Action section of this Plan within three (3) business days of returning the list of
231 approved pledged PLEO candidates as indicated in Section III.C.3.b of this Plan. *(Rule 6.1*
232 *& Reg. 4.10.C)*

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234 4) Selection of Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates

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236 a) The pledged PLEO slots shall be allocated among presidential preferences on the same
237 basis as the at-large delegates. *(Rule 10.A.2, Rule 11.C, Rule 14.E & Rule 14.F)*

238 b) Selection of the pledged PLEO delegates will occur at 9:00am on Sunday, June 9, 2024
239 via virtual ballot, which is after the election of congressional district-level delegates and
240 prior to the selection of at-large delegates and alternates. Election of PLEO delegates
241 will be administered in the following manner:

242 i) PLEO delegates will be elected by members of the Washington State Democratic
243 Central Committee elected from Legislative District organizations.

244 ii) All PLEO delegates will appear on the same virtual ballot, arranged first by Gender
245 category, then by office category (with big city mayors & State-wide elected officials
246 listed first, followed by state legislative leaders second, state legislators third, and so
247 on), then alphabetically.

248 iii) To ensure the PLEO level binary-gendered delegates are equally divided between
249 men and women (determined by gender self-identification) the PLEO level will have
250 a designated binary-gender that determines the gender of the first binary delegate
251 elected delegate. This will be the opposite gender of the final binary allocation made
252 in the congressional district level elections, in descending order from CD01 to CD10.
253 A gender non-binary candidate for delegate shall be declared elected if they receive
254 more votes than the number of votes received by the lowest vote getting otherwise
255 elected candidate of the district's then advantaged binary gender. The first binary-
256 gendered delegate elected by the presidential preference winning the most
257 delegates must be of the same gender as the advantaged gender. Thereafter the
258 gender of binary-gendered delegates elected will be alternated, skipping over
259 gender non-binary delegates elected, until all delegates allocated to that preference
260 have been elected. Thereafter the alternation shall continue through the other
261 presidential preferences, from the preference winning the most delegates to the
262 preference winning the least, until all delegate positions have been filled. *(Rule 6.C.,*
263 *Rule 6.C.1 & Reg. 4.10)*

264 iv) In the event of a tie for a PLEO position the outcome will be determined by lot.

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266 c) The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic
267 National Committee the election of the state's pledged Party Leader and Elected Official
268 delegates to the Democratic National Convention within ten (10) days after their
269 election. *(Call IV.A & Reg. 5.4.A)*

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271 **D. At-Large Delegates and Alternates**

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- 272 1) The state of Washington State is allotted 20 at-large delegates and 8 at-large alternates.
273 *(Rule 8.C, Call I.B, II, Appendix B & Reg. 4.32)*
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- 275 2) At-Large Delegate and Alternate Filing Requirements
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- 277 a) An individual can qualify as a candidate for a position as a pledged At-Large delegate to
278 the 2024 Democratic National Convention by filing a statement of candidacy designating
279 their singular presidential (or uncommitted) preference and a signed pledge of support
280 for the presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) with the State Party by
281 Sunday, June 2, 2024 at 5:00pm. A delegate candidate may modify their singular
282 presidential preference by submitting an updated pledge of support no later than the
283 filing deadline.
- 284 b) Statements of candidacy may *only* be submitted to the State Party through a virtual
285 portal provided and publicized by the State Party. At-Large delegate candidates will use
286 an independent portal, containing only At-Large candidates.
- 287 c) This portal and the information submitted in it (apart from contact information) will be
288 viewable to those voters eligible to vote for At-Large delegates so as to familiarize
289 themselves with the candidates running for At-Large delegate. *(Rule 13.A., Rule 13.B,*
290 *Rule 15.G, Reg. 4.21, Reg. 4.22, & Reg. 4.29)*
- 291 d) The statement of candidacy for at-large delegates and for at-large alternates will be the
292 same. After the at-large delegates are elected by the member of the Washington State
293 Democratic Central Committee elected from Legislative Districts, those persons not
294 chosen will then be considered candidates for at-large alternate positions unless they
295 specify otherwise when filing. *(Rule 19.A)*
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- 297 3) Presidential Candidate Right of Review
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- 299 a) The State Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that
300 candidate's authorized representative(s), no later than Wednesday, June 5, 2024, a list
301 of all persons who have filed for an At-large delegate pledged to that presidential
302 candidate. *(Rule 13.D)*
- 303 b) Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must file
304 with the State Democratic Chair, by Friday, June 7, at 3:00pm PT, a list of all such
305 candidates they have approved, as long as approval is given to at least two names for
306 every position to which the presidential candidate is entitled. *(Rule 13.E.2 & Reg. 4.24)*
- 307 c) Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate candidates submitted to the
308 presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate or the authorized
309 representative(s) signifies otherwise in writing to the State Democratic Chair not later
310 than Friday, June 7, at 9:00am PT. *(Rule 13.D)*
- 311 d) The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and
312 Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate has used their best efforts to
313 ensure that their respective pledged At-large delegate candidates meet the affirmative
314 action and outreach and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative
315 Action section of this Plan within three (3) business days of returning the list of

316 approved pledged PLEO candidates as indicated in Section III.C.3.b of this Plan. *(Rule 6.I*
317 *& Reg. 4.10.C)*

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319 4) Fair Reflection of Presidential Preference

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- 321 a) At-large delegate and alternate positions shall be allocated among presidential
322 preferences according to the results of the state-wide primary vote.
- 323 b) Preferences which have not attained a 15% threshold on a state-wide basis shall not be
324 entitled to any at-large delegates. *(Rule 14.E)*
- 325 c) If no presidential preference reaches a 15% threshold, the threshold shall be half the
326 percentage of the statewide vote received by the front-runner. *(Rule 14.F)*
- 327 d) If a presidential candidate otherwise entitled to an allocation is no longer a candidate at
328 the time of selection of the at-large delegates, their allocation will be proportionally
329 divided among the other preferences entitled to an allocation. *(Rule 11.C)*
- 330 e) If a given presidential preference is entitled to one (1) or more delegate positions but
331 would not otherwise be entitled to an alternate position, that preference shall be
332 allotted one (1) at-large alternate position. *(Rule 19.B, Call I.I & Reg. 4.31)*

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334 5) Selection of At-Large Delegates and Alternates

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- 336 a) The selection of the at-large delegates and alternates will occur immediately following
337 the election of PLEO delegates on Sunday, June 9 via virtual means.
- 338 b) Election of At-large delegates will be administered in the following manner:
- 339 i) At-large delegates will be elected by members of the Washington State Democratic
340 Central Committee elected from Legislative District organizations.
- 341 ii) All At-large delegates will appear on the same virtual ballot, arranged first by Gender
342 category then alphabetically.
- 343 iii) In the event that the delegation is equally divided between men and women, and to
344 ensure the At-large level binary-gendered delegates are also equally divided
345 between men and women (determined by gender self-identification) the At-large
346 level will have a designated binary-gender that determines the gender of the first
347 binary delegate elected delegate. This will be the opposite gender of the final binary
348 allocation made in the PLEO level elections. A gender non-binary candidate for
349 delegate shall be declared elected if they receive more votes than the number of
350 votes received by the lowest vote getting otherwise elected candidate then
351 advantaged binary gender. The first binary-gendered delegate elected by the
352 presidential preference winning the most delegates must be of the same gender as
353 the advantaged gender. Thereafter the gender of binary-gendered delegates
354 elected will be alternated, skipping over gender non-binary delegates elected, until
355 all delegates allocated to that preference have been elected. Thereafter the
356 alternation shall continue through the other presidential preferences, from the
357 preference winning the most delegates to the preference winning the least, until all
358 delegate positions have been filled. *(Rule 6.C., Rule 6.C.1 & Reg. 4.10)*
- 359 iv) In the event of a tie for a PLEO position the outcome will be determined by lot.

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- 360 c) These delegates and alternates will be selected by members of the State Democratic
361 Central Committee elected from Legislative District organizations (*Rule 10.B, Rule 11.B &*
362 *Rule 11.B*)
- 363 i) provided that:
- 364 (1) Members of the State Party Committee representing Legislative districts are
365 apportioned in a way that each pair of such members represents a district of
366 approximately equal population. (*Rule 10.B.1 & Reg. 4.18.A*)
- 367 (2) Members of the State Party Committee have been elected through open
368 processes by elected and appointed Democratic precinct committee officers no
369 earlier than December 1, 2022, in conformity with the basic procedural
370 guarantees utilized for delegate selection. (*Rule 10.B.2 & Reg. 4.18.B*)
- 371 (3) Such delegates are elected at a public meeting subsequent to the election of
372 congressional district-level delegates. (*Rule 10.B.3*)
- 373 (4) Members of the State Party Committee shall have been elected no earlier than
374 December 1, 2022, which is subsequent to the calendar year of the previous
375 national convention. (*Rule 10.B.4 & Reg. 4.18.B*)
- 376 (5) Membership of the State Party Committee is equally divided to the extent
377 practicable between men and women, without counting those members who
378 identify as gender non-binary, complying with the equal division requirements of
379 the Charter of the Democratic Party of the United States (*Rule 10.B.5 & Reg.*
380 *4.18.C*)
- 381 d) Priority of Consideration
- 382 i) In the selection of the at-large delegation priority of consideration shall be given to
383 African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific
384 Islanders and women, if such priority of consideration is needed to fulfill the
385 affirmative action goals outlined in the state's Delegate Selection Plan. (*Rule 6.A.3*)
- 386 ii) To continue the Democratic Party's ongoing efforts to include groups historically
387 under-represented in the Democratic Party's affairs and to assist in the achievement
388 of full participation by these groups, priority of consideration shall be given other
389 groups by virtue of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic
390 identify, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, economic status or
391 disability. (*Rule 5.C, Rule 6.A.3, Rule 7 & Reg. 4.8*)
- 392 iii) The election of at-large delegates shall be used, if necessary, to achieve the equal
393 division of positions between men and women as far as mathematically practicable,
394 and may be used to achieve the representation goals established in the Affirmative
395 Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program section of this Plan. The election of
396 at-large alternates shall be used, if necessary, to achieve the equal division of
397 positions between men and women as far as mathematically practicable, and may
398 be used to achieve the representation goals established in the Affirmative Action
399 Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program section of this Plan. (*Rule 6.A, Rule 6.C and*
400 *Reg. 4.9*)
- 401 iv) Delegates and alternates are to be considered separate groups for this purpose.
402 (*Rule 6.C.1, Rule 11.A, Reg. 4.9 & Reg. 4.19*)

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6) 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 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)*
 - i) A permanent replacement occurs when a delegate resigns, dies, or is no longer eligible to serve, prior to or during the national convention and the alternate replaces the delegate for the remainder of the National Convention.
 - ii) Any alternate permanently replacing a delegate shall be of the same presidential preference (including uncommitted status) and gender of the delegate they replace, and to the extent possible shall be from the same political subdivision within the state as the delegate.
 - iii) In the case where the presidential candidate has only one (1) alternate, that alternate shall become the certified delegate.
 - iv) If a presidential candidate has only one (1) alternate, and that alternate permanently replaces a delegate of a different gender, thereby causing the delegation to no longer be equally divided, the delegation shall not be considered in violation of Rule 6.C. In such a case, notwithstanding Rule 19.D.2, the State Party Committee shall, at the time of a subsequent permanent replacement, replace a delegate with a person of a different gender, in order to return the delegation to equal division of men and women. *(Reg. 4.34)*
 - v) If a delegate or alternate candidate who has been elected but not certified to the DNC Secretary resigns, dies, or is no longer eligible to serve, they shall be replaced, after consultation with the State Party, by the authorized representative of the presidential candidate to whom they are pledged. *(Rule 19.D.2)*
- b) Temporary Replacement of a Delegate: *(Rule 19.D.4)*
 - i) A temporary replacement occurs when a delegate is to be absent for a limited period of time during the convention and an alternate temporarily acts in the delegate’s place.
 - ii) Any alternate who temporarily replaces a delegate must be of the same presidential preference (including uncommitted status) as the delegate they replace, and to the extent possible shall be of the same gender and from the same political subdivision within the state as the delegate.
- c) In the event that a delegate must be replaced, either temporarily or permanently, the alternate who received the highest number of votes becomes the delegate. *(Rule 19.D.1)*

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- 444 d) Certification of Replacements
- 445 i) Any alternate who permanently replaces a delegate shall be certified in writing to
- 446 the Secretary of the DNC by the State Democratic Chair. *(Rule 19.D.3)*
- 447 ii) Permanent replacement of a delegate (as specified above) by an alternate and
- 448 replacement of a vacant alternate position shall be certified in writing by the State's
- 449 Democratic Chair to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within
- 450 three (3) days after the replacement is selected. *(Call IV.D.1)*
- 451 iii) Certification of permanent replacements will be accepted by the Secretary up to 72
- 452 hours before the first official session of the Convention is scheduled to convene.
- 453 *(Call IV.D.1 & Reg. 4.33)*
- 454 iv) In the case where a pledged delegate is permanently replaced after 72 hours before
- 455 the time the first session is scheduled to convene or, in the case where a pledged
- 456 delegate is not on the floor of the Convention Hall at the time a roll call vote is
- 457 taken, an alternate may be designated (as specified above) to cast the delegate's
- 458 vote. In such case, the Delegation Chair shall indicate the name of the alternate
- 459 casting the respective delegate's vote on the delegation tally sheet. *(Call IX.F.3.e,*
- 460 *Call IX.F.3.c & Reg. 5.6)*
- 461 v) A vacant alternate position shall be filled by the delegation. The replacement shall
- 462 be of the same presidential preference (or uncommitted status), of the same gender
- 463 and, to the extent possible, from the same political subdivision as the alternate
- 464 being replaced. *(Rule 19.E)*
- 465
- 466 2) Automatic delegates shall not be entitled to a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to
- 467 a replacement, except under the following circumstances: *(Call IV.D.2 & Reg. 4.35)*
- 468
- 469 a) Members of Congress and the Democratic Governor shall not be entitled to name a
- 470 replacement. In the event of changes or vacancies in the state's Congressional
- 471 Delegation, following the official confirmation and prior to the commencement of the
- 472 National Convention, the DNC Secretary shall recognize only such changes as have been
- 473 officially recognized by the Democratic Caucus of the U.S. House of Representatives or
- 474 the Democratic Conference of the U.S. Senate. In the event of a change or vacancy in
- 475 the state's office of Governor, the DNC shall recognize only such changes as have been
- 476 officially recognized by the Democratic Governors' Association. *(Call IV.D.2.a)*
- 477 b) Members of the Democratic National Committee shall not be entitled to a replacement,
- 478 nor shall the state be entitled to a replacement, except in the case of death of such
- 479 delegates. In the case where the state's DNC membership changes following the DNC
- 480 Secretary's official confirmation, but prior to the commencement of the 2024
- 481 Democratic National Convention, acknowledgment by the Secretary of the new DNC
- 482 member certification shall constitute verification of the corresponding change of
- 483 Automatic delegates. *(Call, IV.D.2.b)*
- 484 c) In no case may an alternate cast a vote for an Automatic delegate. *(Call IX.F.3.e)*

Section V: Selection of Convention Standing Committee Members

A. Introduction

- 1) Washington State has been allocated 4 member(s) on each of the three (3) standing committees for the 2024 Democratic National Convention (Credentials, Platform and Rules), for a total of 4 members. *(Call VII.A & Appendix D)*
- 2) Members of the Convention Standing Committees need not be delegates or alternates to the 2024 Democratic National Convention. *(Call VII.A.3)*
- 3) These members will be selected in accordance with the procedures indicated below. *(Rule 1.G)*

B. Temporary Standing Committee Members

- 1) Temporary members for the Convention Standing Committees will be selected by the Washington State Democratic Central Committee at a meeting on January 27, 2024, in coordination with the quarterly business meeting of the State Central Committee. The meeting shall be open to the public and well publicized in accordance with this Plan. Members of the State Central Committee shall receive timely notice of the meeting, in accordance with State Party rules. *(Call VII.G.2)*
- 2) Any Democrat may apply for a position as a temporary member of the standing committees. Persons wishing to be considered must submit an application to PartyAffairs@wa-democrats.org with a bio of themselves, relevant experience, contact information, demographic information, and including the committees for which they wish to be considered, no later than January 12, 2024. This information will be made available to the members of the State Central Committee.
- 3) A separate election shall be conducted for membership on each of the standing committees. The male and female membership of each standing committee shall be as equally divided among men and women (determined by self-identification) as possible under the state allocation; i.e. the variance between men and women on any committee among the three committees in aggregate shall not exceed one. *(Call VII.E.2)* In the case of gender non-binary committee members, they shall not be counted as either a male or female, and the remainder of the standing committee members shall be equally divided between male gender (men) and female gender (women). *(Call VII.E.1)*
- 4) Temporary members serve only in the event that the respective standing committee is called to meet prior to completion of the state's delegate selection process and subsequent selection of permanent standing committee members. No temporary member may

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43 continue to serve after the selection of the permanent standing committee members unless
44 they are elected as a permanent member. *(Call VII.G.3)*
45

46 5) Temporary members selected after the first determining step has occurred in a state shall
47 reflect the Presidential preferences so established. *(Call VII.G.3)*
48

49 6) The State Chair shall certify the temporary standing committee members in writing to the
50 Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after their selection.
51 Substitutions in a state’s list of temporary members may only be made up to ten (10) days
52 prior to the time the standing committee meets. Substitute temporary standing committee
53 members will be selected at a meeting of the Washington State Democratic Central
54 Committee in accordance with the provisions outlined above. *(Call VII.B.3 and Call VII.G.4)*
55

56 **C. Standing Committee Members**
57

58 1) Selection Meeting
59

60 a) The members of the standing committees shall be elected by a quorum of Washington
61 State’s National Convention delegates, at a meeting to be held on Friday, June 21, 2024.
62 *(Call VII.B.1)*

63 b) All members of the delegation shall receive adequate notice of the time, date and place
64 of the meeting to select the standing committee members. *(Call VII.B.1)*
65

66 2) Allocation of Members
67

68 a) The members of the standing committees allocated to Washington State shall
69 proportionately represent the presidential preference of all candidates (including
70 uncommitted status) receiving the threshold percentage used in the state’s delegation
71 to calculate the at-large apportionment pursuant to Rule 14.E. of the Delegate Selection
72 Rules. *(Call VII.C.1 & Reg. 5.9)*

73 b) The presidential preference of each candidate receiving the applicable percentage or
74 more within the delegation shall be multiplied by the total number of standing
75 committee positions allocated to Washington State. If the result of such multiplication
76 does not equal 0.455 or above, the presidential preference in question is not entitled to
77 representation on the standing committee. If the result of such multiplication is 0.455
78 but less than 1.455, the presidential preference is entitled to one (1) position. Those
79 preferences securing more than 1.455 but less than 2.455 are entitled to two (2)
80 positions, etc. *(Call VII.C.2)*

81 c) Where the application of this formula results in the total allocation exceeding the total
82 number of committee positions, the presidential candidate whose original figure of
83 representation is farthest from its eventual rounded-off total shall be denied that one
84 (1) additional position. Where the application of this formula results in the total
85 allocation falling short of the total number of committee positions, the presidential

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86 candidate whose original figure of representation is closest to the next rounding level
87 shall be allotted an additional committee position. *(Call VII.C.3)*

88 d) Standing committee positions allocated to a presidential candidate shall be
89 proportionately allocated, to the extent practicable, to each of the three (3) standing
90 committees. When such allocation results in an unequal distribution of standing
91 committee positions by candidate preference, a drawing shall be conducted to
92 distribute the additional positions. *(Call VII.C.4)*

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94 3) Presidential Candidate Right of Review

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96 a) Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), shall be
97 given adequate notice of the date, time and location of the meeting of the state's
98 delegation authorized to elect standing committee members. *(Call VII.D.1)*

99 b) Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must
100 submit to the State Democratic Chair, by Wednesday, June 19, 2024 a minimum of (1)
101 name for each slot awarded to that candidate for members of each committee. The
102 delegation shall select the standing committee members from among names submitted
103 by the presidential candidates (including uncommitted status). Presidential candidates
104 shall not be required to submit the name of more than one (1) person for each slot
105 awarded to such candidate for members of standing committees. *(Call VII.D.2)*

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107 4) Selection Procedure to Achieve Equal Division

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109 a) Presidential candidates (including uncommitted status) shall use their best efforts to
110 ensure that their respective delegation of standing committee members shall achieve
111 Washington State's affirmative action, outreach and inclusion goals and that their
112 respective male and female members are equally divided between the men and women
113 determined by gender self-identification. *(Rule 6.1 & Reg. 4.10)*

114 b) The first binary gender position on each standing committee shall be assigned by binary
115 gender as self-identified. For example, the first binary position on the Credentials
116 Committee of the presidential candidate with the most standing committee positions
117 shall be designated for a male, and the next binary position, if one occurs, will be
118 designated for a female, and the remaining binary positions, to the extent they occur,
119 shall be designated in like fashion, alternating between males and females, where
120 applicable. For avoidance of doubt: there is no requirement that positions be assigned
121 to gender non-binaries but the described alternation of binary genders may not be used
122 to exclude a gender non-binary from consideration for a committee position. Positions
123 for presidential candidates on each committee shall be ranked according to the total
124 number of standing positions allocated to each such candidate. After positions on the
125 Credentials Committee are designated by gender, the designation shall continue with
126 the Platform Committee, then the Rules Committee.

127 c) A separate election shall be conducted for membership on each standing committee.

128 d) The male and female membership of the standing committees shall be as equally
129 divided among the men and women as possible under the state allocation; the variance

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- 130 between men and women in any committee and among the three committees in
131 aggregate shall not exceed one. *(Call VII.E.2)*
- 132 e) Gender non-binary committee members shall not be counted as either a male or
133 female, and the remainder of the delegation shall be equally divided between male
134 gender (men) and female gender (women). *(Call VII.E.1)*
- 135 f) The positions allocated to each presidential candidate on each committee shall be voted
136 on separately, and the winners shall be the highest vote-getter(s) of the appropriate
137 gender.
- 138
- 139 5) Certification and Substitution
- 140
- 141 a) The State Democratic Chair shall certify the standing committee members in writing to
142 the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after their
143 selection. *(Call VII.B.3)*
- 144 b) No substitutions will be permitted in the case of standing committee members, except
145 in the case of resignation or death. Substitutions must be made in accordance with the
146 rules and the election procedures specified in this section, and must be certified in
147 writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days
148 after the substitute member is selected but not later than 48 hours before the
149 respective standing committee meets, except in the case of death. *(Call VII.B.4)*

Section VI: Delegation Chair & Convention Pages

A. Introduction

- 1) Washington State will select one (1) person to serve as Delegation Chair and 4 to serve as Convention Pages. *(Call IV.E, Call IV.F.1 & Appendix C)*

B. Delegation Chair

1) Selection Meeting

- a) The Delegation Chair shall be selected by a quorum of the state's National Convention Delegates, at a meeting to be held on Friday, June 21, 2024. *(Call IV.E & Call VII.B.1)*
- 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) 4 individuals will be selected to serve as 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 Friday, June 21, 2024. *(Call IV.F.3, Appendix C & Reg. 5.7)*
- 2) The Convention Pages shall be as evenly divided between men and women (determined by self-identification) as possible 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. *(Reg. 5.7.A)*
- 3) The State Democratic Chair shall certify the individuals to serve as 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. 5.7.B)*

Section VII: Presidential Electors

A. Introduction

Washington State will select 12 persons to serve as Presidential Electors for the 2024 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 a meeting on June 21, 2024.
- 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 total 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 a meeting on June 21, 2024. 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.

C. Affirmation

- 1) Each candidate for Presidential Elector shall certify in writing that they will vote for the election of the Democratic Presidential and Vice-Presidential nominees. *(Call VIII)*

- 42 2) In the selection of the Presidential Electors, the State Party will take the following steps to
43 ensure the persons selected are bona fide Democrats who are faithful to the interests,
44 welfare, and success of the Democratic Party of the United States, who subscribe to the
45 substance, intent and principles of the Charter and the Bylaws of the Democratic Party of
46 the United States:
47
- 48 a) Electors will be checked for their participation in the *Democratic* presidential primary of
49 2024.
 - 50 b) Electors must sign an oath stating their commitment to upholding the Democratic
51 Parties values and for voting for the nominee of the Democratic Party.
 - 52 c) Electors, by penalty of law as enforceable found in *Chiafalo v. Washington*, will be
53 mandated to cast their vote for the nominee of the Democratic Party. If any attempt is
54 made to vote for a different nominee, the individual elector will be replaced
55 automatically by an alternate.
 - 56 d) If an Elector indicates intention to vote against the nominee of the Democratic Party, or
57 for any other reason, they may be removed through the following procedures:
 - 58 i) Removal of an Elector
 - 59 (1) The Executive Committee of the State Democratic Party may remove an Elector
60 (or alternate Elector) through a majority vote prior to the certification of the
61 election of Electors by the Washington Secretary of State if grounds exist to
62 believe that the Elector (or alternate Elector) will violate their pledge to elect
63 Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees, under the label and designation of
64 the Democratic Party of the United States. The exact date will depend on state
65 law or policies, if any, promulgated by the Washington Secretary of State.
 - 66 (2) If an Elector (or alternate Elector) is removed, the Chair of the State Democratic
67 Party shall inform the Washington State Secretary of State that the individual no
68 longer represents the will of the voters for the Presidential nominee of the
69 Democratic Party of the United States and that the alternate elector will serve as
70 the Elector.
 - 71 (3) If a Congressional District Elector (or alternate Elector) is removed, the Executive
72 Committee shall select an alternate elector from among the members of SCC
73 residing in that Congressional District. If an at-large Elector is removed, then the
74 State Chair or the next highest-ranking State Party officer of the same gender as
75 the removed Elector shall automatically become the new Elector.
 - 76 (4) The Executive Committee of the State Democratic Party may remove an Elector
77 (or alternate Elector) through a majority vote after the certification of the
78 election of Electors by the Washington Secretary of State if grounds exist,
79 including, but not limited to the failure of the certified elector’s refusal to sign an
80 oath stating that they will be voting for the Democratic President and Vice-
81 Presidential Nominees, or belief that the Elector (or alternate Elector) will violate
82 their pledge to elect Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees, under the label
83 and designation of the Democratic Party of the United States. The exact date will
84 depend on state law or policies, if any, promulgated by the Washington
85 Secretary of State.

Section VIII: General Provisions & Procedural Guarantees

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- 3 **A.** The State Democratic Party reaffirms its commitment to an open party by incorporating the
- 4 “six basic elements” as listed below. As our Party strives to progress in the fight against
- 5 discrimination of all kinds, these six basic elements have evolved and grown along with the
- 6 constant push for more inclusion and empowerment. These provisions demonstrate the
- 7 intention of the Democratic Party to ensure a full opportunity for all minority group
- 8 members to participate in the delegate selection process. *(Rule 4.A, Rule 4.B & Rule 4.C)*
- 9
- 10 1) All public meetings at all levels of the Democratic Party in Washington State should be
- 11 open to all members of the Democratic Party regardless of race, sex, age, color, creed,
- 12 national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity and
- 13 expression, economic status or disability (hereinafter collectively referred to as
- 14 “status”). *(Rule 4.B.1)*
- 15
- 16 2) No test for membership in, nor any oaths of loyalty to, the Democratic Party in
- 17 Washington State should be required or used which has the effect of requiring
- 18 prospective or current members of the Democratic Party to acquiesce in, condone or
- 19 support discrimination based on “status.” *(Rule 4.B.2)*
- 20
- 21 3) The time and place for all public meetings of the Democratic Party in Washington State
- 22 on all levels should be publicized fully and, in such manner, as to assure timely notice to
- 23 all interested persons. Such meetings must be held in places accessible to all Party
- 24 members and large enough to accommodate all interested persons. *(Rule 4.B.3)*
- 25
- 26 4) The Democratic Party in Washington State, on all levels, should support the broadest
- 27 possible registration without discrimination based on “status.” *(Rule 4.B.4)*
- 28
- 29 5) The Democratic Party in Washington State should publicize fully and in such a manner as
- 30 to assure notice to all interested parties a full description of the legal and practical
- 31 procedures for selection of Democratic Party officers and representatives on all levels.
- 32 Publication of these procedures should be done in such fashion that all prospective and
- 33 current members of the State Democratic Party will be fully and adequately informed of
- 34 the pertinent procedures in time to participate in each selection procedure at all levels
- 35 of the Democratic Party organization. As part of this, the State Democratic Party should
- 36 develop a strategy to provide education programs directly to voters who continue to
- 37 experience confusing timelines for registration, changing party affiliation deadlines, or
- 38 lack of awareness of the process for running for delegate, to ensure all Democratic
- 39 voters understand the rules and timelines and their impact on voter participation. *(Rule*
- 40 *4.B.5)*
- 41
- 42 6) The Democratic Party in Washington State should publicize fully and in such a manner as
- 43 to assure notice to all interested parties, a complete description of the legal and

- 44 practical qualifications of all positions as officers and representatives of the State
45 Democratic Party. Such publication should be done in timely fashion so that all
46 prospective candidates or applicants for any elected or appointed position within each
47 State Democratic Party will have full and adequate opportunity to compete for office.
48 *(Rule 4.B.6)*
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- 50 **B.** Discrimination on the basis of “status” in the conduct of Democratic Party affairs is
51 prohibited. *(Rule 5.B)*
52
- 53 **C.** Washington State’s delegation shall be equally divided between delegate men and delegate
54 women, and alternate men and alternate women, i.e. the number of men and women shall
55 not vary by more than one. Such goal applies to the entire delegation, which includes all
56 pledged delegates and alternates and all automatic delegates. Delegates and alternates
57 shall be considered separate groups for purposes of achieving equal division as determined
58 by gender self-identification. In the case of gender non-binary delegates or alternates, they
59 shall not be counted as either a male or female, and the remainder of the delegation shall
60 be equally divided by gender. *(Rule 6.C)*
61
- 62 **D.** All delegate and alternate candidates must be identified as to presidential preference or
63 uncommitted status at all levels which determine presidential preference. *(Rule 13.A)*
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- 65 **E.** No delegate at any level of the delegate selection process shall be mandated by law or Party
66 rules to vote contrary to that person’s presidential choice as expressed at the time the
67 delegate is elected. *(Rule 13.I)*
68
- 69 **F.** Delegates elected to the national convention pledged to a presidential candidate shall in all
70 good conscience reflect the sentiments of those who elected them. *(Rule 13.J)*
71
- 72 **G.** Each delegate, alternate and standing committee member must be a bona fide Democrat,
73 who is faithful to the interests, welfare and success of the Democratic Party of the United
74 States, who subscribes to the substance, intent and principles of the Charter and Bylaws of
75 the Democratic Party of the United States, and who will participate in the Convention in
76 good faith. *(Rule 13.H, Call VII.A.4 & Reg. 4.25)*
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- 78 **H.** 40% of the members of any Party body above the first level of the delegate selection
79 process shall constitute a quorum for any business pertaining to the selection of National
80 Convention delegates, alternates, standing committee members, and other official
81 Convention participants. *(Rule 16)*
82
- 83 **I.** At no level of the Caucus and Convention process outlined in this document shall proxies be
84 permitted. *(Rule 17 & Reg. 4.30)*
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- 86 J. The unit rule, or any rule or practice whereby all members of a Party unit or delegation may
87 be required to cast their votes in accordance with the will of a majority of the body, shall
88 not be used at any stage of the delegate selection process. *(Rule 18.A)*
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- 90 K. Any individual or group of Democrats may sponsor or endorse a slate of candidates for
91 convention delegates. But no slate may, by virtue of such endorsement, receive a
92 preferential place on a delegate selection ballot or be publicly identified on the ballot as the
93 official Democratic Party organization slate, and all slates must meet identical qualifying
94 requirements for appearing on a ballot at all levels of the delegate selection process. *(Rule*
95 *18.B)*
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- 97 L. All steps in the delegate selection process, except the filing of presidential candidates as
98 allowed by rule 15.D, must take place within the calendar year of the Democratic National
99 Convention, except with respect to the implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan and
100 Outreach and Inclusion Programs or as otherwise allowed. *(Rule 1.F & Rule 12.B)*
101
- 102 M. In electing and certifying delegates and alternates to the 2024 Democratic National
103 Convention, the State Democratic Party hereby undertakes to assure all Democratic voters
104 in Washington State, a full, timely and equal opportunity to participate in the delegate
105 selection process and in all Party affairs and to implement affirmative action and outreach
106 and inclusion plans toward that end; that the delegates and alternates to the Convention
107 shall be selected in accordance with the Delegate Selection Rules for the 2024 Democratic
108 National Convention; and that the delegates certified will not publicly support or campaign
109 for any candidate for President or Vice President other than the nominees of the
110 Democratic National Convention. *(Call II.B)*

Section IX: Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach & Inclusion Program

A. Statement of Purpose and Organization

1) Purpose and Objectives

- a) To make sure 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 5.A)*
- b) Discrimination on the basis of “status” in the conduct of Democratic Party affairs is prohibited. *(Rule 5.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 and expression, economic status or disability (hereinafter collectively referred to as “status”). *(Rule 4.B.1)*
- d) Consistent with the Democratic Party’s commitment to including groups historically under-represented in the Democratic Party’s affairs, by virtue of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, or disability, Washington State has established goals for these groups. *(Rule 5.C & Reg. 4.8)*
- e) To encourage full participation by all Democrats in the delegate selection process and in all Party affairs, the 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 State Party has established goals and timetables for other underrepresented groups, including the LGBTQ+ community, people with disabilities, and youth. *(Rule 6.A & Rule 7)*
 - i) The goal of the programs shall be to encourage participation in the delegate selection process and in Party organizations at all levels by the aforementioned groups as indicated by their presence in the Democratic electorate. *(Rule 6.A.1)*
 - ii) For the delegate selection process, “Youth” is defined as any participant younger than 36 years old at the time of election. *(Reg. 5.3.A)*
- f) For the delegate selection process, individuals identifying as Native Americans should provide their tribal affiliation and indicate if they are enrolled in a tribe. *(Reg. 5.3.B)*

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42 g) These goals shall not be accomplished either directly or indirectly by the Party's
43 imposition of mandatory quotas at any level of the delegate selection process or in any
44 other Party affairs. *(Rule 6.A.2)*

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46 2) Organizational Structure

47

48 a) An Affirmative Action Committee shall be appointed by the State Democratic Chair on
49 March 1, 2023. The Chair may appoint a new committee or use a previously organized
50 body appointed by the State Democratic Chair. *(Rule 6.F)*

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52 b) The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Rules and Bylaws Committee of
53 the Democratic National Committee the compliance of the State's Affirmative Action
54 Committee with Rules 5.C, 6.A and 7, and submit the names, demographic data and
55 contact information of the members no later than 15 days after their appointment.
56 *(Reg. 2.2.J)*

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58 c) The Committee shall consist of members who are regionally diverse and represent the
59 Democratic constituency groups set forth in the Introduction to the Affirmative Action
60 Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program. See Appendix XX for a list of Affirmative
61 Action Committee members.

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63 d) The Affirmative Action Committee shall be responsible for:

64 i) Helping develop and design the proposed Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and
65 Inclusion Program and making recommendations to the State Democratic Chair.
66 *(Rule 6.F)*

67 ii) Directing the implementation of all requirements of the Affirmative Action Plan and
68 Outreach and Inclusion Program section of this Plan.

69 iii) Implementing a specific outreach and financial assistance program for persons of
70 low and moderate income to encourage their participation and representation in the
71 national convention delegation. *(Rule 6.G)*

72 iv) Ensuring, on behalf of the State Party Committee, that district lines used in the
73 delegate selection process are not gerrymandered to discriminate against African
74 Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and
75 women. *(Rule 6.E)*

76 v) Financial and staff support for the Affirmative Action Committee shall be provided
77 by the State Party Committee to the greatest extent feasible, including, but not
78 limited to, making the State Party staff and volunteers available on a priority basis
79 and covering all reasonable costs incurred in carrying out this Plan.

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81 3) Implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program shall
82 begin on September 5, 2023, with the distribution of the press kits, and will continue
83 through the end of the delegate selection process. *(Rule 1.F)*

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85 **B. Representation Goals**

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- 1) In cooperation with the National Committee, the State Party has determined the demographic composition of African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, and Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the state’s Democratic electorate. These constituency percentages shall be established as goals for representation in the state’s convention delegation. *(Rule 6.A)*
- 2) In cooperation with the National Committee, the State Party has determined the demographic composition of members of the LGBTQ+ community, people with disabilities, and youth in the state’s Democratic electorate. The State Party has chosen to establish these percentages as goals for representation in the state’s convention delegation. *(Rule 7 & Reg. 4.8.C.iii)*
- 3) In cooperation with the National Committee, the State Party has determined the following goals utilizing the metrics that the National Committee has outlined, which are:
 - a) Estimate the number of Democrats in Washington state by multiplying the size of each state’s citizen voting-age population (CVAP) by the level of Democratic support in that state.
 - b) Estimate the number of eligible voters from each demographic group in Washington state by multiplying each state’s CVAP by the percentage of the population belonging to each group in each state.
 - c) Estimate the number of Democrats in each demographic group in each state by multiplying the size of each group in each state by the level of Democratic support from each group in each state.
 - d) Estimate the prevalence of each demographic group among Democratic supporters in each state by dividing our estimates of the number of Democrats in each group in Washington state by our estimates of the number of Democrats in each state.

| | African Americans | Hispanics | Native Americans | Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders | LGBTQ+ Americans | People with Disabilities | Youth |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|-------|
| Percent in Democratic Electorate | 5% | 11% | 1% | 8% | 7% | 15% | 32% |
| Numeric Goals for Delegates | 6 | 12 | 1 | 9 | 8 | 17 | 35 |

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- 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 representation goals to achieve an at-large selection process that helps to bring about a representative balance. *(Rule 11.A)*
- 5) Although the selection of the at-large delegation may be used to fulfill the affirmative action goals established by this Plan, the State Party will conduct outreach and inclusion activities

123 such as recruitment, education and training at all levels of the delegate selection process.
124 *(Rule 6.A.3)*
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126 **C. Efforts to Educate on the Delegate Selection Process**

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- 128 1) Well-publicized educational workshops will be conducted in each of the delegate
129 districts beginning in September 2023. These workshops will be designed to encourage
130 participation in the delegate selection process, including apprising potential delegate
131 and alternate candidates of the availability of financial assistance. These workshops will
132 be held in places that are easily accessible to persons with disabilities. The times, dates,
133 places and rules for the conduct of all education workshops, meetings and other events
134 involved in the delegate selection process shall be effectively publicized by the party
135 organization and include mailings to various organizations representative of the
136 Democratic voting electorate. *(Rule 3.A, Rule 3.C & Rule 3.D)*
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- 138 2) A speakers bureau of volunteers from the State Party, including the Affirmative Action
139 Committee, shall be comprised of individuals who are fully familiar with the process and
140 will be available to appear before groups, as needed, to provide information concerning
141 the process.
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- 143 3) The State Party's education efforts will include outreach to community leaders within
144 the Democratic Party's constituencies and ensuring that information about the delegate
145 selection process is available to Democratic clubs and Party caucuses representing
146 specific constituencies.
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- 148 4) The State Party will publish, and make available at no cost, a clear and concise
149 explanation of how Democratic voters can participate in the delegate selection process.
150 As well, the State Party shall also make available copies of the State Party Rules, the
151 Delegate Selection Plan (and its attachments), the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach
152 and Inclusion Program, and relevant state statutes at no cost. Copies of documents
153 related to the state's delegate selection process will be prepared and the State Party
154 and Affirmative Action Committee will distribute them in the various delegate districts
155 not later than September 5, 2023. *(Rule 1.H)*
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- 157 5) Participation in the delegate selection process shall be open to all voters who wish to
158 participate as Democrats. Democratic voters shall be those persons who publicly declare
159 their Party preference and have that preference publicly recorded. *(Rule 2.A)*
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- 161 6) The State Party shall take all feasible steps to encourage non-affiliated voters and new
162 voters to register or enroll, to provide simple procedures through which they may do so

163 and to eliminate excessively long waiting periods for voters who wish to register or to
164 change their party enrollment status. *(Rule 2.C)*
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- 166 7) The Affirmative Action Committee will develop a State Party strategy to be implemented
167 beginning September 5, 2023, that will provide education programs directly to voters
168 who continue to experience confusing timelines for voter registration and deadlines for
169 changing party affiliation, or who are unaware of the process for running for delegate,
170 so that all Democratic voters understand the rules and timelines and their impact on
171 voter participation. *(Rule 4.B.5)*
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173 **D. Efforts to Publicize the Delegate Selection Process**
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- 175 1) The State Party shall direct special attention to publicizing the delegate selection
176 process in the state. Such publicity shall include information on eligibility to vote and
177 how to become a candidate for delegate, the time and location of each stage of the
178 delegate selection process, and where to get additional information. The foregoing
179 information will also be published in the State Party communications and on the State
180 Party's website. The Party organization, official, candidate, or member calling a meeting
181 or scheduling an event, shall effectively publicize the role that such meeting or event
182 plays in the selection of delegates and alternates to the Democratic National
183 Convention. *(Rule 3.C & Rule 3.D)*
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- 185 2) The State Party shall have a Delegate Selection Media Plan for using all available and
186 appropriate resources, such as social media, websites, newspapers, radio and television,
187 to inform the general public how, when and where to participate in the delegate
188 selection process. Specifically, the Delegate Selection Media Plan will provide details as
189 to how to qualify to run as a delegate candidate. Regular updates should be
190 posted/released throughout the state's delegate selection process to ensure broad and
191 timely coverage and awareness about the process to all interested persons. *(Rule 4.B.3*
192 *& Rule 6.D)*
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- 194 3) A priority effort, as described in the Delegate Selection Media Plan, shall be directed at
195 publicity among the Democratic Party's constituencies.
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- 197 a) Information about the delegate selection process will be posted on and made
198 available to social and specialty media directed toward the Democratic constituency
199 groups set forth in the introduction of this Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and
200 Inclusion Program.
- 201 b) The State Party shall be responsible for the implementation of this publicity effort.
202 For purposes of providing adequate notice of the delegate selection process, the
203 times, dates, places and rules for the conduct of declaring the candidacy for a
204 delegate position, and the means by which the Delegate selection process and
205 Convention shall be conducted shall be effectively publicized to encourage the

206 participation of minority groups. Parties will make a good faith effort to publicize
207 this information in an accessible manner and multilingually where necessary. (Rule
208 6.D)

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210 4) Not later than September 5, 2023, the State Party will make information about the
211 delegate selection process available on its website and publicize the resource through
212 press releases and communications to Party leaders, activists and targeted
213 constituencies. Information to be posted on the website will include:

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- 215 a) Materials designed to encourage participation and inform prospective delegate
 - 216 candidates;
 - 217 b) A summary explaining the role of the 2024 Convention in nominating the Party's
 - 218 Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates and adopting the National Platform;
 - 219 c) A summary of the State Party's delegate selection process including all pertinent
 - 220 rules, dates, and filing requirements related to the process;
 - 221 d) A map of delegate districts and how many delegates will be elected within each
 - 222 district, along with filing forms or information on how to obtain the filing forms.
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224 **E. Obligations of Presidential Candidates to Maximize Participation**

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226 1) Presidential candidates shall assist the State Democratic Party in meeting the demographic
227 representation goals reflected in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion
228 Program. (Rule 6.H)

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230 2) Each presidential candidate must submit a written statement to the State Democratic Chair
231 by the time when they file their nominating petition to appear on the Washington state
232 presidential primary ballot which indicates the specific steps they will take to encourage full
233 participation by their supporters in Washington State's delegate selection process,
234 including, but not limited to, procedures by which persons may file as candidates for
235 delegate or alternate pledged to the presidential candidate. (Rule 6.H.1)

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

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242 4) Presidential candidates shall use their best effort to ensure that their respective delegates,
243 alternates and standing committee members shall achieve the affirmative action goals
244 reflected in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program and that the
245 number of men and the number of women in their respective delegations shall not differ by
246 more than one (as determined by gender self-identification). Furthermore, presidential
247 candidates shall use their best efforts at the congressional district level to approve delegate,
248 alternate, and standing committee candidates who meet applicable equal division and
249 affirmative action considerations to promote and achieve the state's affirmative action,

250 outreach and inclusion goals and equal division for their respective delegations. (Rule 6.C.,
251 Rule 6.I & Reg. 4.10)

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253 **F. Outreach and Inclusion Program**

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255 1) The State Democratic Party is committed to help achieve full participation of those groups
256 of Americans who have historically been explicitly denied the right to vote or who have
257 been subjected to discriminatory and exclusionary practices that have denied them voting
258 rights and full participation in the delegate selection process and other Party meetings,
259 events and elections, along with other groups of Americans who are also underrepresented
260 in Party affairs.

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262 2) As such, the State Democratic Party has developed outreach and inclusion programs and is
263 committed to fully implementing the programs so that all persons who wish to participate
264 as Democrats understand they are welcome and encouraged to be a part of the delegate
265 selection process and in the Party at the local, state and national levels.

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267 3) The State Party will make accommodations to facilitate greater participation by people with
268 disabilities. The State Party will provide every requested accommodation for a disability,
269 including but not limited to providing closed caption or ASL interpretation for any virtual or
270 in-person meeting where it is requested by a delegate at least 14-days prior to the meetings
271 occurrence, requiring masks and vaccinations (defined as a minimum of two shots + at least
272 one booster administered in the last year), utilizing only accessible venues for meetings held
273 in-person, and publicizing accessibility options available to delegates.

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275 4) In addition to the education, publicity and other steps described above, the State Party will
276 work with our Affirmative Action Committee and 15 individually chartered constituency
277 caucuses in order to disseminate information and bring in new individuals to the process.

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Section X: 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 2024 Democratic National Convention (Reg. Sec. 3)*, and the “Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee of the 2024 Democratic National Convention.” (*Call Appendix A*)
- 2) Under Rule 21.B. of the *2024 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 Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program. (*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 2024 Democratic National Convention. (*Call Appendix A & Reg. 3.1*)
- 4) Challenges to the credentials of delegates and alternates to the 2024 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 2024 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 2024 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 2024 Democratic National Convention, including the Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee (*Appendix A*), shall be made available by the State Party upon reasonable request.
- 7) Any group of 15 Democrats with standing to challenge as defined in Reg. 3.2 or the 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

44 than 30 calendar days prior to the initiation of the state’s delegate selection process. (*Rule*
45 *21.A & Reg. 3.4.A*)

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

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

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54 **C. Challenges to Implementation**

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

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63 2) An implementation challenge brought before the Rules and Bylaws Committee is initiated
64 by filing a written challenge with the State Party Committee and with the Rules and Bylaws
65 Committee not later than 15 days after the alleged violation occurred. The State Party has
66 21 days to render a decision. Within ten (10) days of the decision, any party to the challenge
67 may appeal it to the Rules and Bylaws Committee. If in fact, the State Party renders no
68 decision, any party to the challenge may request the Rules and Bylaws Committee to
69 process it. The request must be made within ten (10) days after expiration of the above 21-
70 day period. (*Reg. 3.4.C, Reg. 3.4.E & Reg. 3.4.H*)

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

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

Section XI: Summary of Plan

A. Selection of Delegates and Alternates

Washington State will use a proportional representation system based on the results of a Primary apportioning its delegates to the 2024 Democratic National Convention.

The “first determining step” of Washington State’s delegate selection process will occur on March 12, 2024, 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 and Deadlines |
| Congressional District-Level Delegates & Alternates | 60 | 8 | May 18, 2024 | Selecting Body: Legislative District Level Delegates to the State Convention |
| | | | | Candidates must file via virtual portal no later than May 12, 2024 – 5:00pm |
| Automatic Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates* | 18 | n/a | n/a | Automatic by virtue of respective public or Party office as provided in Rule 9.A. of the 2024 Delegate Selection Rules. |
| Pledged Party Leaders and Elected Officials (PLEOs) | 12 | ** | Sunday, June 9, 2024 | Selecting Body: State Central Committee members elected from Legislative Districts |
| | | | | Candidates must file via virtual portal no later than Sunday, June 2, 2024 – 5:00pm |
| At-Large Delegates At-Large Alternates | 20 | 8 | Sunday, June 9, 2024 | Selecting Body: State Central Committee members elected from Legislative Districts |
| | | | | Candidates must file via virtual portal no later than Sunday, June 2, 2024 – 5:00pm |
| TOTAL Delegates and Alternates | 110 | 8 | | |

Automatic Party Leader and Elected Official (Automatic PLEO) delegates include the following categories, if applicable, if they legally reside in the state: the Democratic National Committee Members, the Democratic President, the Democratic Vice President, all Democratic members of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate, the Democratic Governor, and any other Distinguished Party Leader as specified in Rule 9.A. of the *2024 Delegate Selection Rules*. The exact number of Automatic PLEO Delegates is subject to change due to possible deaths, resignations, elections, or special elections.

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:

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27 The National Convention Delegates will convene a meeting directly prior to the State
28 Convention, on June 21, 2024. At this meeting they will elect the members of the
29 Credentials, Platform and Rules Committees. Each election will be held individually and
30 sequentially.
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| Members Per Committee | Total Members | Selection Date | Filing Requirements and Deadlines |
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| 4 | 12 | June 21, 2024 | Candidates must be nominated by a member of the delegation at the meeting at which the committee members are selected on June 21, 2024. |

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33 **C. Selection of Delegation Chair and Convention Pages**

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35 The Delegation Chair will be selected by the National Convention Delegates on Friday, June
36 21, 2024.

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38 4 Convention Pages will be selected by the State Democratic Chair on Friday, June 21, 2024.
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40 **D. Selection of Presidential Electors**

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42 12 Presidential Electors will be selected by the Washington State Democratic Central
43 Committee members elected from Legislative Districts on June 21, 2024.
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45 **E. Presidential Candidate Filing Deadline**

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47 No later than Friday, January 6, 2024, at 5:00pm PT Presidential candidates seeking to be
48 added to Washington state’s presidential preference primary ballot must have delivered no
49 fewer than 1,000 unique signatures of Washington state voters supporting their candidacy,
50 and a \$2,500 administrative processing fee.
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52 Presidential candidates must certify the name of their authorized representative(s) to the
53 State Democratic Chair by Friday, January 6, 2024.
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55 All deadlines refer to the time at which the State Democratic Chair or their designee
56 receives a presidential candidate’s submission.
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58 **F. Timetable**

| Date | Activity |
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| 2023 | |
| March 1 | Delegate Selection Affirmative Action Committee members are appointed by the State Chair. |
| March 1 | List of Affirmative Action Committee members submitted to DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee. |
| March 25 | Affirmative Action Committee meets to draft proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans. |

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| Date | Activity |
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| March 29 | Proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program is published for public comment. |
| March 31 | 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. |
| April 28 | Period for public comment on State Plan is concluded. Responses are compiled for review by the State Party Committee. |
| April 29 | State Party Rules Committee and Affirmative Action Committee reviews public comments and adopts revised Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program for approval of the full State Central Committee |
| May 6 | Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program is approved by Washington state Democratic Central Committee & forwarded to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee. |
| September 5 | 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. |
| December 3 | Presidential candidate petition forms are available from the State Party Committee Headquarters. |
| 2024 | |
| January 6 | Delegate and alternate candidates may obtain the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms and filing instructions from State Party Committee Headquarters from State Party's web site at www.wa-democrats.org |
| January 6 | Deadline for each announced presidential candidate to have delivered to the State Party 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 announcement.) |
| January 6 | Presidential candidate deadline for certifying the name(s) of their authorized representative(s) to the State Party. |
| January 6 | Presidential candidate deadline for filing the petition of candidacy with the State Party. |
| February 20 | First date on which vote-by-mail ballots are mailed to voters. |
| March 12 | Presidential preference primary. |
| March 22 | Secretary of State certifies results of primary; |
| April 1 | Deadline for Legislative District level (state convention) delegates to file an intent to run with State office. (5:00pm) |
| April 6 | Election of Legislative District level delegates. |
| May 12 | (Congressional) District-level delegate and alternate deadline for filing the statement of candidacy for National Convention delegate and pledge of support forms with State Party. |
| May 18 | Election of Congressional District Level National Convention delegates. |
| May 21 | State Party provides a list of congressional district-level National Convention delegate and alternate candidates to the respective Presidential candidates. |
| May 23 | Presidential candidates provide a list of approved congressional district-level National Convention delegate and alternate candidates to State Party. |
| May 28 | State Party certifies elected Congressional District-level delegates and alternates to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee. |
| June 2 | Pledged PLEO and at-large delegate or alternate candidate deadline for filing the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms with State Party. |
| June 5 | State Party provides a list of PLEO and at-large delegate and alternate candidates to the respective Presidential candidates. |
| June 7 | Presidential candidates provide approved list of pledged PLEO delegate and At-large candidates to State Party. |

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| Date | Activity |
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| June 9 | Pledged PLEO delegates selected by State Central Committee Members elected from Legislative Districts. Following selection of pledged PLEO delegates, these same SCC members select at-large delegates and alternates. Presidential candidates submit lists of candidates for Standing Committee Members to State Party. |
| June 16 | State Chair certifies in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the State's Delegation Chair, Convention Pages and Standing Committee Members. |
| June 21 | National Convention delegation meeting. Delegates select National Convention Standing Committee Members and Delegation Chair. State Chair names convention pages. |
| June 21 | State Party Central Committee Members from Legislative Districts meets and elects the Presidential Electors. |
| June 22 | State Convention held. |
| June 28 | State Party certifies in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the presidential preference (including uncommitted) of the state's Automatic PLEO Delegates. |